

ICHAJ 15

Thoughtful Archaeology in the Ecosphere and Sociosphere

15th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan

Yarmouk University, Jordan 2022



FIRST CIRCULAR

Conference dates: **18 – 21 July 2022**

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Antiquities of Jordan and Yarmouk University are pleased to announce the *15th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan*, which will be held at Yarmouk University, Jordan, from 18th to 21st July 2022.

The ICHAJ, organized every three years, is an event of utmost importance for the scientific community of archaeologists and historians who, at an international level, are interested in Jordan, the Middle East, the Mediterranean and long-term Euro-Mediterranean cultural relations. The first ICHAJ was held in Oxford in 1980, as an initiative of HRH *Prince Hassan bin Talal*, one of the world's leading intellectuals of the Arab world, under whose patronage the conference continues to be organized.

Since 1980, the ICHAJ has been hosted in the major cultural capitals and the most important research institutes of the world. The Yarmouk University conference in July 2022 follows those of Florence (2019, University of Florence), Amman (2016, Princess Sumaya University), Berlin (2013, Humboldt Universitat), Paris (2010, University Paris- 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Washington (2007, George Washington University).

As previously heralded by His Royal Highness Prince El-Hassan Bin Talal, the initiator and patron of this conference: “we need to create a continuum between the past, present and future, which extends beyond the narrow nationalism of the state perspective towards the Levant as a region, thereby potentially stabilizing the region and raising its profile”.

The great diversity of concepts and spectrum of cross-cultural experiences revealed through archaeology, in its broadest sense, can serve as a counter balance to polarization, retrenchment, and narrow nationalism. Archaeology aids us in illuminating history, celebrating regional interconnections, and understanding the myriad routes of ideas, which supersede boundaries. Current global and climatic ecological changes present a threat to the long-term well-being of humanity, but there is much to learn about attending such from the past. Meeting this sustainability challenge requires an all-inclusive interdisciplinary approach.

In honoring the centenary of Jordan, this conference also seeks to celebrate the collective leap of moving from stand-alone archaeological studies to a broader understanding of cultural heritage in its eco- and socio-contexts as an inherently multidisciplinary field.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The plenary opening session will take place at Yarmouk University between 18 and 21 July 2022. Working sessions will be held in the lecture theaters of Yarmouk University.

THEMES AND SESSIONS

The official languages of the conference are ENGLISH and ARABIC

The Conference will be divided into 13 main sections.

- I. Applied Sciences Related to Archaeology**
- II. Archaeological Excavations and Surveys**
- III. Prehistory, Bronze, and Iron Ages**
- IV. From Alexander the Great (332 BC) to Islam (636 AD)**
- V. Islamic Period (from Ar-Rashideen to the Ottoman Period)**
- VI. Modern and Contemporary History of Jordan**

VII. Learning from the Wisdom of the Ancients

VIII. Diversity and Cultural Heritage

IX. Tangible and Intangible Heritage

X. Environment and Cultural Heritage

XI. Trail of Ideas and Trail of Pilgrimage

XII. Orient and Occident

XIII. Jordan's History and Cultural Heritage at the Threshold of the Second Centenary: A Forward Looking View

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

In order to present a paper or poster at the fifteenth ICHAJ, candidates for participation should send an abstract via email to: ichaj15@doa.gov.jo before 31 October 2021, according to the following specifications:

31 October 2021: Deadline for applications by candidates for participation wishing to present

Abstract specifications: Maximum 250 words; clear title; name, any affiliations and contact details of the author or authors. Where proposals concern multiple authors, please list the person who will read the paper (the speaker). Each candidate may only submit one paper designating himself or herself as speaker.

The attached abstract template can be downloaded directly from the ICHAJ official website: www.ichaj.org

Requirements for presenting a proposal for a PAPER: the first author named in the application MUST hold a PhD or an academic degree. Papers can also be presented by members of the DoA and by members of academic and research institutions.

Required title for presenting a proposal for a POSTER: participants MUST hold at least a Masters Degree (MA) or equivalent.

For enquiries regarding exceptions to these criteria, please contact the Chair of the Scientific Committee by email: ichaj15@doa.gov.jo

After assessing applications, the Scientific Committee may propose that candidates for participation present a poster instead of a paper and vice versa.

Posters are in digital format and will be displayed only on video in a dedicated room, where a special poster session will take place. Posters will be grouped in a booklet and available online on the official website www.ichaj.org.

IMPORTANT: No papers or posters dealing with artifacts without verifiable provenance will be accepted.

REGISTRATION & FEES

All Authors of approved abstracts must register for the ICHAJ 15

Where there is more than one author of a paper or poster, at least one must register as speaker for the group. [You can register on the ICHAJ official website.](#)