



**2nd International Conference
on the Archaeology of the Arabian Peninsula
in Kuwait**

National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters / CEFAS

**Weapons of Arabia
in ancient and modern times**

25th – 26th of April 2017

at

***Kuwait International Bank Hall*
Kuwait University (Shuwaikh), Kuwait City**

Conveners:

Guillaume Gernez (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne / UMR 7041)

Michel Mouton (Centre Français d'Archéologie et de Sciences Sociales)

Sultan al-Dowais (National Council for Culture, Arts & Letters)

Hasan Ashkanany (Department of Sociology and Social Works, University of Kuwait)



Program of the Conference

Day 1: Tuesday 25th April

9 am

Opening: Guillaume Gernez, Michel Mouton, Sultan al-Dowais, Hasan Ashkanany

Morning session Chairman: Michel Mouton

9.30 am

Oldest stone tools in Arabia: from hunting equipment to war weapons?

Rémy CRASSARD - CNRS Archéorient, Lyon, France

10 am

Weapons in rock-art

Majeed KHAN - Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage, Saudi Arabia

10.30 am

Bronze Age weapons through Arabia

Guillaume GERNEZ - University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France 11 am

11 am Coffee break

11.30 am

Bronze Age Weapons from Levant at Tayma (KSA)

Alina ZUR - Freie Universität Berlin / DAI, Germany

12 am

South-eastern Arabia's earliest metallic arrowheads - minority report

Paul YULE (in coll. with Burkhardt VOGT) - Heidelberg University, Germany

1 pm - 3 pm Lunch

Afternoon session Chairman: Hasan Ashkanany

3 pm

Functional and Behavioural Choices behind the Late Bronze-Iron Age Weaponry Designs of Southeast Arabia

Can ASKOY - University College of London, Doha, Qatar

3.30 pm

Weapon-use in the Early and Late Iron Age Central Oman

Guillaume GERNEZ and Paul YULE

4 pm Coffee break

4.30 pm

Metal analysis from copper/bronze weapons found in Sultanate of Oman

Julie GOY and Guillaume GERNEZ - Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

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Day 2: Wednesday 26th April

Morning session Chairman: Guillaume Gernez

9.30 am

The Bronze, Iron and Bimetallic weapons of the early Iron Age from Saruq al-Hadid, Dubai
Kristina FRANKE (speaker), Charlotte CABLE, Lloyd WEEKS, Ivan STEPANOV University of New England, Australia
Yaaqoub Yousif AL ALI, Mansour BORAİK
Archaeology Section, Architectural Heritage Department, Dubai Municipality, Dubai, UAE

10 am

PIR period weaponry from Mleiha and ed-Dur (U.A.E.), a status quaestionis
Bruno OVERLAET - Royal Museums of Arts and History, Brussels, Antiquity Department, Belgium

10.30 am

Weapons in South-Arabian inscriptions
Alessia PRIOLETTA - CNRS – UMR 8167 Mondes sémitiques, Ivry, France 11 am

11 am Coffee break

11.30 am

Bows and archery in Arabia and beyond according to the Kitāb Manāhiḥ al-Surūr of 'Abd al-Qādir al-Fākihī (d. 1574)
Abbès ZOUACHE - CNRS – UMR 5644 CIHAM, Lyon, France

12 am

The Omani Saif
Vincenzo CLARIZIA - Italia 1

1 pm - 3 pm Lunch

Afternoon session Chairman: Abbès Zouache

3 pm

Weapons during Portuguese period in the Gulf (16th century) [in arabic]
Mohammed Hamid AL-SALMAN – Bahrain

3.30 pm

Arm traffic between Muscat and Kuwait during Mubarak Reign (1896 – 1915)
Mohammad AL-HABIB - Kuwait

4 pm Final discussion and end of the conference

An exhibit *Weapon trade in the Gulf through historical document*, will be presented at Anthropology and Archaeology Museum and Laboratory, Room 223, just top of the meeting hall, in the 2nd floor, from 9am - 5pm.



Picture : Guillaume Gernez

The aim of this annual workshop is to create links between specialists, to build up a group of researchers and PhD students in ancient Arabia, focusing on topics related to the archaeology and ancient history in the region.

Each annual workshop takes place in Kuwait and is supported by both the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL, Ministry of Information) and the Centre Français d'Archéologie et de Sciences Sociales (CEFAS), together with eventual partners.

The 2017 meeting is dedicated to weapons and weaponry in the Arabian Peninsula through the ages. Recent discoveries and long term research give a significant documentation allowing a first overview in terms of archaeology, history and arhistory.

The influences of periphery at the different periods, together with the ways of doing hunt and war in sedentary and nomadic societies bring about interesting dynamics in the evolution of this kind of objects. The available resources and the improving of the metallurgical technics are factors of changing.

The aim of the workshop is to describe these changing dynamics in relation with cultural constraints, to focus on the adaptability to the needs of the populations of Arabia, in a functional point of view but also in terms of prestige, power and social position.

The papers presented during the conference will be published in a book edited by NCCAL and CEFAS. Online publication will be edited by CEFAS side in OpenEdition.

