

**Proceedings of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of  
The Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies**

**4-5 June 2008, Tel-Aviv University**

**Wednesday, 4 June 2008**

9:30-10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00-10:30 Greetings: Ehud Toledano, Head of the School of History, Tel-Aviv University; Hannah Cotton, President of ISPCS

10:30-12:30 SESSION ONE: 'Seleucus I to Heliodorus': The New Hellenistic Inscription

Chair: Hannah Cotton (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Hannah Cotton (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Presentation of the Inscription*

Yuval Goren (Tel-Aviv University): *Micromorphological Examination of the Heliodorus Inscription: the Origins and the Archaeological Context of the Heliodorus Tablet*

Dov Gera (Ben-Gurion University): *Administration and Temples in the Seleucid Kingdom*

Uriel Rappaport (Haifa University): *What Happened Between 07/178 to 09/175?*

Israel Shatzman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *The Identity of the "Greek" Population of Idumaea*

12.30- 12:45 COFFEE BREAK

12:45-13:45 SESSION TWO

Chair: Yulia Ustinova (Ben-Gurion University)

Andrea Rotstein (Tel-Aviv University): *Iambos and the Cognitive Poetics of Literary Genres*

David M. Pollio (Christopher Newport University): *Fato Profugus: Images of Exile in Vergil's Aeneid*

13:45-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00-16:30 SESSION THREE

Chair: Gabriel Danzig (Bar-Ilan University)

Rivka Gersht (Tel-Aviv University): *The Symbolic Meaning of the Poppy in Greek and Roman Art*

Orly Lewis (Tel-Aviv University): *Historical and Mythical Accounts of Plagues in Ancient Greece*

Iddo Israelowich (Oxford University): *The Epileptic Aristides?*

16:30- 16:45 COFFEE BREAK

16:45-18:45 SESSION FOUR

Chair: Rachel Feig Vishnia (Tel-Aviv University)

Sylvie Honigman (Tel-Aviv University): *Ancient Greek Ethnicity: Collective Definition from the Local Perspective*

Krystyna Stebnicka (Warsaw University): *Who Were "the former Jews" (hoi pote Ioudaioi) in Smyrna? Some Comments on the Inscription IK 24 697*

Ralph Covino (University of Tennessee at Chattanooga): *Stasis in Sicily and the Roman Response*

Daniel Peretz (Tel-Aviv University): *The New Army of Vegetius in Historical Perspective*

**Thursday, June 5**

10:00-12:00 SESSION FIVE: Iconism and Aniconism in the Classical World: Jewish and Pagan Perspectives

Chair: Michael Sommer (University of Liverpool)

Gerhard Langer (University of Salzburg): *Images in Talmudic Literature and the Request for a Contextualized View*

Michael Sommer (University of Liverpool): *The Challenge of Aniconism: Elagabalus and Classical Religion*

12:00-12:15 COFFEE BREAK

12:15-13:45 SESSION SIX

Chair: Moshe Fisher (Tel-Aviv University)

Fulvia Ciliberto (Università degli studi di Trieste): *From Asia Minor to Aquileia: Imported Sarcophagi and their Influence on Local Production*

Vassiliki Gaggadis-Robin (Université de Provence): *Funerary Sculpture in the Private Domain in Gallia Narbonensis*

13:45-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00-16:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ISPCS

16:00-17:30 SESSION SEVEN

Chair: Joseph Geiger (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Samuel Scolnicov (Hebrew University, Jerusalem): *Time and Education in Plato*  
Christina P. Manolea (Hellenic Open University): *Pedro Nunes' Perception of Syrianus in De Statibus*  
Elias Tempelis (Hellenic Naval Academy & Hellenic Open University): *The Philosophema ton Ioudaion in the Works of Konstantinus Michael Koumas*

17:30-17:45 COFFEE BREAK

17:45-18:45 CLOSING SESSION

Werner Eck (Universität zu Köln): *Destroying the Enemy: The Deadly Battle Between Bar-Kokhba and the Romans*