

Tentative Program

Monday December 12, 2005

16:30-16:45

Dean Khalil Bitar, AUB
Greeting

Professor Manfred Kropp, Director, OIB
Welcome Speech

Professor H  l  ne Sader, AUB
Why a Conference on Pre-Islamic Arabia?

16:45-17:30

Opening Lecture by J. Rets  
The History of Pre-Islamic Arabia: An Outline

Panel I Languages and Scripts

Chair: Professor Ramzi Baalbaki

17:30-18:00

C. Robin
The languages of Pre-Islamic Arabia

18:00-18:30

Manfred Kropp
Pre-Islamic Arabian Scripts and Epigraphic Sources

18:30-19:00

A. Ansary
Who governs Qaryat Dhat Kahilum (Qaryat al-Faw), Saudi Arabia

19:00-21:00

Reception at the OIB

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

Chair: Professor Kevin Butcher

9:30-10:00

Opening Lecture
D. Potts
The Archaeology of the Arabian Peninsula Today

Panel II: Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Irrigation in Pre-Islamic Arabia

10:00-10:30

C. Phillips
The Natural Resources of Pre-Islamic Arabia

10:30-11:00

U. Brunner
Irrigation systems in Pre-Islamic Arabia

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

Chair: Professor Hermann Genz

11:30-12:00

I. Hehmeyer

Agricultural practices and irrigation principles in pre-Islamic South Arabia: the example of Marib, Yemen

12:00-12:30

L. Khalidi

Early and Middle Holocene Society and Economy in the Tihama coastal plain

12:30-13:00

M. Ibrahim

The First Towns in the Arabian Gulf

13:00-15:00

Lunch Break

Panel III Pre-Islamic Arabian Society

Chair: Professor Nadia Cheikh

15:00-15:30

R. Hoyland

The emergence of Arab identity in pre-Islamic Arabia: The evidence of the inscriptions

15:30-16:00

Hatoon al-Fassi

Assessment of Women's Status in the Nabataean Kingdom

16:00-16:30

A. Sholan

Women in Pre-Islamic South Arabia

16:30-17:00

Coffee Break

Panel IV Settlement Pattern and Layout

Chair: Professor Saleh Agha

17:00-17:30

T. Wilkinson

Settlement Pattern in Pre-Islamic Arabia

17:30-18:00

K. Gouchina

Comparative analysis of a South Arabian inscription and a Classical Islamic historical source from the point of view of their style, contents and historical precision

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Panel V Economic Structure and Transactions

Chair: Professor Abdelrahim Abuhusayn

9:00-9:30

Y. Abdallah

Deeds and Contracts in pre-Islamic South Arabia

9:30-10:00

I. Gajda

Weights and Measures in Pre-Islamic South Arabia

10:00-10:30

Coffee Break

Panel VI Trade in Pre-Islamic Arabia

Chair: Professor Samir Seikaly

10:30-11:00

A. Avanzini

Trade and Trade Structures in pre-Islamic Arabia

11:00-11:30

Said al-Said

New Inscriptions from al 'Ula, Northwest of Saudi Arabia

11:30-12:00

W. Glanzman

Exchange Networks and Trade in Pre-Islamic Arabia: New Archaeological Evidence

12:00-14:00

Lunch Break

Panel VII Political and Administrative Institutions

Chair: Professor Fawwaz Touqan

14:00-14:30

W. Dostal

Political Institutions in Pre-Islamic Arabia

14:30-15:00

S. Frantsouzoff

The "freemen ('hrr)" in ancient Hadhramaut: A real key for understanding the history of this kingdom

15:00-15:30

M. Mouton

Water-control and political unification in the lowlands of South-Arabia in Antiquity

15:30-16:00

Coffee Break

Panel VIII Pre-Islamic Religion and Religious Institutions

Chair: Professor Tarif Khalidi

16:00-16:30

G. Mazzini

The Qatabanic legal inscription RES 3878 and some aspects of the penal juridical tradition in ancient South Arabia

16:30-17:00

M. Arbach

Pre-Islamic Religion

17:00-17:30

A. Korotayev

Origins of Islam: Political-Anthropological and Environmental Context

Thursday, December 15, 2005

Chair: Professor John Meloy

9:00-9:30

A. Sedov

Temples of Ancient Hadramawt

9:30-10:00

I. Gerlach

The Sabaean Town and Oasis of Sirwah

10:00-10:30

A. Ghaleb

The 2002 and 2005 Excavations at Awam-Temple/Mahram Bilqis, near Marib, Yemen

10:30-11:00

M. Maraqtan

The Economic and Social Role of the Awam-Temple/Mahram Bilqis, near Marib, Yemen

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30

Closing session: Robin, Avanzini, Abdallah, A. Bawazir, al-Ansary, Kropp, Sader
“Studies on Pre-Islamic Arabia: Future Perspectives”

12:30

Trip to Byblos: Lunch offered by AUB and guided visit of the archaeological site