

Provisional Programme

Saturday October 16

Session I, 11:00-15:00 (UK time) / 12:00-16:00 (Middle European)

The Present State of Mesopotamian Chronology

(Chair: Prof. Ariel Bagg)

Keynote address: Dr. Pieter van der Veen and Peter James

The Recently Discovered Hartapu-Inscription from S. Turkey (J. Kelder)

Assyrian and Mitannian pottery styles (R. Porter)

A Critical Look at Mesopotamian-Egyptian Synchronisms (15th-13th Century BC) (P. James)

Middle Assyrian Art and 'Dark Age' Assyrian Chronology (R. Wallenfels)

Two Parallel Dynasties During the Middle and Early Neo-Assyrian Periods (B. Mahieu)

Amarna Letter 16: by whom and to whom? (L. Saenz / J. Dams)

Elam During the Mesopotamian 'Dark Ages' (Y. Khramov)

Session II Part 1, 15:30-20:30 (UK) / 16:30-21:30 (ME)

Syro-Palestine and the Effects of the Assyrian Chronology

(Chair: Dr John Bimson)

The 'Dark Age' and the Greek Alphabet (W. Waal)

Redating the Byblian Inscriptions (R. Wallenfels)

Assyrian Synchronisms and the Tyrian Annals: repercussions for chronology (N. Kokkinos)

Phoenicia at the Late Bronze-Iron Age Transition (J. Millek)

Philistines and Phoenicians: towards a resolution of the 'Sea Peoples'
Rubik's Cube (P. James)

Text Impeded Archaeology: Assyrian involvement at Samaria and
Tell es-Sa'idiyeh (R. Chapman)

Sunday October 17

Session II Part 2, 10:00-13:00 (UK) / 11:00-14:00 (ME)

Syro-Palestine and the Effects of the Assyrian Chronology

(Chair: Dr John Bimson)

Late 'Neo-Assyrian' Finds and the Late Iron Age Southern
Levant (P. van der Veen)

Megiddo: from an Omride city to an Assyrian regional capital (N. Franklin)

Tell Qudadi and Iron Age Chronology of the Southern Levant (A. Fantalkin)

Chronological Data and Mid-9th Century BC Israel (W. Zwickel)

Sennacherib and the Lack of Evidence for the Arad-Beersheba Valley in
the Assyrian Sources (A. Bagg)

The Cuneiform Scribes in the Southern Levant in the Sargonid Period
(T. Oshima)

Session III, 14:00-20:00 h (UK) / 15:00-21:00 h (ME)

'Scientific' Dating Methods: Past, Present, Future

(Chair: Prof. Trevor Palmer)

Keynote Address: Dr David Ellis

'Astronomy is the Arbiter of Chronology' (H. Zemel)

The Ammizaduka Tablets and Babylonian Chronology (D. Lappin)

Why the Aegean Dendrochronology Project No Longer Does Dendrochronology
(P. James)

Iron Age II Megiddo: (C14-based) chronological, historical and social
aspects
(A. Kleiman)

Pottery- and Radiocarbon Dating in Iron Age Edom: synchronisms with
Mesopotamia and Egypt (J. Tebes)

Potential Discrepancies – an update (U. Zerbst / P. van der Veen)

C14 and the Iron Age in the Southern Levant (J. Regev)

Ancient DNA: the solution to everything or 'the devil's work'? (N. Thorpe)