

**Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of
The Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies**

30-31 May 2007, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Wednesday, 30 May 2007

09:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:15 Greetings: Prof. Israel Bartal, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Prof. Ephraim David, President of ISPCS

10:15-11:15 SESSION ONE

Chair: Daniela Dueck (Bar Ilan University)

Ido Yavetz (Tel Aviv University): *Greek Astronomy at Aristotle's Time: Historiographical Questions*

Jason R. Harris (University of Southern California): *Speaking at the Ends of the Earth: Geography and Narrative Authority in Apollonius of Rhodes*

11:15-12:15 SESSION TWO

Chair: Gideon Foerster (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Nachum Cohen (Achva Academic College): *Hermopolis – A Metropolis in Byzantine Egypt: A New Collection of Papyri from Berlin Aegyptisches Museum*

Eliya Ribak (University of Reading): *Religious Communities in Byzantine Palestine: The Relationship between Judaism, Christianity and Islam, 400-700 AD*

12:15-13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30-15:00 SESSION THREE (in Hebrew)

Chair: Deborah Levine Gera (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Gabriel Danzig (Bar Ilan University): *The Rhetorical Genius of Gyges*

Faya Babayev (Tel Aviv University): *The Burial of Maritime Disaster Victims (Nauagoi): Fact and Fiction in Euripides' Helen*

Shimon Epstein (Bar Ilan University): *Quorum in the People's Assembly in Classical Athens*

15:00-16:00 SESSION FOUR (in Hebrew)

Chair: Rachel Zelnick-Abramovitz (Tel Aviv University)

Yoav Rinon (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Hector in Flight: The Tragic and the Absurd in the Iliad*

Dwora Gilula (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *What did Meidias do to Demosthenes at the Theater?*

16:00-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15-17:15 SESSION FIVE (in Hebrew)

Chair: Menahem Luz (Haifa University)

Donna Shalev (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Plato's Tale of Gyges and the Magic Ring in an Arabic Version*

Ze'ev Rubin (Tel Aviv University): *The War against Troy in the Syriac Chronicle of 1234*

Thursday, 31 May 2007

10:15-11:00 SESSION SIX

Chair: Chair: Joseph Geiger (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

James T. Chlup (University of Manitoba): *Plutarch's Life of Crassus and the Roman Lives*

11:00-12:00 SESSION SEVEN

Chair: Benjamin Isaac (Tel Aviv University)

Jason Moralee (Illinois Wesleyan University): *Maximus Thrax and the Politics of Race in Late Antiquity*

Hartmut Ziche (University of Antilles and Guyana): *Late Roman Elites and the Attraction of Ecclesiastical Power*

12:00-13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30-14:30 General Assembly of ISPCS

14:30-16:00 SESSION EIGHT

Archaeological Aspects of Imperial Cult in Roman Palestine

Chair: Menahem Luz (University of Haifa)

Moshe Fischer (Tel Aviv University): *Introductory Remarks: Archaeology of the Imperial Cult — Use and Misuse of the Evidence*

Mordechai Aviam (University of Rochester): *Roman Temples in the Galilee and the Imperial Cult*

Andrew J. Overman (Macalester College) and Daniel Schowalter (Carthage College): *Establishing the Imperial Cult in the Galilee — Imperial Language and Image in Newly Excavated Complex at Horvat Omrit*

Gabriel Mazor (Israel Antiquities Authority): *Imperial Cult in the Decapolis during the Roman Imperial Period — Nysa-Scythopolis as a Test Case*

16:00-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15-17:45 SESSION NINE (in Hebrew)

Chair: Ranon Katzoff (Bar Ilan University)

Tziona Grossmark (Tel Hai College): *"It is told of Rabbi Aqiba that he had a 'City of Gold' made for his wife": A "City of Gold" and "Jerusalem of Gold"*

Itzhak Dana (Ben Gurion University): *Marc Rozelaar (1908-1991) — A Jewish Classical Philologist in the Occupied Netherlands During the Second World War*

Rivka Nir (Open University): *Aseneth as the Type of the "Church of the Gentiles"*