

# Deserts, Lakes, Rivers: Similarity and diversity in Pre-protolithic Egypt

International workshop to celebrate the 30th anniversary  
of the Archaeological Mission in the Farafra Oasis



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## Programme: 14th October

- 9.30-10.00: Introductory speeches of the Egyptian and Italian Authorities.
- 10.00-10.30: Prof. Barbara E. Barich (ISMEO, Archaeological Mission in the Farafra Oasis) - What we have learned from the Farafra Oasis Research.
- 10.30-11.00: Dr. Giulio Lucarini, (University of Cambridge, ISMEO, Archaeological Mission in the Farafra Oasis) - Looking east and west: The macro-regional framework of the Farafra Oasis.
- 11.00-11.30: Coffee break
- 11.30-12.00: Prof. Mohamed A. Hamdan (Cairo University, Archaeological Mission in the Farafra Oasis) - Geoarchaeology of Holocene playa sediments at Farafra and their palaeoclimatic implications.
- 12.00-12.30: Prof. Miroslav Barta (Charles University in Prague, Czech Institute of Egyptology Project in Abusir) - Predecessors of the Ancient Egyptians? Rock art of Wadi Sura I and II in Gilf Kebir.
- 12.30-13.00: Prof. Salima Ikram (American University in Cairo, The North Kharga Oasis Survey) - An Overview of the work of the North Kharga Oasis Darb Ain Amur Survey.
- 13-13.30: Discussion
- 13.30-15.00: Lunch
- 15.00-15.30: Dr. Paweł Polkowski (Poznań Archaeological Museum, Dakhleh Oasis Project Petroglyph Unit) - Prehistoric rock art of Dakhleh Oasis: Selected issues and ideas.
- 15.30-16.00: Dr. Clara Jeuthe (German Archaeological Institute, Cairo) and Veerle Linsele (University of Leuven) - Happy cattle herders or towards sedentism? The case of the Late Sheikh Muftah community in Dakhla.
- 16.00-16.30: Coffee break
- 16.30-17.00: Dr. Jacek Kabaciński (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poznań, Combined Prehistoric Expedition) - The Combined Prehistoric Expedition research on Neolithic burial practices in Gebel Ramlah, Egyptian Western Desert.
- 17.00-17.30: Dr. Heiko Riemer (University of Cologne, ACACIA Project) - Old Caravan Roads: A challenge for landscape archaeology.
- 17.30-18.00: Discussion

## 15th October

- 9.30-10.00: Dr. Maria Carmela Gatto (University of Leicester, Aswan - Kom Ombo Archaeological Project) - Pre- and Protohistoric findings in the region between Aswan and Kom Ombo.
- 10.00-10.30: Dr. Abou Al-Hassan Bakry (Cairo University) - Gebel Ammouneh Assemblage at Grand Egyptian Museum: Short Notes.
- 10.30-11.00: Prof. Abdel Moneim Mahmoud (University Ain Shams Cairo, Archaeological Mission in the Farafra Oasis) - Anthropological, climatic, ecological and social changes in Farafra.
- 11.00-11.30: Coffee break
- 11.30-12.00: Dr. Giuseppina Mutri (Sapienza University of Rome, Archaeological Mission in the Farafra Oasis) - Final Pleistocene and Early Holocene occupation of the Northern Farafra Depression, Egypt: The significance of backed bladelet and microlithic techno-complex in the context of the Egyptian Western Desert.
- 12.00-12.30: Dr. Sherief El Shafaey (University of Helwan, Archaeological Mission in the Farafra Oasis) - Neolithic plant economy in the Western Desert: Archaeobotanical evidence from Sheikh El Obeiyid Village, Farafra Oasis, Egypt.
- 12.30-13.00: Dr. Joanne Rowland (The University of Edinburgh - Imbaba Governorate Prehistoric Survey, EES) and Dr. Giulio Lucarini (University of Cambridge, ISMEO, Imbaba Governorate Prehistoric Survey, EES) - New discoveries on ancient landscapes: Recent research into the Neolithic at Merimde Beni Salama.
- 13.00-13.30: Final discussion
- 13.30-14.00: Conclusion and workshop's closing