THE RED SEA PROJECT V: Navigated Spaces, Connected Places
The fifth international conference on the peoples of the Red Sea region
16 - 19 September 2010
The MARES Project, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS)
University of Exeter

PROGRAMME [Updated 6 August 2010]

Thursday, 16 September

13.00-17.00 Registration in the lobby at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies.
16.00-17.00 Tea and coffee
17.00-17.30 Dionisius A. Agius, MARES Project Principal Investigator, Al Qasimi Professor of Arabic Studies and Islamic Material Culture, IAIS, University of Exeter.
Opening remarks: Red Sea V.
17.30-18.30 Cheryl Ward, Director of the Center for Archaeology and Anthropology, Associate Professor of History, Maritime Archaeologist, Coastal Carolina University.
Sailing the Red Sea: Pharaonic voyages to Punt, and Min of the Desert.
18.30-20.00 Official opening of the Dhow exhibition.
20.00 Welcome reception in ‘The Street’, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies.
Friday, 17 September

9.00-10.30  **Session One** (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Pierre Tallet. *The Pharaonic harbour of Ayn Sukhna (Old Kingdom/Middle Kingdom).*

10.30-11.00  Tea and coffee

11.00-12.30  **Session Two** (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Roger Blench. *The Semiticisation of the Arabian Peninsula and its apparent absence from the archaeological record.*
- Oscar Nalesini. *The Red Sea as space of sacred places and beings.*

12.30-13.30  Lunch (Common Room, IAIS).

13.30-15.00  **Session Three** (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Dario Nappo. *Trade and war in the Red Sea in the 2nd century AD.*

15.00-15.30  Tea and coffee

15.30-17.00  **Session Four** (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Solène Marion de Procé. *Harbours and coastal settlements in the eastern Red Sea during antiquity.*
- Ralph K. Pedersen. *Black Assarca: the shipwreck and island in the anthropological context.*
- Lucy Blue, Ross Thomas and Jeremy D. Hill. *New light on the vessels of Indo-Roman trade: Roman shipwrecks in the northern Red Sea.*

17.00-17.30  Tea and coffee

17.30-18.30  **Session Five** (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Peter Sheehan. *The port of Babylon, Egypt.*
- Eivind Heldaas Seland. *Liber Pontificalis and the Red Sea trade of the early 4th century AD.*

18.30-19.30  Keynote speaker T.B.A.

20.00  Dinner T.B.A.
Saturday, 18 September

9.00-11.00  Session Six (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Timothy Power. Trade cycles and settlement patterns in the Red Sea region (c. AD 1050-1250).
- Julian Whitewright. Sailing with the mu’allim: The technical practice of Red Sea sailing during the medieval period.
- Frank Trombley. Flood and drought in early Islamic Makka.

11.00-11.30  Tea and coffee

11.30-13.00  Session Seven (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS)
- Michael Mallinson. Suakin: paradigm of a port.
- Laurence Smith and Michael Mallinson. Archaeological and historical evidence for the trade of Suakin, Sudan, 15th-19th century AD.

13.00-14.00  Lunch (Common Room, IAIS).

14.00-15.00  Session Eight (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Maher Memarzadeh. Historicizing the social information from the 1554 account of the naval battle in light of social information from later documents.
- Paul Lunde. A Spanish spy in the northern Red Sea in 1807.

15.00-15.20  Tea and coffee

15.20-16.20  Session Nine (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Janet Starkey. Monks and Bedouins in the deserts around the Red Sea.
- Petra Weschenfelder. Caravan trade through the Eastern Desert.

16.20-16.40  Tea and coffee

16.40-17.40  Session Ten (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Philippe Provençal. Arabic plant names.

17.40-18.00  Break

18.00-19.30  Session Eleven (Lecture Theatre 1&2, IAIS).
- Sadig A. Malki. Awareness level among King Abdulaziz University students of the institutions and issues related to the vitality, geography and history of the Red Sea.

19.30-20.30  Antonin Besse. The last of the Aden dhows.

20.30  Reception
Sunday, 19 September

10.00  Departure from the IAIS to the city centre for the guided tour.

10.30  Red Coat Guided Tour of the City of Exeter.

12.00  Exeter Cruises boat trip on the river Exe (to Double Locks Pub).

Please note: All papers will be twenty minutes in duration. There will be a period for questions and general discussion after each paper.