



ICHAJ 14

Culture in Crisis: Flows of Peoples, Artifacts and Ideas

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FIRST CIRCULAR

27th January 2018

Conference dates: **21 – 25 January 2019**

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Antiquities of Jordan and the University of Florence are pleased to announce the *14th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan*, which will be held in Florence, Italy, from the 21st to the 25th of January 2019.

The ICHAJ conference, organized every three years, is an event of primary importance for the scientific community of archaeologists and historians who, at an international level, are interested in Jordan, the Middle East, the Mediterranean and the long-term Euro-Mediterranean cultural relations. The first ICHAJ conference was held in Oxford in 1980, as an initiative of HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal, one of the world's leading intellectuals of the Arab world, under whose patronage the conference continues to be organized.

Since 1980, the ICHAJ conference has been hosted in the major cultural capitals and in the most important research institutes of the world. The Florence edition in January 2019 is preceded by the editions in Amman (2016 - Princess Sumaya University), Berlin (2013 - Humboldt Universität), Paris (2010 - University Paris- 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Washington (2007 - George Washington University).

The ICHAJ conference aims at highlighting the role played by the historical communities attested in Jordan in the development of the Euro-Mediterranean and Near Eastern Civilizations. The theme chosen for the 2019 edition, **“Culture in Crisis: flows of People, Artifacts and Ideas”**, adds

value to the scientific commitment to interpret ‘crisis’ as an accelerator of historical processes and as a release and spread of creative energy among social/cultural groups. In this framework, the ICHAJ aspires to integrate scientific knowledge and the civilizing mission of science as a tool for regional and global participation, and to contrast all instrumental and propaganda uses of history.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The plenary opening session will take place in the “Salone dei Cinquecento” in Palazzo Vecchio on the 21st of January 2019. Working sessions will be held in the lecture rooms of the University of Florence.

ICHAJ related academic and social events will be located in the historical city center of Florence.

THEMES AND SESSIONS

The official language of the conference is ENGLISH.

The Conference will be structured into **5 Main Sections**.

I. HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF JORDAN

Presentations and updates from research projects in Jordan

Sub-sections

- Prehistory
- Bronze and Iron Age (4th m.–8th c.BC)
- Petra and Nabateans (4thBC–2ndCE)
- Classical Period (cc. 3rd BC – 7th CE)
- Middle Ages (cc. 7th – 16th CE)
- Ottoman Period (cc. 16th – 20th)

II. JORDAN IN GLOBAL HISTORIES: THE LAND OF PEACE

Contextualization of Jordan in World and Global histories

Sub-sections

- Islamic Studies
- Mediterranean Studies
- Connectivity in Antiquity
- Ancient Orient

III. PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Exploring the maximization of social-economic impact of Archaeological research in Jordan.

Sub-sections

- Conservation and Site Management
- Local Community Engagement
- Awareness and Education
- Museums and Collections
- Illicit Trafficking

IV. SCIENCE, METHODS AND TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Jordan as a testing arena for archaeological science, methods and technologies.

V. POSTER SESSION (only in digital format)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

In order to present a paper or a poster at the ICHAJ 14, candidate participants are required to send an Abstract via email to: scicom@ichaj.org before the 20th of April 2018 according to the following specifications:

20th April 2018: Deadline for candidate participants for presenting Abstracts

Abstract specifications: Maximum 250 words; Clear title; Name, affiliation/s and contacts of the author/s; When proposals concern multiple Authors, list the person who will read the paper (Speaker); Each candidate may submit only one paper as a Speaker.

Specify if the Abstract is intended for a Paper, indicating the related section (I-IV) and sub-section (if applicable), or for a Poster presentation (section V).

The attached [abstract template](#) can be downloaded directly also from the ICHAJ official website www.ichaj.org

Requirements for presenting a proposal for a PAPER: first author MUST hold a PhD or be a PhD candidate. Papers can also be presented by members of the DoA and by members of academic and research institutions.

Required title for presenting a proposal for a POSTER (section V): participants MUST hold a Master Degree (MA) or equivalent.

For special instances which do not fall into these categories, please contact the Chair of the Scientific Committee email at: guido.vannini@unifi.it

After the evaluation of abstracts the Scientific Committee can propose to the candidate participant/s to present a poster instead of a paper and *vice-versa*.

Posters are in digital format and will be displayed only on video in a dedicated room, where a special poster session will take place.

Posters will be grouped in a booklet and available on-line in the official website www.ichaj.org.

IMPORTANT: No papers or posters dealing with unprovenanced artefacts will be accepted.

20th June 2018: Abstracts Evaluated

Information on accepted proposals will be sent to the authors via e-mail. Accepted abstracts will be published on the official website by the 30th of June 2018 and will be printed in the ICHAJ 14 Program/Abstracts Book.

REGISTRATION & FEES

All Authors of approved Abstracts must complete REGISTRATION for the ICHAJ 14

In case of a paper or poster with more than one Author, at least one must register as a Speaker.

Registration will take place directly on the ICHAJ official website.

Registration: 30th June – 1st December 2018

CONFERENCE FEES*	Speaker & Author REGISTRATION	
	REGULAR	STUDENT
Early Bird Fee FROM 30 th June UNTIL 30 th September 2018	EUR 150,00	EUR 100,00
Fee FROM 30 th September UNTIL 1 st December 2018	EUR 200,00	EUR 150,00

IMPORTANT DATES

- 27 January 2018: First Circular
- 27 January 2018: Abstract submission opens
- 20 April 2018: Abstract submission deadline
- By 20 June 2018: Authors of Abstracts are informed of approval/rejection
- By 30 June 2018: Publication of abstracts of the accepted papers and posters on the official website
- 30 June 2018: Registration opens
- 30 September 2018: Early Bird Registration ends
- 1 December 2018: Registration ends

SECOND CIRCULAR: BY 30TH JUNE 2018

Second Circular will be published on the official website with detailed information about:

- Format and layout of the posters.
- Registration, payment methods and deadlines.
- Bookstalls and Publishers' flyers in conference kits
- Participation and Fees for LISTENERS, VISITORS and ACCOMPANYING PERSONS.

We would be very grateful for informing all potential ICHAJ 14 participants

INFO

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www.ichaj.org