Conference Programme
„Life at the Dead Sea“
21st – 24th February 2018

Short Overview

Wednesday, 21st February
18.00 Get together* with short presentations of exhibition concepts:
   Sabine Wolfram, Life at the Dead Sea (smac)
   Hagit Maoz, The Dead Sea, Source of Life (Israel Museum)

Thursday, 22nd February
9.00 Papers presented in successive sessions
19.00 Reception with greetings
   Sabine Wolfram, Director of smac
   Uwe Gaul, State Secretary at the Ministry of Science and Art of Free State of Saxony

Friday, 23rd February
9.00 Papers presented in successive sessions
14.00 Fieldtrip in the afternoon to the Headquarter of the State Archaeological Heritage Office in Dresden / Tour through smac

Saturday, 24th February
9.00 Papers presented in successive sessions
19.30 Opening of the festival “Days of Jewish Culture”

Please note that the conference language is English
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Thursday, 22nd February 2018

8.00  REGISTRATION
8.45  GREETINGS

SESSION 1: BIBLE, MYTHS AND ART

9.00  Wolfgang Zwickel  The Dead Sea and the Old Testament
9.30  Ahiad Ovadia/Oren Gutfeld  Cave 53: A Newly Discovered Dead Sea Scroll Cave
10.00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2: RESEARCH HISTORY AND THEORETIE

10.30  Felicity Cobbing  PEF Research in the Dead Sea Region
11.00  Lutz Martin  Jericho in Berlin
11.30  Herman Michael Niemann  Ernst Sellin and Carl Watzinger and the German Exploration of Jericho
12.00  Katharina Galor  Gender at Qumran: Between Text and Material Culture
12.30  DISCUSSION
12.45  LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 3: VEGETATION, CLIMATE AND WATER

13.45  Frank Neumann  The Holocene Vegetation and Climate History of the Dead Sea Region
14.15  Eli Raz  Sinkholes Formation along the Dead Sea Shore: A Human Induced Environmental Problem
14.45  Jutta Häser  Water Management around the Dead Sea – Present and Past
15.45  DISCUSSION
16.00  COFFEE BREAK

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**SESSION 4: SUBSISTENCE AND RESOURCES**

16.30  Verena Schünemann  Genome Sequences of 6000-Year Old Barley Provide New Insights into the History of Crop Domestication

17.00  Andrea Orendi  Development and Importance of Agrarian Resources in the Dead Sea Region during the Bronze and Iron Ages

17.30  Andreas Hauptmann  Georessources in the Land of the Dead Sea: Copper through the Ages

18.00  DISCUSSION

19.00  RECEPTION

**Friday, 23rd February 2018**

8.00  REGISTRATION

8.45  GREETINGS

**SESSION 5: FROM PREHISTORY TO EARLY ISLAM**

9.00  Susanne Kerner  The Late Chalcolithic (LC) in the Southern Levant

9.30  Florian Klimscha  Technical Innovations in the Prehistory and Early History of the Dead Sea Region

10.00  Eliot Braun  Human Activity in the Dead Sea Region in the Early and Middle Bronze Ages

10.30  COFFEE BREAK

11.00  Gunnar Lehmann  About the History of the Region in Prehellenistic Time

11.30  Gideon Hadas  Excavations at Ein Gedi

12.00  Jürgen Zangenberg  Farms and Fortresses. Exploring the Diversity of Life around the Dead Sea in the Hellenistic and Roman

12.30  Hans-Peter Kuhnen  Guarding around the Dead Sea: Military Concepts and Sites between Herod and Justinian

13.00  LUNCH BREAK

14.00  FIELDTRIP TO DRESDEN / TOUR THROUGH THE smac
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**19.30 OPENING CEREMONY OF THE „DAYS OF JEWISH CULTURE“ 2018**

Interview and discussion with young musicians of both Chemnitz and Kiryat Bialik
Speech “70 years State of Israel” by the mayor of Kiryat Bialik (Hebrew with translation in German)
Concert Yossi Fine & Ben Aylon