



6th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East

Rome, 28th April 2008

The Organizing Committee looks forward to meeting next week the over 500 participants to the 6th ICAANE (more than 250 presenting papers), which will be held in Rome between **May 5th and 10th, 2008**, at the invitation of the Sapienza – Università di Roma.

Congress venues

The main congress venue is the Museo dell'Arte Classica in the basement of the Facoltà di Scienze Umanistiche, Piazzale Aldo Moro 5 (Città Universitaria), where the Odeion, Aula Partenone, Aula di Archeologia are located; workshops will be hosted in the Facoltà di Giurisprudenza, Piazzale Aldo Moro 5 (Città Universitaria), Hall V, at the groundfloor; the Round Table about the preservation of Cultural Heritage will take place in the auditorium of the Museo delle Origini, in the same premises as the Museo dell'Arte Classica, and the posters will be exhibited at the ground floor of the Facoltà di Scienze Umanistiche (one floor up from the main congress premises). You will find maps and more details on the website, and, of course, maps of the congress premises will be found in the congress bags. You will find our students, with a yellow Staff Member badge, on the University grounds, and they will help you to find your way to the congress. The first and last plenary sessions, on Monday morning and Saturday morning will be held in the Aula Magna of the Rectorate.

Papers

As we have so many participants, we recommend that papers last for no more than 20 minutes plus 10 minutes of discussion: schedule must **strictly** adhere to this timing, so that everyone will have time to speak and discuss, and colleagues will be allowed to move more easily from one room to the other, if they wish to change session. Please proceed to the Media Center in the main congress venue at least five hours before your scheduled paper: the Media Center will be located near the Odeion hall, in correspondence with the Secretaries desk. Those scheduled on the **first day** should get immediately in touch with the Secretaries upon arrival or may send their Powerpoint presentation by – for example – a gigamail attachment which will be downloaded by the Organization. For those participants who will prepare a power point presentation with a Mac operative system, please note that there will be no possibility of using their personal computer during the lecture. To check or modify compatibility with Windows OS, please bring the presentation file to the main information desk in advance (at least two sessions in advance), where a person will be available with a Mac OS computer.



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Posters

Posters should fit the size 100 x 70 cm: you can deliver it to the Congress Organization upon arrival in the main congress venue.

Please note: We do not accept any paper or poster dealing with unprovenanced artefacts.

Registration

Registration will start at the Auditorium di Mecenate, via Merulana/largo Leopardi 22 on **Sunday May 4th** between 3.00 and 7.00 p.m. Registration will go on, on May 5th, between 8.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. in the Rectorate of the Sapienza, Aula Magna, where the first plenary session will be held, and from 9.00 a.m. on in the main congress venue every day, at the Secretaries desk.

The registration fee for the congress includes the attendance of all sessions of the Congress, the attendance of social events, the congress documents and a 25% discount on the proceedings. Accompanying persons will only benefit of the attendance to scientific sessions and social events. The eventual attendance to the *closing dinner* (for which see below) must be specified upon registration.

Mode of payment

The Registration Fees, for new participants or for those who have asked to pay upon arrival, can be paid on site to the “Associazione Culturale FLUMEN”, our general organization partner, by cash **only**. For credit cards, the payment form on the website can only be used until 30th April next (the same deadline applies to bank transfers).

Accommodation

The congress venue lies a ten minutes walk from Termini train station. Participants must book their hotels autonomously. Two websites may prove helpful to this aim:

http://www.romaviva.com/home_eng.htm or <http://www.booking.com/index.html>.

Transportations

For buses and subway see <http://www.atac.roma.it/>.

From Fiumicino Airport to Termini railway station you can take the Leonardo Express train, see: <http://www.adr.it/content.asp?SUBC=1361&L=3&IDMEN=731>.

For taxis you can call +3906 3570 (<http://www.3570.it>) or +3906 4994. Taxis can also be found throughout the town in special parking areas, while they can rarely be found in the streets.

Locations of the congress venues:

For the maps see <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>, type street name, roma.

Proceedings

Since a prompt publication of the proceedings is envisaged, participants will be asked to deliver their contributions at the latest during the congress, to dr Licia Romano at the Secretariat desk. For publication guidelines please refer to www.6icaane.it.



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Social Events

The Organization will be glad to provide the closing dinner on the roof terrace of the Grand Hotel Boscolo, Piazza della Repubblica 43 on Saturday 10th May at h 8 p.m.

A free cultural event – a visit to the Roman Forum and the Palatine hill on Saturday 10th at h 3,30 p.m. – will be organized for participants.

The attendance of these events will depend upon the presentation of the Congress badge.

Coffee breaks and lunch

One free coffee break will be provided every day upon presentation of the coupon you will find in the congress bag, and a light bar service will be present throughout conference time in the main premises (Museo dei Gessi). Other bars are located within the University campus (ask staff members for location). For lunch we have an agreement with the University refectory: you will find in the congress bag a card which will give you access to the refectories (Via Cesare de Lollis 22 and Via del Castro Laurenziano 13). You will have to charge the card (€7.39 for a complete meal) in the main refectory (Via Cesare de Lollis 22). Other restaurants, pizza houses are to be found outside the campus in the immediate vicinities.

On the website you will find maps of the locations of congress venues, and all the updated information, which will be found also in the congress bag.

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