LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY
EGYPT AND THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD

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Introduction

Geoarchaeology could be defined as the study of environmental and landscape dynamics linking the human occupation and impact on an archaeological site. Combining geosciences and geographical methods that approach could be of significant help to the study of prehistory, archaeology and history.

The international colloquium, to be held in Cairo, will be dedicated primarily to Egypt, however within the Mediterranean context. Egypt is characterised by the variety of its natural landscapes and exceptional archaeological potential. Within the framework of relations between man and his environment, the primary objective of the colloquium is to throw light on the evolution of the River Nile, a major component of the Egyptian landscape and its impact on the peripheral spaces (coasts, flood plain, desert wadis and their tributaries). However, are hoping to throw a wider net over the larger Mediterranean environment by welcoming additional case studies that will better emphasise Egyptian conditions.

Topics

The subjects developed during the colloquium concern all aspects of landscape archaeology. Sessions will be dedicated to the following topics:

- River landscapes
- The Nile and its delta
- Urban landscapes
- Archaeology and natural hazards
- Survey techniques
- Coastal landscapes
- Desert landscapes
- Archaeology and climatic changes
- Archaeology and geomatics
- Historical sources and landscapes

Languages

French and English

Presentations

Participants wishing to present a communication have to send their proposal before the 31st March 2010. Proposals should be a maximum of one page (3000 characters including spaces) and will have to conform to the recommendations available on the website of the colloquium. Authors should indicate their preference for oral or poster presentations.


We invite you to send your abstract by email to the following address:

archeopaysage2010@ifao.egnet.net

Abstracts will be evaluated by an international scientific committee that will establish the final list of selected papers. Organisers reserve the right to place oral presentations into posters, or vice versa.

Publication of the proceedings

All presentations, oral presentations or posters, will be reviewed by an international scientific committee for publication. The organisers will then propose a list publication’s intentions to the chief editors of the following journals:

- Quaternary International
  http://www.elsevier.com/locate/quaint
- Géomorphologie : relief, processus et environnement
  http://geomorphologie.revues.org
- Geoarchaeology
  http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/36011/home

The deadline for manuscripts is fixed for the 30th October 2010. To reduce any delay in publication, the scientific committee would be grateful if the participants supply their articles during the colloquium. Authors should give the title and the summary of their article
Location of the colloquium

“Landscape Archaeology” will be held in Cairo. The opening session will take place in the conference room of Egyptian Geographical Society, which kept its historic character. All sessions will be organised at the French Cultural Centre (CFCC).

Schedule

During the first three days of the colloquium, speakers will present, in French or English results of multidisciplinary studies concerning the Geoarchaeology of Egypt and the Mediterranean world. A session will be specifically devoted to the presentation of posters.

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Tuesday 21st September (CFCC)

- 09.00  7th communication session
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 8th communication session
- 12.30 Lunch (Ifao)
- 14.00  9th communication session
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 16.00 Closing session

Wednesday 22nd September

- Scientific excursion to visit the Giza Plateau

Registration for the Colloquium

Early registration is fixed at 150 € before the 31st May 2010 and 200 € after the 1st June 2010. A special 100-€ rate is offered to doctoral candidates. The registration fees include:
- registration for the colloquium
- coffee breaks
- lunches (buffets)
- scientific excursion
- colloquium kit

Travel costs, accommodation and diners are at the expense of the participants.

Five scholarships (registration free) will be granted to doctoral students after evaluation of the scientific file of candidates. We invite doctoral students interested to send their abstract accompanied with curriculum vitae and recommendation letter from their research director before the 15th January of 2010.


Workshop

A workshop reserved for the French-speaking doctoral candidates will take place from 22nd until the 25th of September 2010 in Upper Egypt. Places are reserved for approximately fifteen doctoral students. The workshop will take place at Karnak and on the West Bank. It will give an opportunity for participants to see several
geoarchaeological case studies as well as training in various techniques used in this field. This training will be supervised by archaeologists, egyptologists and geomorphologists.

Registration fees (100 € per pers.) include transportation costs from Cairo to Luxor, accommodation and meals.

**Dates**

15\(^{th}\) January 2010: doctoral scholarships deadline
31\(^{st}\) March 2010: abstract deadline
1\(^{st}\) May 2010: draft programme
31\(^{st}\) May 2010: early registration deadline
1\(^{st}\) July 2010: final programme

**For more information**

Website of the conference: [http://www.ifao.egnet.net/geoarcheologie2010](http://www.ifao.egnet.net/geoarcheologie2010)

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