



# From the Red Sea to the Gulf

Warsaw 18–19 October 2013

## FROM THE RED SEA TO THE GULF

New directions in PCMA UW archaeological research

### Workshop

University of Warsaw, 18–19 October 2013

#### *Organizing institutions*

Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology UW; Department of Near Eastern Archaeology, Institute of Archaeology UW; Department of Archaeology of Egypt and Nubia, Institute of Archaeology UW

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## SECOND CIRCULAR

### **Workshop themes and program**

An updated preliminary program and abstracts of individual contributions are available from the workshop website (<http://www.pcma.uw.edu.pl/en/events/article/workshop-from-the-red-sea-to-the-gulf/>). They reflect the response to our conception of the workshop, which has been more than satisfactory. *Please check the workshop website for updates.*

As a brief reminder, the **two themes** of the first day (Friday) are dedicated to two different subjects, both growing from research by the Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology, University of Warsaw, on the northern coast of Kuwait Bay. The issue of **“Ubaidization” processes** in regions south of Mesopotamia, that is, broadly speaking in the Arab Gulf area will be discussed, based in part on the results of excavations carried out at a late Neolithic site, Bahra 1. The debate will center on the essence of this phenomenon, the nature of contacts between the Gulf and Southern Mesopotamia in the late Neolithic, and a comparison of aspects of material culture between different sites within the region.

The second theme, which derives from the results of PCMA survey and excavations on the northern coast of Kuwait Bay, centers on **tumuli cemeteries** and the goal of the discussion will be to consider the chronology of these burial grounds as well as their potential cultural affiliation. Should they be linked with the cultures of the Gulf or should origins and parallels be sought among the nomads inhabiting the marginal desert zone? The question of the purpose of elongated stone platforms, which are the most distinctive structures beside the burial mounds, will also be undertaken.

The third theme grows from excavations carried out by the PCMA/University of Delaware BERENIKE PROJECT on the site of the important Red Sea harbor of Berenike on the Egyptian coast that linked the Egyptian and the Roman Mediterranean trade with distant Arabia and India. Specialists will examine the issues of **Arab commerce and cult** from the point of view of two

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regions taking part in this trade: Arabia and Africa, Sumhuram in Oman and Hadramaut in Yemen on one side and Berenike in Egypt on the other, and discuss the depth and intensity of the contacts that undoubtedly existed. The “Lotus Temple” from Berenike, a 4th–5th century shrine located in the harbor, practically on the seafront, has produced a diverse assemblage of temple furnishings that can be attributed to different cultural and religious traditions and Berenike as such has contributed to the collection of South Arabian pottery known from the Red Sea coast of Egypt. The panel discussion will be centered on the evidence for an Arabian presence in Berenike and Arabian aspects of the cult practiced in the shrine, thus defining with greater precision the Arab factor in ancient long distance trade along the Spice Route.

***Presentations***

Presentations are 30 minutes each. Questions will be allowed, but the main focus will be on the panel discussion following each set of presentations. The panel discussions will be recorded.

PowerPoint format for PCs is strongly recommended; Apple presentations may encounter difficulties, so please inform the organizers well beforehand. Please remember that there can be difficulties with proper processing of unusual fonts.

***Publication***

The proceedings as well as the panel discussions will be published in PCMA’s peer-reviewed journal ***Polish Archaeology in the Mediterranean*** (PAM).

**Deadline** for submission of contributions: **17 January 2014.**

Contribution length: up to 60,000 characters; illustrations (color or B&W) or digital drawing corresponding to 10 full-page plates.

Guidelines for authors (detailed information on length and illustrations will be distributed at the workshop:

[http://www.pcma.uw.edu.pl/fileadmin/template/main/file/PAM\\_stylebook\\_English\\_13.06.2013.pdf](http://www.pcma.uw.edu.pl/fileadmin/template/main/file/PAM_stylebook_English_13.06.2013.pdf)

***Practical information for invited speakers***

Conference venue:

**Institute of Archaeology** of the University of Warsaw, main campus  
(ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warszawa)

Accommodations (breakfast included):

**HERA Guest House** (Belwederska 26/30, 00-999 Warszawa, +48 22 553 10 00; 4 km from the main university campus)

from *Thursday, 17 October* (afternoon) until *Sunday, 20 October* (morning)

Easy bus transfer to the conference venue.

**Transfer** to and from the airport: city bus or taxi (between 15 and 30 minutes depending on traffic). Or arrange details of the transfer individually with the organizers.

For further information and assistance please contact the organizers:  
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