ANCIENT ARMENIA
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9.00 Welcoming talks

**SESSION 1. PALEOENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

9.30 Holocene volcanism and human occupation in Armenia: new data

10.00 Volcanic eruptions witnessed by prehistoric people in Armenia

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Archaeoseismological studies of the eastern branch of the Syunik pull-apart basin structure
   S. Balasanyan, A. Karakhanyan, Kh. Meliksetian

11.30 Analysis of soil liquefaction effect: new evidence on the seismic activity of the Syunik highland (Armenia)
   Kh. Makaryan, A. Karakhanyan, S. Balasanyan

12.00 Multiple Holocene morphoclimatic factors and their impact on the landscapes and societies of the Lesser Caucasus
   V. Ollivier, M. Fontugne

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Climate of Abandonment: contextualizing environmental change and abandonment events during the Early Bronze and Late Iron Age on the Tsagkhahovit Plain, Armenia
   A. Cromartie, S. Joannin, C. Blanchet, C. Barhoumi

14.30 Upper Holocene vegetation history from the Kalavan Red Lake in Armenia.
   S. Joannin, V. Ollivier, O. Bellier, P. Tozalakian, A. Karakhanyan, B. Perello

15.00 The Early Holocene in Armenia and in Georgia: climate, vegetation and Neolithic expansion
   E. Messager, C. Hamon, S. Joannin, B. Lyonnet, C. Leroyer, R. Badalyan, V. Ollivier, C. Chataigner, M. Jalabadze

15.30 Environmental pressures in prehistory and variability of animal and botanical stable isotope ratios (6th - mid-4th millennium BC, Armenia)
   E. Herrscher, R. Hovsepyan, A. Balasescu

16.00 Seeds from vishap contexts: Archaeobotanical finds from the high-mountain site of Karmir Sar (Mt. Aragats, Armenia)
   R. Hovsepyan

16.30 Coffee Break

**SESSION 2. ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT ARMENIA**

17.00 Preliminary results on Paleolithic through Bronze Age settlement patterns from ArAGATS’ Kasakh Valley Archaeological Survey (KVAS) Project (2015-17)
   A. F. Greene, K. Azatyan, I. Lindsay, A. Mkrtchyan

17.30 The macro lithic tools from Akhnashen: cultural links and economy of a Neolithic site in the Arax Basin (South Caucasus)
   C. Hamon

18.00 The problem of the cultural and chronological attribution of the upper horizon at Aknashen
   A. Harutyunyan, K. Azatyan, R. Badalyan

18.30 Geographical proximity and material culture: the interplay between Iran and Armenia in the 6th to the 3rd millennium BC
   S. Maziar
09.00 Lithic technology from the chalcolithic layers of Getahovit 2

N. Tardy, B. Gratuze, I. Kalantaryan, B. Perello

09.30 Desert kites and agglomerated cells of the Mount Aragats: Spatial Coincidences?

O. Barge, E. Régagnon, I. Kalantaryan, B. Perello

10.00 How old are they? An up-to-date synthesis on the chronology of Mount Aragats’ kites in Armenia

J.É. Brochier, O. Barge, F. Magnin, R. Crassard

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Aspects of funerary practices of the Kura-Araxes culture (based on Early Bronze Age sites in Armenia)

R. Badalyan

11.30 Diachronic changes in human activities and diet in Armenia from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age: the contribution of anthropological data


12.00 New burial elements in Early Bronze of Armenia: the discovery of Karnut cemetery

L. Aghikyan

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Toward the periodization and chronology of archeological cultures of the Middle and Late Bronze Ages in Armenia

P. Avelisyán

14.30 Recent rock art research in Armenia: case studies from Aragats and Syunik regions

A. Khechoyan, A. Danielyan, T. Walkiing, B. Gaspryan, D. Nadel

15.00 The Church of the Transguration (Kumaraghan) in Garni: archeoseismology and transformation of this monumental building from Antiquity to the 19th century

B. Helly, A. Rideaud

15.30 The research of the Franco-Armenian mission on the plain of Ararat and at Chirak: from Urartu to Achaemenid period in the first millennium B.C.

F. Fichet De Clairfontaine, S. Deschamps, M. Karapetian

16.00 The French-Armenian archaeological mission of the LA3M (Aix-en-Provence) at Yereruyk (Armenia): main results

P. Donabedian

16.30 Coffee Break

17.00 Archaeological pottery as a source in the study of medieval landscape of the Silk Road: material recorded by the VayotsDzor Silk Road Survey

A. Babajanyan, K. Franklin

17.30 Earthen construction and architecture in Armenia

S. Monnot

18.00 Current pastoral practices in Armenia: mobility of men, mobility of animals and festive rituals

M. Thevenin

19.00 Opening of the photographic exhibition: « Bergers et Bergères des montagnes d’Arménie », by M. Thevenin in the MOM (7 rue raulin, 69007)
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