

Fifth international conference of Predynastic and Early Dynastic Studies



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Presentation

The fifth international conference of Predynastic and Early Dynastic Studies marks the continuation of the previous successful conferences which happens every three years: [Kraków 2002](#), [Toulouse 2005](#), [London 2008](#) and [New York 2011](#). This five-day international event will gather in Cairo a network of experts from different countries. They will present and discuss their respective research relating a significant range of themes within the broader subject of the origins of the Egyptian State (from the Predynastic period to the beginning of the Old Kingdom). This Fifth international conference marks a new stage in the momentum acquired by Predynastic and Early Dynastic studies.

Topics

Topics developed during the colloquium concern all aspects of Predynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt. Papers and posters will be organised around the following themes:

- ▶ Craft specialisation, technology and material culture
- ▶ Upper-Lower Egypt interactions
- ▶ Deserts-Nile Valley interactions
- ▶ Egypt and its neighbours (Levant, Nubia, Sahara)
- ▶ Birth of writing
- ▶ Absolute and relative chronology
- ▶ Cult, ideology and social complexity
- ▶ Results of recent fieldwork

Languages

English, French and German

Communications

During the first five days of the conference (13-17 April 2014), speakers will present results of studies concerning the origins of Egypt (4th millennium BC/beginning of the 3rd millennium BC). Sessions will be also specifically devoted to the presentation of posters. Sixth day (18 April 2014) will be dedicated to a scientific excursion in the Nile Delta.

Les communications pourront prendre deux formes, orale ou poster. Elles devront correspondre aux thèmes proposés ci-dessus.

Oral presentations and posters 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 conference. Authors should indicate their preference for oral or poster presentations.

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.

Abstracts must be submitted by email before **31st July 2013** at the following e-mail address: origins5@ifao.egnet.net

Proceedings

The proceedings volume for Origins5 will be published by [Peeters Publishers, Leuven](#), in their [Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta \(OLA\) series](#), continuing the series of volumes from the earlier Origins conferences. Participants are invited to submit their manuscripts for the proceedings. All papers will be reviewed by at least two international experts.

The deadline for the submission of manuscripts is **1st July 2014**. Guidelines for authors follow below. To reduce any delay in publication, the scientific committee would be grateful if the participants supply their articles during the conference. Guidelines for publications are available on the conference website.

Location

The conference will be held in Cairo. All sessions will be organised at [the Institut Français d'Égypte \(IFE\)](#), conveniently located in Central Cairo close to Ifao.

Schedule

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- ▶ Sunday 13 April 2014
 - Morning: welcome and registration, official opening, communication session
 - Lunch (buffet)
 - Afternoon: communication session
- ▶ Monday 14 April 2014
 - Morning: communication session
 - Lunch (buffet)
 - Afternoon: communication session; poster session
 - Night: reception in the IFAO garden
- ▶ Tuesday 15 April 2014
 - Morning: communication session
 - Lunch (buffet)
 - Afternoon: communication session; poster session
- ▶ Wednesday 16 April 2014
 - Morning: communication session
 - Lunch (buffet)
 - Afternoon: communication session; poster session
- ▶ Thursday 17 April 2014
 - Morning: communication session
 - Lunch (buffet)
 - Afternoon: communication session; closing session
- ▶ Friday 18 April 2014
 - Excursion in the Nile Delta

Draft programme will be available online by **15th October 2013**

Final programme will be available online by **1st February 2014**

Registration fees

Early registration **Late registration**
(before 1st December 2013) (after 1st December 2013)

Egyptian Participants

Doctoral candidates (with proof)	25 €	35 €
Academic	50 €	70 €
Visitor	25 €	35 €

Non-Egyptian Participants

Doctoral candidates (with proof)	100 €	150 €
Academic	150 €	200 €
Visitor	100 €	150 €

Excursion (single tariff for all participants)	50 €
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The registration fees include participation for the conference, coffee breaks, lunches (buffets) and colloquium kit.

Travel costs, accommodation and dinners are at the expense of the participants. For further information concerning your venue please check here

Important dates

1st February 2013: First Circular

1st May 2013: Second Circular

31st July 2013: abstract submission deadline

15th October 2013: draft programme

1st December 2013: deadline for early registration

1st February 2014: final programme

13-18 April 2014: conference

For more information

Visit the conference website: <http://www.ifao.egnet.net/origins5>

Contact the organisers: origins5@ifao.egnet.net