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The **Sixth International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East** (6 ICAANE) will take place in Rome between June 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the invitation of the Sapienza – Università di Roma.

Continuing the tradition established by the first five Congresses, the aim of 6 ICAANE will be to promote cooperation and information exchange between archaeologists working in all fields and areas of the Ancient Near East, from the Eastern Mediterranean to Iran and from Anatolia to Arabia, from prehistoric times to Alexander the Great. A special session will be devoted to Islamic archaeology.

The International Scientific Committee has selected the following main topics and suggests that they be discussed in parallel sessions and in a chronological and regional order:

- 1) *Near Eastern Archaeology in the Past, Present and Future. Archaeological heritage and the archaeologist's identity.*
- 2) *Ethnoarchaeological and interdisciplinary approach, results and perspectives in Near Eastern Archaeology.*
- 3) *High versus Low: visual expression and craft production in the definition of social relations and status.*
- 4) *Excavations, surveys and restorations: reports on recent field archaeology in the Near East.*

Papers should last 20 minutes. We encourage the presentation of posters, as well as the proposals of Workshops. The official languages of the Congress are English, French, German, Spanish and Italian.

The present Circular is a first call for papers. Next March, a second Circular Letter will give further information on the program, registration and fees, travel and accommodation: please contact the Secretariat of the Congress at [6icaane@uniroma1.it](mailto:6icaane@uniroma1.it) if You are interested in receiving it. The Congress website ([www.6icaane.it](http://www.6icaane.it)) will be regularly updated after its activation in January 2007.

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