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The classification of Semitic languages
Archaisms and innovation
June 6th-8th 2012

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Academic organizer
Juan Pedro Monferrer-Sala
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Conference venue
Aula Magna
Faculty of Humanities
Plaza Cardenal Salazar, 3
ES-14071-Cordoba

12:30-13:00 José Martínez
(University of Granada)
On phonology of Hebrew in Alandalus as reflected by the adaptation of Arabic grammar and poetry

13:00-13:30 Andzrej Zaborski
(Jagiellonian University, Cracow)
Maltese Translations of the Koran-contrastive remarks

13:30-14:00 Discussion

Institutional Session

14:00-14:30 Closing remarks

14:30-16:30 Lunch

16:45-19:30 Visit to the archaeological site of al-Madinah al-Zahra and its Museum

20:30 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday, 6 June

10:00-10:30 Opening Session
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities
Academic organizer

1st Session Chair Wilfred Watson
10:30-11:00 Riccardo Contini
(Università degli Studi di Napoli ‘L’Orientale’)
Reflections on clause linking in Semitic

11:00-11:30 Joaquin Sanmartín
(University of Barcelona)
Innovation / Variation in Pluricentric Semitic
Languages. The Case of Old Syrian

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

2nd Session Chair Olga Kapeliuk
12:00-12:30 Gonzalo Rubio
(Pennsylvania State University)
Vowel Infixation and Consonant Lengthening in
Semitic Morphology: Archaism vs. Innovation?

12:30-13:00 Gregorio del Olmo Lete
(University of Barcelona)
The Language Continuum of Syria-Palestine in the
Late II Millennium BC: Alalakh, Ugarit, Emar, Amarna

13:00-14:00 Discussion

14:00-16:00 Lunch

16:30-17:30 Visit to the Mosque

3rd Session Chair Federico Corriente
17:30-18:00 Francisco del Río Sánchez
(University of Barcelona)
Aramaic and colloquial Levantine Arabic: common
solutions to similar problems

18:00-18:30 Juan Pedro Monferrer-Sala
(University of Córdoba)
A king amongst kings. On the term mlk in the context
of the North-Arabian Aramaic inscriptions

18:30-18:45 Coffee break

18:45-19:15 Wilfred Watson (Northumberland)
Indo-European and Semitic: Two-way Traffic

19:15-19:45 Manfred Kropp (Mainz University)
A possible Semitic etymology for proto-Germanic *ga-
aw-ja, ancient German ‘gouwe’, ‘gouvi’, ancient En-
GLISH *ge ‘district, community (of villages)’

19:45-20:30 Discussion

20:30 Dinner

Thursday, 7 June

4th Session Chair Gregorio del Olmo
10:30-11:00 Olga Kapeliuk
(Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
Innovation within archaisms in Neo-Ethio-Semitic

11:00-11:30 Gábor Takács
(Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)
The archaisms and innovations of Semitic
consonantism in its Afro-Asiatic context

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

5th Session Chair Andreaj Zaborovski
12:00-12:30 Sergey Loesov
(Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow)
History of Aramaic: a Project

12:30-13:00 Maria Giulia Amadasi
(Università della Sapienza, Rome)
‘Matres lectionis’ in Phoenician

13:00-14:00 Discussion

14:00-14:30 Cordovan wines tasting

14:30-17:00 Lunch

17:00-17:30 Alexander Militarev
(Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow)
Semitic and Afrasian (Afroasiatic): the importance of
external lexical comparison for today’s comparative
Semitics

17:30-18:00 Aaron D. Rubin
(Pennsylvania State University)
Innovation in Jibbali

18:00-18:30 Coffee break

7th Session Chair Gonzalo Rubio
18:30-19:00 Leonid Kogan
(Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow)
Dialectal variation in Mehri as reflected in the basic
vocabulary

19:00-19:30 Eulalia Vernet
(University of Barcelona)
New considerations on the historical existence of a
West Semitic ‘yaqattal’ form

19:30-20:30 Discussion

20:30 Dinner

Friday, 8 June

8th Session Chair Maria Giulia Amadasi
10:30-11:00 Federico Corriente
(Saragossa University)
North Arabian, South Arabian and Ethiopic, the three
South Semitic sisters

11:00-11:30 Maria Bulakh
(Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow)
The synchronic dichotomy and the diachronic
background of the verbs ‘wida’ and ‘gherob’
‘to know’ in Mehri

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

9th Session Chair Leonid Kogan
12:00-12:30 María Angeles Gallego
(Spanish National Research Council, Madrid)
Arabic lexicography for Jews: on the adaptation
of Arabic dictionaries for Jews in the Middle Ages