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ARCANE Programme – RG08 – Jezirah Regional Group – Second regional meeting – Siena, Santa Chiara College –  
 June 12th – June 14th, 2008

## SCIENTIFIC REPORT

The members of Regional Group 08 (Jezirah) met this spring in Siena, following the invitation of Stefano Anastasio, University of Siena. The workshop was planned for 2,5 days and completed its aims. The following topic coordinators and invited guests attended the meeting (see the complete addresses in the appended document).

### ORGANIZER, TEAM LEADER & TOPIC COORDINATORS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Function &amp; Site</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Country</i>
1. LEBEAU, Marc	Chairman & JZ Team Leader	E.C.U.M.S., Brussels	B
2. ANASTASIO, Stefano	Organizer	Siena University	I
3. McCARTHY, Andrew	Glyptic and Art History T.C.	Edinburgh University	UK
4. QUENET, Philippe	Stratigraphy T.C.	Strasbourg University	F
5. PRUSS, Alexander	Small Finds & Figurines T.C.	Munich University	D
6. ROVA, Elena	Pottery T.C.	Venice University	I
7. VALENTINI, Stefano	Burials & Funerary pract. T.C.	Florence University	I

### GUESTS

8. STÉNUIT, Marie-Ève	Programme Coordinator	E.C.U.M.S., Brussels	B
9. THALMANN, Jean-Paul	Northern Levant Team Leader	Paris 1 University	F
10. MEIJER, Diederik	Steering Committee	Leiden University	N
11. BUCCELLATI, Federico	Tell Mozan	Francfort & Tübingen Universities	D
12. FORTIN, Michel	Tell Atij, Tell Gudeda	Laval University, Québec	CAN
13. WATTENMAKER, Patricia	Tell Kazane	Virginia University, Charlottesville	USA
14. OATES, Joan	Tell Brak	Cambridge University	UK
15. SALIOLA, Francesco	DataBase Team	METRA, Florence	I
16. FENU, Pino	DataBase Team	METRA, Florence	I

The following Topic Coordinators had to cancel their participation and were excused:

RISTVET, Lauren	14C T.C.	University of North Carolina	USA
PFÄLZNER, Peter	Architecture & City Planning T.C.	Tübingen University	D
MEYER, Jan-Waalke	Architecture & City Planning T.C.	Francfort University	D
BIANCHI, Alice	Metal T.C.	Tübingen University	D
CHABOT, Jacques	Lithic T.C.	Laval University, Québec	CAN

## PROGRAMME

### Agenda of the Meeting

The agenda of the meeting, prepared by Stefano Anastasio and Marc Lebeau, has been proposed to the participants, aimed to fulfill the following purposes:

1. Evaluation of the inventories, per site, per sub-region, and per phase,
2. Evaluation of the missing information, supposed to be of primary importance,
3. Opportunity to add synopses for increased information,
4. Accountancy linked to the preparation of inventories,
5. Representativity of the various categories of material in the inventories,
6. Evaluation of the 14C/TL information,
7. Development of the DataBase into a relational system,
8. Preparation of the regional publication: a- scientific content, b- guidelines for the topic studies (additional files or specialized tables), c- format of the publication (nr. of pages per chapter), d- illustrations (plans, figures, tables),
9. Steps towards a JZ Arcane 3rd Millennium periodization, discussion and agreement on a common progress phasing and sub-phasing (EJZ 0 to EJZ 5, including sub-phases), provisorily replacing former EJ 0 to EJ V phases.
10. Preparation of the interregional phase of the programme (relations with ME, EA, TG and CM regional groups), proposals.

A further and important point was added (11.) during the discussion: the topic of the sub-regionality, which was debated at length.

#### Proposed Agenda:

Meeting Day 1 (June 12): two sessions (9.00 to 13.00 and 15.00 to 19.00) devoted to the discussion of points 1 to 6 of the agenda (see above),

Meeting Day 2 (June 13): two sessions (9.00 to 13.00 and 15.00 to 19.00) devoted to the discussion of points 7 and 8 of the agenda (see above),

Meeting Day 3 (June 14): one morning session (9.00 to 13.00) devoted to the discussion of points 9 to 11 of the agenda (see above).

### Current stage of the Inventories

See appended document: Jezirah (RG 08) Inventories, v. 2.7.

It is currently clear that RG08 is ahead, compared to the other groups. The Team Leader has indeed received more than 100 inventories and expects a total number between 125 and 135, which constitutes a very brilliant result. It is nevertheless obvious that those inventories need corrections and additions. A special form, aimed to harmonize the correction/addition process, will be provided by the DB validators and sent to the various contributors of each regional and transversal group. A procedure of «second proofs» has been defined. The deadline for the final corrections is December 31st, 2008, what would allow 6 further months for the preparation of the regional volume by the Team Leader and the Topic Coordinators. The deadline for the «manuscript» is thus June 30th, 2009.

### Lectures

Furthermore, a number of lectures, 15 to 40 minutes each one, centred on specific Jezirah sites were proposed by the participants, on Days 2 and 3:

- Marc Lebeau: Tell Beydar and the Chronology,
- Philippe Quenet: Tell Kashkashok III and the ARCANE Programme,
- Philippe Quenet: Tell Abu Hujaira and the ARCANE Programme,
- Philippe Quenet: Tell Chagar Bazar and the ARCANE Programme,
- Patricia Wattenmaker: Tell Kazane and the Chronology,
- Diederik Meijer: Tell Hammam et-Turkman, chronological data for the 3rd Millennium,
- Stefano Valentini: Tell Barri inventories related to the ARCANE Programme,
- Joan Oates: Tell Brak inventories and the ARCANE Programme,
- Elena Rova: The Glyptic of Tell Beydar,
- Andrew McCarthy, assisted by Ph. Quenet (for the pottery): Tell Leilan chronological framework.

## **DataBase**

On Day 2, Jean-Paul Thalmann and Stefano Anastasio presented the current stage of the DataBase, and the additional files and, with the help of Pino Fenu and Francesco Saliola, assembled a prototype of what could be the future JZ Arcane DataBase.

A long discussion started, aimed to define the sorting/searching possibilities offered to the topic coordinators, and to call for requests. A double level procedure of sorting/searching process was decided (basic search, advanced search).

## **Publication of the Regional Group**

The «Guidelines for the Publication of the Regional Phase», as defined in two former ARCANE meeting (Brussels and Siena) were presented to the participants and commented. This document is published in the ARCANE website and thus accessible to all. The expected content of the various chapters was further defined. The nature of the illustrations was precised (maps, plans, plates, drawings, ...). The pottery illustrations will be harmonized by a small group of drawers. The deadline for the regional group volume was decided: June 30th, 2009.

## **Conclusion**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of RG08 Regional Group (Jezirah) has been considered by all attendants as very fruitful and brought very concrete results. The Jezirah participants are aware of their peculiar responsibility, since the Jezirah regional publication will most probably constitute the first volume of the whole ARCANE Publication Programme. It is supposed that the aforementioned decisions and proposals will be considered like «standard rules» for the next volumes.

Stefano Anastasio was a perfect host and was heartly congratulated by all for the quality of his organization.

# ARCANE ESF PROGRAMME JEZIRAH (RG 08) INVENTORIES

Update: 21/06/08  
v.2.7

Deadline: 31/12/07,  
Delayed to: 30/03/08

Site name	Arcane site code	Nr of inventories	EJ Phases	Date Range	Nr of C14 dates in invent.	Nr of C14 dates (total)	pottery	stone/plaster vessels	figurines	seals/sealings	metal	beads/jewellery	chipped stone	heavy lithic
Brak (Oates)	JZ001	16 done	EJ 0, IIIb to IVc, V/MB	3050-2900, 2500-1900	?	34								
Brak (Matthews)	JZ001	13 done	EJ 0 to I IIIa to IVa	3000-2750 2600-2300		21	x			x	x	x		
Beydar	JZ002	16 done	EJ I to IVc	2900 - 2100	c. 15	30	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Khuera	JZ003	4 done	EJ II to IV	2700 - 2200	3	12	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Leilan	JZ004	? (2 to 6)	EJ I to IVc	2900 - 2100	c. 60	c. 100	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mozan (Buccellati)	JZ005	3 done	EJ IV to V	2400 - 2000		4								
Mozan (Pfälzner)	JZ005	4 done	EJ III to V	2600 - 2000			x		x	x				x
Arbid	JZ006	8 done												
Barri	JZ007	7 done	EJ II to IV	2600 - 2200			x		x	x	x	x		
Kazane	JZ008	8 to 10	EJ II to IVc	2750 - 2100	7	13	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Atij	JZ009	5 done	EJ II to IIIa	2750 - 2400			x		x		x		x	x
Bderi	JZ010	5 to 6	EJ II to IIIb	2750 - 2300			x		x					
Girnavaz	JZ011	2 to 3	EJ I to V	2900 - 2000			x		x	x	x	x		
Kashkashok III	JZ012	8 done	EJ I to II	2900 - 2600			x		x	x	x	x	x	
Kneidej	JZ013	6 done	EJ 0?/I to IIIb	3000 - 2300			x					x	x	x
Melebiya	JZ014	6 done	EJ II to IIIb	2650 - 2350			x		x	x	x	x		x

Raq'a'i	JZ015	2 done																	
Abu Hufur	JZ016	3 asked to Piotr																	
Abu Hujaira	JZ017	7 done	EJ IIIa to V	2550 - 2000				x		x			x	x	x				
Chagar Bazar	JZ018	8 done	EJ IVb-c	2200				x											x
Gülharin	JZ019	not excavated																	
Jassa el- Gharbi	JZ020	3 asked to Piotr																	
Gudeda	JZ021	3 done	EJ IIIa-b to IVa	2550 - 2300				x		x			x					x	x
Kerma	JZ022	contact missing																	
Kharab Sayyar	JZ023	1 site file + synopses	EJ I to IV	2900 - 2100				x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Khazne	JZ024	10	EJ I	2900 - 2750															
Mabtuh Sharqi	JZ025	to be evaluated																	
Mashnaqa	JZ026	not enough data																	
Muhammad Diyab	JZ027	1 done	EJ III to IV	2600 - 2100				x					x	x					
Mulla Matar	JZ028	contact missing																	
Nuss Tell	JZ029	contact missing																	
Rad Shaqrah	JZ030	3 done																	
Zaghan	JZ031	not excavated																	
Ziyadeh	JZ032	contact missing																	
<b>Jezirah Regional Group</b>		proposed inventories: 74 to 98 requested inventories: 52 to 65		ideal nr of inventories: 100 to 125 currently validated inventories(21/06/08): 122				C14 c. 85		C14 c. 180									Please, send JZ inventories (DVD/CD) to: Marc Lebeau 41 Bld. A. Reyers, Bte. 6 B-1030 Bruxelles, Belgium