

**Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference of
The Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies**

9-10 June 2010, University of Haifa

Wednesday, 9 June 2010

9:30 Registration

10:00 Greetings: Yossi Ben Artzi, Rector of the University of Haifa

Hannah Cotton (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem), President of
ISPCS

Award of Prize for Distinguished Seminar Paper

10:30-12:00 OPENING PANEL

West Parthia and the Roman East: Politics, Culture and Economy on the Fringes of
Empire (1st B.C. – 3rd AD)

Chair: Ranon Katzoff (Bar-Ilan University)

Ariel S. Lewin (Università della Basilicata, Potenza): *The Friendly Kings Between
Rome and Persia*

Davide Salvo (Università di Palermo): *Between Romans and Parthians: the Case of
Palmyra*

Benjamin H. Isaac (Tel-Aviv University): *Hatra against Rome and Persia: from Success
to Destruction*

12:00-13:00 SESSION ONE

Chair: Miriam Pucci Ben-Zeev (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Asaf Krebs (Tel-Aviv University): *Carnal Carnival: Thoughts on Dover's Penetration
Model*

Anna McCullough (Ohio State University): *Veiling and the Erotic Fetishization of hair
in the Roman World*

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00-16:00 SESSION TWO

Chair: Jonathan Price (Tel-Aviv University)

Moshe Fischer (Tel-Aviv University): *“How beautiful are the works of this nation...”*
(*Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 33b*): *Was this indeed the case in Roman Palestine?*

Michael Eisenberg (University of Haifa): *Graeco-Roman Poliorketics (Art of Siege Warfare) and the Development of Military Architecture in the Region of the Decapolis*

Sharon Herbert (University of Michigan): *Excavations at Kedesh 2006-2009: New Light on Persian and Hellenistic Administration in the Upper Galilee*

Ruurd Halbertsma (National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden and University of Leiden): *Presenting the Past: Museums and Archaeology*

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:30 SESSION THREE

Chair: Israel Shatzman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Matthew B. Roller (Johns Hopkins University): *Greek Generals, Roman Values: Cultural Difference and Similarity in Cornelius Nepos*

Hartmut Ziche (University of the Antilles and Guyana): *Curials and Bureaucrats: Converging and Conflicting Interests in Late Antiquity*

Gil Gambash (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Tacfarinas — Rebel and Bandit*

Shahar Ronen (University of Haifa): *The Story behind Venus's Behind: Octavian and the Change in the Iconographic Representation of the Victorious Venus after the Battle of Actium*

Thursday, 10 June 2010

10:30-12:30 SESSION FOUR

Chair: Margalit Finkelberg (Tel-Aviv University)

Gabriel Herman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Greek Epiphany and the "Sensed-Presence" Effect*

Nina Schwartz (Tel-Aviv University): *The Motif of Estrangement in Euripides' Bacchae*

Pablo Toribio Pérez (Spanish National Research Council): *Isaac Newton's Latin Manuscripts in the Yahuda Collection (Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem)*

12:30-13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30-15:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15:00-16:30 SESSION FIVE

Chair: Ephraim David (University of Haifa)

Gabriel Danzig (Bar-Ilan University): *Critias, Plato and Xenophon*

Alexander Kuznetsov (Moscow Lomonossov State University): *Cato's Ad filium: Playing around with Hellenism*

Katherine Blouin (University of Toronto): *Thinking in the Bath: The Roman Balaneutikon (Fiscal Papyri from the 1st-2nd centuries AD)*

16:30-17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00-18:30 CLOSING SESSION

Chair: Hannah Cotton (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Milette Geifman (Yale University): *Aniconism and the Construction of Greek Identities*

Michael Shenkar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Observations on the Phenomenon of Aniconism in the Pre-Islamic Iranian World*