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## ITALY AND ISRAEL: ROUTES, TRADE, CONNECTIONS TEL AVIV-ACRE, SEPTEMBER 6TH AND 7TH 2022

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PROF. ODED LIPSCHITS FOR HOSTING THE CONFERENCE**

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OF SANT'ANDREA TO OUR GUESTS FOR THE WALKING LECTURE IN ACRE**

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The Symposium aims at strengthening the existing ties between Italy and Israel in the field of archaeology with a view to explore options for increased collaboration, ranging from students mobility and joint research teams to the establishment and authorization of new Italian archaeological missions in the Country.

To date the Italian MFA&IC officially supports three missions, i.e. Prof. Lemorini team to Qesem Cave, Revadim Quarry e Jaljulia, Prof. Luschi to Ashkelon ('Askgate'), a third one to Beit Shean and Caesarea, while a fourth one lead by Prof. Benente received support from 2006 to 2018 (the Genoese Acre - 13th century). The first day in Tel Aviv will provide for joint presentations of the Heads of Italian Archaeological Missions (with their local partners) describing the outcomes of their campaigns (presentations will be published on an electronic book of the missions). A panel debate will follow exploring possible paths to improve collaboration.

The second day in Acre will be opened by a 'lectio magistralis' of Prof. Cardini, one of the most important middle age historian in the Italian Academy. The first round of speeches will elaborate on "Routes, trade, connections between Italy and Israel" depicting the strict ties existing throughout history between our two lands (well symbolized by the same city of Acre). A second round of speeches will provide an overview of the existing Italian-Israeli collaborations not included in those supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, most of which are based on the exchange of technologies and technological services for archaeology. A 'young ancient aperitif' will host Italian researchers and 'startuppers' in the Country.

A visit to the 'Italian places' in Acre (the Genoese, Venetian and Pisan places, the churches of San Giovanni and Sant'Andrea) and to the Restoration Institute of Acre 'Città di Roma', together with the 're-enactment of a byzantine dinner by Prof. Efraim Lev (University of Haifa) and Uri Jeremias (Uri Buri), are also planned. The Institute, an excellent example of Italian-Israeli collaboration, was damaged in May 2021. The aim is to raise public awareness for its reconstruction.



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**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2022**

# **CONFERENCE OF THE HEADS OF THE ITALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL MISSIONS IN ISRAEL**

## **TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY**

### **10.00 Opening remarks**

H.E Prof. Ariel Porat, President, Tel Aviv University

H.E. Sergio Barbanti, Ambassador of Italy

H.E. Prof. Joshua Schwartz, Chairman of the Board, Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA)

### **10.30 Conference of the Heads of the Italian Archaeological Missions in Israel - Moderated by Dr. Rocco Palma, Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of Italy**

Dr. Elena Calandra, Director, Central Institute for Archaeology, Ministry of Culture

Prof. Cristina Lemorini ("Sapienza" Università degli Studi di Roma, Italy) and Prof. Ran

Barkai (Tel Aviv University, Israel) - Mission to Qesem Cave, Revadim Quarry e Jaljulia

Prof. Cecilia Luschi (Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy) and Dr. Rafael Y. Lewis (Ashkelon Academic College and Haifa University, Israel) - Mission to Ashkelon (Askgate)

Prof. Fabrizio Benente (Vice-Rector, Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy), Dr. Edna J. Stern (IAA and University of Haifa) and Dr. Eliezer Stern (IAA) - Mission to Acre (the Genoese places, 13th century)

### **12.00 Coffee break**

### **12.15 Panel "The potential of Italy/Israel bilateral cooperation in the field of archaeology" - Moderated by dr. Rocco Palma, Cultural Counsellor, Embassy of Italy**

Framing speech by Giulia Roccabella (Curator of the Islamic and Crusader Archaeological Collections, IAA, Israel) - "Valorizing cultural heritage: a shared commitment. Italy and Israel discuss values, strategies and methods for effective and efficient care of the archaeological heritage" - Discussants: Heads of Italian Missions, Representatives of IAA and the Embassy of Italy, Selected Experts (Prof. Dan Bahat, Prof. Ruth Shahack-Gross, University of Haifa), Firms (Piacenti Spa/Assorestauro)

### **13.30 Light lunch**

### **18.30 Scheduled activity (Acre)**



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**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2022**

**CRUSADER CITADEL, ACRE**

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**9.15 Opening remarks**

H.E. Sergio Barbanti, Ambassador of Italy

H.E. Shimon Lankri, Mayor of Acre

H.E. Prof. Gideon Avni, Chief Scientist, IAA

H.E. Prof. Nissim Ben-David, President, Western Galilee College

**9.30 Opening speech**

Prof. Franco Cardini ('Università degli Studi di Firenze', Italy)

"Italy and Israel. An ancient, complex relationship"

**10.00 First session - Italy and Israel in the Mediterranean (moderated by Prof. Dan Bahat, Chair, 'Società Dante Alighieri', Jerusalem)**

Prof. Nadav Kashtan (Western Galilee College, Israel) - "The geographical and cultural context of ancient maritime routes and journeys between the Middle East and Western Mediterranean"

Prof. Gideon Avni (Chief Scientist, IAA, Israel) - "The study of ancient agricultural technologies in Israel and Italy as a case study for Mediterranean networks"

Prof. Eugenio Alliata (Director, Museum of the Flagellation, Custody of the Holy Land, Jerusalem) - "The Franciscan presence in the Holy Land after the fall of Acre"

Prof. Elisabetta Boaretto (Director, Kimmel Center for Archaeological Science, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel) - "The Jerusalem architecture and their builders during the Roman period: the micro-archaeology approach"

Q&A

**11.30 Coffee break**



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**11.45 Second session - Enhancing cooperation between Italy and Israel: technologies for underwater archaeology (moderated by Prof. Stefano Ventura, Scientific Attaché, Embassy of Italy)**

Jacob (Koby) Sharvit (Director, Marine Archaeology Unit, IAA, Israel) - "Underwater Archeology Findings in Caesarea and Acre"

Dr. Joppe Gosker (Archaeologist, IAA) - "The discovery of a medieval sword on the shore of Israel: the first findings of non intrusive analysis"

Adi Shelach (Curator, National Maritime Museum of Haifa, Israel) - "Breathing technology into archaeology: renewed archaeological exhibitions at the National Maritime Museum"

Prof. Benedetto Allotta ('Università degli Studi di Firenze', Italy) and Prof. David Scaradozzi ('Università Politecnica delle Marche', Italy) - "Comparing experiences of technologies for inspection and intervention in underwater archaeological sites. Experimental outcomes between Italy and Eastern Mediterranean Sea"

Dr. Yotam Asscher (Director, Analytical laboratory, IAA, Israel) and Prof. Gilberto Artioli, ('Università degli Studi di Padova', Italy) - "Hydraulic mortars in Rome and Caesarea"

Q&A

**13.30 "Young Researchers Ancient Aperitif" (light lunch) – Interview by Prof. Elisabetta Boaretto (Director, Kimmel Center for Archaeological Science, Weizmann Institute of Science)**

Marta Zerbini (PhD Student, Università di Firenze, Italian mission to Ashkelon, Askgate)

Eugenio Nobile (PhD Student, Tel Aviv University)

Enrico Chiorrini (Erasmus Exchange Student, Ca' Foscari and Weizmann Institute)

Dr. Isabella Caricola (PhD, University of Haifa)

Luana Arginelli, 'Monitor the Planet' (Accelerate in Israel 2022)

**15.30 'Walking lecture': guided tour to the 'Italian places' of Acre (Crusaders Citadel, Genoese, Venetian and Pisan places, Templar Tunnel, Churches of 'Sant'Andrea' and 'San Giovanni'), Dr. Eliezer Stern (IAA, Israel) and Prof. Cecilia Luschi (Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy)**