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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2018

09:00–10:30  Moderator: Otto Kresten

Michael B. Phelps
The Sinai Palimpsests Project: its History, Philosophy, and Contributions

Claudia Rapp
The Palimpsest Corpus at St. Catherine’s Monastery in the Sinai Preliminary Observations

Giulia Rossetto
Greek under Arabic: Behind the Lines of Sinaiticus arabicus NF 66

10:30–11:00  REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00–12:30  Moderator: Otto Kresten

Pasquale Orsini
Greek Scripts, Books and Texts: New Materials from Sinai

Agamemnon Tselikas
Textual Observations on Some Sinai Majuscule Palimpsests

Steve Delamarter – Getatchew Haile
The Ethiopic Undertext of Sinai Greek NF 90: Discovery and Analysis

12:30–14:00  LUNCH BREAK

14:00–14:45  Moderator: Manfred Schreiner

Damianos Kasotakis
Implementing Spectral Imaging in the Sinai Desert

Kenneth Boydston
Beyond Discovery: Bringing More Good Things to Light

14:45–15:00  REFRESHMENT BREAK

15:00–16:00  Moderator: Manfred Schreiner

Keith T. Knox
Recovery of Erased Text Using Unsupervised Methods
Roger L. Easton Jr.  
*Customized Processing of Multispectral Imagery of Palimpsests Based on Spectral Statistics*

Dave Kelbe  
*Is it Magic? The Science Behind Image Processing: Perspectives and Possibilities*

16:00–16:30  REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:30–17:15  Moderator: Bernadette Frühmann

Michael B. Toth  
*Dispersed Palimpsest Offers Digital Insight into St. Catherine’s Library*

Doug Emery  
*Reflections on the Digital Palimpsest: Data Modeling and Data Management*

**THURSDAY, 26 APRIL 2018**

09:00–10:00  Moderator: Ernst Gamillscheg

Sebastian P. Brock  
*What Can Be Learnt, and What Not, from the Experience of the Syriac and Christian Palestinian Aramaic Palimpsests*

Grigory Kessel  
*Codex Arabicus (Sinai Arabic 514) Revisited*

10:00–10:15  REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:15–11:30  Moderator: Basema Hamarneh

Christa Müller-Kessler  
*A Florilegium of Christian Palestinian Aramaic Palimpsests from St. Catherine’s Monastery*

11:30–12:00  REFRESHMENT BREAK

12:00–13:00  Moderator: Kurt Smolak

Michelle P. Brown  
*Arabic NF 8 and the Latin Manuscripts of St. Catherine’s, Sinai*

Heinz Miklas  
*‘Excavating’ the Slavonic Palimpsests in the New Sinaiic Finds*

13:00–14:30  LUNCH BREAK

14:30–16:00  Moderator: Hans-Jürgen Feulner

Zaza Aleksidze – Dali Chitunashvili  
*Palimpsest N/Sin Geo 7 Kept at the St. Catherine’s Monastery on Mount Sinai (Identification of the Texts)*

Bernard Outtier  
*New Insights in Christo-Palestinian Aramaic and Georgian Literatures*

Jost Gippert  
*New Light on the Caucasian Albanian Palimpsests of St. Catherine’s Monastery*

16:00–16:30  REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:30–18:00  Moderator: Katharina Kaska

Irmgard Schuler  
*Imaging for Manuscript Inspection*

Simon Brenner  
*Photometric Stereo for Palimpsest Analysis*

Leif Glaser  
*X-Ray Fluorescence Investigations on Erased Text Written in Iron Gall Ink*
Ivan Shevchuk
Full Field Multispectral Imaging as a Tool for Text Recovery in Palimpsests

18:30  DINNER FOR INVITED GUESTS

FRIDAY, 27 APRIL 2018

09:00–11:00  Moderator: Andreas E. Müller

Felix Albrecht – Chiara Francesca Faraggiana di Sarzana

Jana Grusková – Giuseppe De Gregorio
Neueste Einblicke in einige palimpsestierte Handschriftenunikate aus den griechischen Beständen der Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek

Bernard H. Stolte
Editing the Basilica and the Role of Palimpsests. The Case of Vindob. Suppl. gr. 200

11:00–11:30  REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:30–13:00  Moderator: Christian Gastgeber

Dieter Harlfinger
Palimpsest-Forschung am Beispiel der Athener Handschrift EBE 192 mit juristischen Texten und Aristoteles-Kommentaren

André Binggeli
The Making of a Greek Palimpsest from the Patriarchal Library in Istanbul

Carla Falluomini
The Gothic Palimpsests: New Readings and Discoveries

13:00–14:30  LUNCH BREAK

14:30–16:00  Moderator: Bernhard Palme

Peter E. Pormann
The Syriac Galen Palimpsest: Between Philology and Digital Humanities

Ronny Vollandt
Palimpsests from Cairo and Damascus: A Comparative Perspective from the Cairo Genizah and the Qubbat al-Khazna

Alba Fedeli
A Few Remarks on Qur’anic Palimpsests

16:00–16:15  REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:15–17:45  Moderator: Gerda Wolfram

Andreas Janke
Challenges in Working with Music Palimpsests

András Németh
Interactive Learning of Palimpsest Research: Virtual Guided Tour from the Invisible to the Abstract Reconstruction

Gregory Heyworth
From Technology to Text: Reading and Editing the Lacunose Manuscript

17:45–18:00  REFRESHMENT BREAK

18:00–18:30  Discussion and Concluding Remarks
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