PROGRAM OF THE 13TH BIENNIAL MEETING OF SAFA, POZNAN

Tuesday September 3 (1 and 3) Parallel Session (Symposium): The archaeology of early humans and their environment (Organizer and Chair: J.W.K. Harris).

J.W.K. Harris and S. Semaw, "How long did the Oldowan last? Inferences from the earliest artifacts from the Late Pliocene deposits of Gona, Ethiopia".

Manuel Dominguez-Rodrigo, "Central place models revisited and reassessed: a study of carnivore competition in riparian and open habitats of modern savannas".

Laura C. Bishop and T.W. Plummer, "Listening to the animals: reconstructing hominid behavior using faunal habitat preferences".

L. Alcala, M. Domingeuz-Rodrigo, D. Soria and B. Perez, "Preliminary research at Peninj: hominid adaptation to a dry and open Plio-Pleistocene savanna environment".

K. Kuman, "The Post-Oldowan artifact assemblages at Sterkfontein".

Sarah Miliken and Carlo Peretto, "Early hominids and their environment in Italy: a review of the evidence".

(2 and 4) Parallel Session (General): Recent work at Aksum (Chair: M. Posnansky).

David W. Phillipson, "Aksum".

Ayele Tarekegn, "Aksumite mortuary practices: the 1994-1995 excavations at the 'Gudit Stelae field': Aksum, Ethiopia".

Jacke Phillips, "Recent work at Aksum, Ethiopia (excavation results)".

Jacke Phillips, "Punt in Egypt".

Rodolfo Fattovich, "The I.U.O./B.U. excavation at Bieta Giyoris (Aksum) in Tigray (Northern Ethiopia)".

Andrea Manzo, "Mediterranean imported materials from Ona Enda Abo Zegwe and Ona Nagast Ibieta Giorgiys, Aksum".

Cinzia Perlingieri, "The sequence of Aksumite pottery: evidence from Bieta Ghiorghia, Aksum, Ethiopia".

Donatella Usai, "Early Aksumite lithic workshop: evidence from Bieta Georgis, Aksum, Ethiopia".

(5) Parallel session (General): Archaeobotany (Chair: Erhard Shulz).

Ursula Thanheiser, "Electrostatic extraction of archaeological plant remains".

Katharina Neumann, "Food production in the Sahel: The history of a cultural landscape".

Ralf Volgesang, "Preliminary results of archaeological and archaeobotanical research in the Sahel region of Burkina Faso".

Stefanie Kahlheber, "Preliminary results of archaeobotanical research in the Sahel region of Burkina Faso".

Detlef Gronenborn, "Iarde Mayabe - From herdsmen to kings on the southern fringes of Lake Chad".

Barbara Zach, "Archaeobotanical investigations of settlement mounds in the Chad Basin, NE Nigeria".

(6) Parallel session (General): Iron Age in West Africa (Chair: Scott MacEachern).

Jean Polet and Laurence Garenne Marot, "Biases in the deciphering of West African Medieval sites: Tumulus or habitation sites?: The case study of Sintiou Bara (Middle Senegal Valley)."

Kevin MacDonald, "The Southern Gourma project (Mali) 1993-96".

Janes Woodhouse, "Bouata furnace: an early 1st millenium A.D. smelting site (Gourma, Mali)".

Noemie Arazi, "Archaeological reconnaissance around Bentia and Ansongo, Mali".

Kit Wesler, "Chronological sequences in Nigerian ceramics".

Johan Binneman, "Early Iron Age farming communities in the great Kei River Valley, Eastern Cape, South Africa".

Leon Jacobson, T. Huffman and W.A. van der Westhuizen, "Provenance studies in the Iron Age of South Africa".

Wednesday September 4

(7 and 8) Parallel session (Conference theme): The impact of past human activities upon Africa's natural environments (Chair: F. Hassan).

Erhard Shulz, "Holocene vegetation history of the Sahara. The predominance of climate or of man".

Elena A.A. Garcea, "Site surveys in the Libyan Sahara".

Alain Person, "Les grands types de sites néolithiques du Sahara meridional en relation avec les donnés du paléoenvironment".

Gerard Quechon, "Permanences et changements dans le Néolithique Saharien: transformations et innovations en préhistoire africaine".

Reid A. Bryson and Robert U. Bryson, "Site specific high resolution archaeoclimatic modelling for Africa".

Paul Sinclair and J. Johnsson, "Modelling human responses and contributions to environmental change in Africa: The case of Zimbabwe and Mozambique".

Maxine Kleindienst and Marcia F. Wiseman, "Pleistocene archaeology and geoarchaeology at Dakhleh Oasis, Western Desert, Egypt: 19 seasons of exploration".

Savino Di Lernia and Elena A.A. Garcea, "Some remarks on the Saharan terminology. Prepastoral archaeology from the Libyan Sahara and the Middle Nile Valley".

Savino Di Lernia, "Animal management and pastoralism during the Early and Middle Holocene (9000-4500 B.P.) in the Tadrart Acacus region (Libyan Sahara). The integration of archaeology, ethnoarchaeology and geoarchaeology".

Anwar A. Magid Osman, "Some indications of the past human impact on the environment of the southern Red Sea Hills, Sudan".

(9) Parallel session (Conference theme): Ideological and symbolic approach to African archaeology (Chair: G. Pwiti).

Tore Saetersdal, "Symbols of cultural identity among the Maconde: an archaeological perspective".

Christopher P. Koch, "Neolithic mortuary behavior in the Lake Turkana Basin, Kenya: Il Lokerdede".

Pierre de Maret, "'Plus ca change: plus c'est la meme chose?' Political archaeology of the Luba".

Scott MacEachern, "State formation around the Mandara Mountains (Cameroon): Archaeological and ethnohistorical perspectives".

(10) Parallel session (Symposium): African roulette: place your bets (Organizers and Chairs: Oliviers Gosselain and Kevin MacDonald).

Olivier Gosselain, "Let there be roll! Spatial distribution and linguistical evidence in present day Africa".

A. Livingstone-Smith, "Rock'n rolling over Africa: an archaeological perspective".

Kevin MacDonald, "A preliminary consideration of Cord-Wrapped Stick and Cord-Wrapped Cord pottery decoration in West Africa and the Sahara".

Anne Mayor, "Rouletted impressions of pottery used in the inland Niger Delta and Dogon area (Mali): technological and social considerations.

G. Connah, "The carved roulette in Western Uganda: pretty patterns or group signatures?".

(11) Parallel session (General): The Middle to Later reaches of the Stone Age (Chair: Laurel Phillipson).

Maxine R. Kleindienst and H.P. Schwarcz, "Pleistocene geochronology and paleoclimates at Dakhleh Oasis and Kharga Oasis, Western Desert, Egypt based upon uranium-thorium determinations from water-laid tufas".

Els Cornelissen and Phillippe Lavachery, "Natural and cultural spatial patterning in Late Holocene assemblages of Shum Laka rock shelter (Cameroon).

Steven A. Brandt, "Inter-ethnic variability in flaked stone tool use among the contemporary hide workers of Southern Ethiopia".

Pamela R. Willoughby, "Middle and Later Stone Age prehistory of Southwestern Tanzania".

Peter Mitchell, "Likoaieng: Research potential of an open air Later Stone Age site in the Lesotho Highlands, Southern Africa".

(12) Parallel session (General): Looking at pots (Chair: A Person).

Karl P. Wendt, "Surface handling and tempering: chronological aspects of technological data in the development of ceramics in Northeast Nigeria".

Renata Walicka Zeh, "Petrography and ceramic typology: sponge spicule temper and the Kobadi tradition (Mali)".

Leon Jacobson and W.A. van der Westhuizen, "XRF analysis of pottery from Northern Botswana".

Julio Mercader and M. Garcia-Heras, "Prehistoric pots versus modern pots. An ethnoarchaeometric approach to pottery making in the Ituri forest of NE Zaire".

Claire Bourges, "From pots to sherds: ceramic ethnoarchaeology and historical process at Grea, North Cameroon".

Thursday September 5: Excursion

Friday September 6

(13) Parallel session (Symposium): Gender in African prehistory (Organizer and Chair: Susan Kent).

Susan Kent, "Introduction to the symposium: Gender in African prehistory".

Randi Haaland, "The ways of women: from sedentism to food production in the Middle Nile region, Sudan".

Susan Kent, "Invisible gender-invisible foragers: hunter-gatherer prehistory and the Southern African archaeological record".

Simon Hall, "The pre- and post-colonial status of Tswana speaking women: a case study from the Transvaal".

Alinah K. Segobye, "'Daughters of cattle': the significance of herding in the growth of complex societies in Southern Africa between the 10th and the 15th centuries A.D.".

Tom N. Huffman, "Gender and the central cattle pattern".

Maria das Dores Cruz and Ann B. Stahl, "Men and women in a market economy: gender and production in West Central Ghana c. 1700-1995".

Peter Schmidt, "Reading gender in the ancient iron technology of East Africa".

(14) Parallel session (Conference theme): History of African archaeology (Chair: G. Connah).

Victor Fernandez, A. Jimeno and M. Menendez, "Spanish archaeology in Africa: 1900-1975".

Michael Tarabulski, "Reliving the past: Alonso Pond and the 1930 Logan African expedition" + video.

(15) Parallel session (General): Varia: stone and metal (Chair: Steven Brandt).

Julio Mercader and R. Marti, "Archaeology in the Ituri rain forest, Zaire: a preliminary report".

Julio Mercader and R. Marti, "Taphonomy of rockshelters in the Ituri rainforest".

Lawrence H. Robbins, "Evidence of intensive specularite mining at the Tsodilo Hills, Botswana".

Manuel Guttierez, "Recherches récentes sur la bande cotière au Sud de Benguela (Angola)".

Alfred Tsheboeng, "Community interaction in Masande Hill Area: Eastern Botswana".

Brian Vivian, "Social space and architectural design in Asante".

Michele Delneuf, "New archaeological data on human way of life in the forest-savannah ecotone (limits) of Central Cameroon during the last three millenia".

Oliver Langlois, "A propos des variations culturales et culturelles intervenues au Diamare (Nord-Cameroon) durant les deux derniers millenaires".

Krzyswztof Cialowicz, "Secondary burial in Predynastic Egypt".

Francis Geus, "Recent discoveries in Sai island (Sudan).

(16) Plenary session (Conference Theme): The archaeological heritage of Africa: management and challenges (Chair: David Phillipson).

Merrick Posnansky, "Cultural conservation in East and West Africa: learning from experience".

Abdel Rahman Ali Mohamed, "Rescue archaeology in the Sudan: past-present-future".

Andrzej Prinke, "Azp-Fox release 1.8. A computer database management system on archaeological sites".

Mohamed Ould Khattar, "Rapports des populations sahariennes actuelles aux sites archéologiques".

Rodolfo Fattovich, "The archaeological heritage of Eritrea and Tigray (Ethiopia): an evaluation".