

INVITATION

Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology,
University of Warsaw
and
Institute of Archaeology, University of Warsaw

cordially invite you to attend the conference entitled

Research on human remains from Polish excavations in Africa and the Near East

9 December 2016, room 210, building of the Institute of Archaeology, University of Warsaw
ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28

The topic of your presentation with an abstract in Polish or English
should be sent to bioarchaeology@uw.edu.pl
not later than 30 June 2016

The osteologist-bioarchaeologist working outside Poland, especially in Africa and the Near East, copes with significantly different obstacles than those encountered on excavations in Europe and North America. Time restrictions, administrative barriers, the inability to conduct on site the most basic physico-chemical analyses and frequently spartan living conditions influence considerably the effects of our work.

Recommended methodologies are not always logistically possible in the countries where we conduct our research. Moreover, most of the methods widely used in osteology were created and tested on skeletons from European and American anatomical collections, differing significantly from the ones dealt with in our research.

These issues, as well as awareness of their existence, are nothing new in anthropology. In view of the extensive work carried out by Polish archaeologist in Africa and the Near East and the growing number of human remains from these regions accessible for analysis, we believe that this opportunity for researchers to share their experience will be welcomed by fellow researchers struggling with similar problems. Contributions on methodological issues are just as welcome as presentations of own research.

The conference is free of charge. Coffee, tea, biscuits and cold drinks will be provided.
Lunch for speakers is scheduled for the break between sessions.

The presentations should be 20 minutes long.

Speakers are invited to publish their presentations in a special issue of "Bioarchaeology of the Near East". Articles will be subjected to standard peer-review.