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IFAO - 30th november 2011

8h30 - 9h00 - *Registration*

9h00 - 9h30 - *Introduction*

9h30 - 12h45 - Session 1 : Naming process

V. Razanajao - Paris

La question de la synonymie et de l'hétéroréférentialité dans la toponymie de l'Égypte ancienne

S. Dhennin - Ifao

Per-Inbou et le sanctuaire de la Dorée : motivations religieuses dans l'Égypte du I^{er} millénaire av. J.-C.

W. Clarysse - Leuven

Toponymy, religion and anthroponymy in the Graeco-Roman Fayyum

Break

Å. Engsheden - Mayence

Morphologically dual toponyms in Ancient Egyptian

El-S. M. Gad - Tanta

Ptolemais-named settlements of Hellenistic Egypt : a contextual approach

12h45 - 14h00 - *Lunch*



14h - 17h50 - Session 2 : *Management and appropriation of the territory : the contribution of place names*

St. Seidlemayer - DAIK

Toponyms in co-texts – lexicographical observations on Aswan area place names from the archives of the Berlin Egyptian dictionary

P. Tallet - Paris IV

Remarques sur les désignations courantes du Sud-Sinaï à l'époque pharaonique : les terrasses de la turquoise (*htjw fkꜣt*) et le pays minier (*Bjꜣ*)

Cl. Somaglino - Paris IV

À propos des modes de dénomination de l'Égypte dans les textes religieux ptolémaïques : le cas de *Khetem*

Break

K. Blouin - Toronto

La toponymie au service de la reconstitution du paysage : le cas des toponymes « hydrographiques » attestés dans la documentation papyrologique grecque d'Égypte

O. Hasan - Zagazig

The development of toponymy in Egypt in the Middle Ages (Fayyum as example)

S. Bouderbala - Ifao

Les quartiers de Fustât et la marque du passé : l'apport de la toponymie à l'étude de l'occupation de l'espace urbain au Moyen-Âge (I^{er}-VII^e/X^e-XVI^e siècles)

17h50-18h10 - *Conclusions & perspectives : S. Dhennin (Ifao), Cl. Somaglino (Paris IV)*

19h30 - *Reception*



Toponymy is essential for the understanding of the links between the Egyptian space and the various successive cultures which occupied it. It allows us to apprehend how space was run and organized by successive powers and to tackle how it was perceived. Each culture develops a way of localizing, naming, delimiting and organizing reality, which corresponds to its own classification system and perception of space. By using referents easily understood by everyone, such process makes intelligible for the majority the representation of space. The study of Egyptian place-names on the long term – from Antiquity to the Middle Ages – allows us to contemplate continuity and changes in the different toponymic systems which were superimposed on one another (administrative and religious ones) and/or followed one another (Pharaonic, Greek, Coptic, Arabic systems) in a particular location.

The conference “Toponymy and perception of space in Egypt from Antiquity to the Middle Ages” aims at reflecting, thanks to the participation of specialists of the ancient and medieval periods, on the naming process at work in toponymy, and the appropriation mechanisms of Egyptian territories. It will launch the IFAO 2012-2016 “Toponymic Systems” research program, which will be dedicated to these themes.

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