

2nd International Littmann Conference

PROGRAMME

Note: If not explicitly noted, the events will take place in Remhai Hotel, Aksum, Conference Hall

Friday, 6 January 2006

Arrival

Saturday, 7 January 2006 (Iidet)

Morning

Free

Ethiopian Christmas Celebration:
night service in Aksum Tsion (3,00 a.m. – 8,00 a.m.)

Afternoon

3,00 h Opening speeches

Beyene Mikru, Zonal Administrator

Professor Dr. Steffen Wenig

Muluwork Kidanemariam

4,00 h Presentations

Prof. Dr. Steffen Wenig
The Littmann Photo Exhibition

Prof. David Phillipson
The Monuments of Aksum

5,30 h Procedural Information / Registration

SECOND DAY

Sunday, 8 January 2006

Morning (Chair: David Phillipson)

9,00 h Dr. Solomon Enquai
The importance of regional studies

Dr. Francis Breyer
The location of Punt in Abyssinia

Break

11,00 h Prof. Dr. Stefan Weninger
A Hundred Years of Aksumite Epigraphy since Enno Littmann

Prof. Dr. Rainer Voigt
The royal inscriptions of King Ezana

Professor Hussein Ahmed
Littmann's contributions to Islamic studies

Afternoon (Chair: Professor Hussein Ahmed)

14,30 h Muluwork Kidanemariam
The traditional Rule of the Aksumites

Martha Henze
Unique textiles of Tigray

Dr. Claude Lepage
The Ancient Churches of Tigray: Post-Axumite architecture and liturgical installations (Abreha-and-Atsbeha)

Break

17,00 h Prof. Dr. Manfred Kropp
Accountancy in Ancient Ethiopia: the stela of Anza and its inscription

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Hahn
The numismatic heritage of Aksum – problems and aims of documentation

Dr. Denis Nosnitsin
The Vita of Yem'ata – a Presentation of the Document

THIRD DAY

Monday, 9 January 2006

Morning (Chair: Paul Henze)

8,00 h Inauguration Ceremony of the Littmann Street at Maishum
in the presence of representatives of the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Addis Ababa, the German Embassy, Addis Ababa, and the
Regional State of Tigrai

9,00 h Dr. Jacques Mercier
*The Ancient Churches of Tigrai: Development of mural paintings from
the 12th century (Debra Selam) to the Renaissance (13-15th century:
Qorqor, Debra-Tsion)*

Anais Wion
*Cataloguing Ethiopian documentary heritage using international
standards*

Helina Seyum with Kiros Adera (NALE)
*National Archives and Library of Ethiopia: history, roles and missions
of a patrimonial institution*

Dr. Joachim Persoon
Community Involvement in the Preservation of Cultural Heritage

Break

11,00 h Mitiku Gebrehiwot
An overview of the Monastery of Asirametira

Kevin O'Mahoney
Gunda Gunde

Andreu Martínez d'Alòs-Moner
A Mission in the Heart of Tigray: The Jesuit Station at Fremona

14,30 h Afternoon (Chair: Dr. Teclhaimanot)

Professor Richard Pankhurst
*Mansfield Parkyns and His Unpublished Drawings: Glimpses of
Northern Ethiopia Half a Century Before Enno Littmann*

Professor Haggai Erlich
Ras Alula and Tigre – Revisiting Modern History

Fasil Giorgis
Urban transformation in Aksum in the twentieth century

Break

- 17,00 h Crispin Paine
The Museum project at the Residence of dejjazmach Gebre-Sellassie
- Hiluf Berhe
The Biography of Dejjazmach Gebreselassie Baryagaber
- Dr. Dejazemach Zewde Gäbre Sellassie
A Glimpse of Local History, 1889-1906

FORTH DAY

Tuesday, 10 January 2006

Morning

- 9,00 h **Tour through Aksum** with Professor David Phillipson
Meeting point: Remhai Hotel, entrance area
- participation free –
- Crispin Paine
The House of dejjazmatch Gebre Sellassie (on the ground)

14,00 h Afternoon (Chair: Dr. solomon Enquai)

- Fasil Giorgis
Urban transformation in Aksum in the twentieth century
- Martha Henze
Unique textiles of Tigray
- Dr. des. Wolbert Smidt
*The analysis of ancient land tenure systems and understanding
Tigrayan society*
- Dr. Hannelore Börgel
*Organisational Structure of Revolutionary Ethiopia and Post-Feudal
Development*

Break

- 17,00 h Dr. Berhanu Gizaw
The Cause and Mystery of Erecting all the Axum Obelisks
- Shitara Tomohiro

Necessity of Research for Existing Condition of Italian buildings and Proposals for Preservation – Case study

Gezae Haile

Documentation, threats and prospects to the material record of the past in Ethiopian context

Fesseha Berhe – Yohannes – Tsegezab

The young History Department of Mekelle University

Steffen Wenig

On the Emperor's Order: The German Aksum Expedition 1906 under Enno Littmann, a forthcoming publication in two volumes

Wolbert Smidt

Exhibition 100 years Ethio-German Relations

Thomas Rave, Jevgenia Sokolinskaia et al.

The Encyclopaedia Aethiopica

FIFTH DAY

Wednesday, 11 January 2006

Morning

Tour of the Tourism Commission Tigray (Aksum – Adwa)

- only upon registration with Ato Kebede Amare (fees to be covered individually) –

End of tour: Opening of exhibitions

Afternoon (Chair: Manfred Kropp)

15,00 h

Dr. Paul Henze

Aksumite Sites in Tigray - II

An ancient site in Southern Tigray

Kebede Amare

The site of Mariam Nazre in Tigray: Pre-Aksumite, Aksumite and Post-Aksumite (Persian) Architecture

Professor Donald N. Levine

Aksumite Civilisation as a 'Seedbed' Society

Break

17,00 h Asnaqe Wubete
Regional History

Girma Fisseha
Dr. Steinkühler, his history and his Ethiopian correspondence

Discussion

Final address:

Dr. Dejazmatch Zewde Gabre-Sellasie, Prof. Richard Pankhurst, Paul Henze