



RIVAGES DE LA CASPIENNE / CASPIAN SEA SHORES

**Contacts, espaces et territoires
autour de la Caspienne aux âges du Bronze et du Fer**
*Contacts, Spaces and Territories
along the Caspian Sea during the Bronze and Iron Ages.*

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Programme prévisionnel / Pre-Program

Les activités archéologiques ont connu un large développement ces dernières années dans les territoires qui jouxtent la mer Caspienne méridionale, l'Azerbaïdjan, l'Iran, le Turkménistan et le Kazakhstan. Ces régions présentent aujourd'hui encore une grande diversité environnementale et culturelle, résultat de milliers d'années d'interactions entre populations d'origine et cultures différentes. La mer Caspienne joue le rôle clef d'un carrefour entre les civilisations de l'Eurasie qui ont eues des relations et des échanges variables entre les âges du Bronze et du Fer.

Le colloque a pour objectif de confronter les données des recherches récentes afin de mieux connaître les séquences d'occupation des régions voisines de la mer Caspienne durant les âges du Bronze récent et du Fer et la manière dont la complexité culturelle s'est mise en place au cours du temps. Ces régions semblent avoir développé une identité culturelle propre. Il s'agit de faire un état des connaissances des parties occidentale, méridionale et orientale de la Caspienne concernant l'organisation spatiale des sites d'habitat et des nécropoles, les pratiques funéraires, les cultures matérielles, ainsi que de discuter des relations interculturelles qui ont pu s'exercer entre les pays du Caucase, l'Iran et l'Asie centrale.

Archaeological activities have considerably developed during the last years around the Caspian Sea including the Caucasus, Iran and Turkmenistan. These areas have a very diverse environmental and cultural diversity resulting of several millennia of human interaction The Caspian Sea has acted as a crossroad between Eurasian civilizations that have had variable exchanges between the Bronze and Iron Age.

The goal of this conference is to confront recent archaeological data from this region for a better understanding of the human occupation sequence during the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age and the way the cultural complexity has established in time. These areas have developed a specific cultural identity during these periods. Mains topic of interest are the spatial organization of the settlements and the necropolis, the funerary practices, the material cultures, environment and subsistence economies, as well as a critical discussion on intercultural dynamics between the Caucasus, Iran and Central Asia.

Les communications et les débats seront organisés autour des thèmes suivants (les titres sont seulement donnés à titre indicatif et seront confirmés ultérieurement) :
Communications and debates will be in English all around the following themes
(Titles only given for information purpose will be later confirmed) :

Vendredi/Friday - 4/12/12

9h00 : Accueil / Welcome

9h30-10h00 Introduction : C. Lorre, R. Vallet, M. Mashkour, J. Bendezu-Sarmiento et M. Casanova

Session 1 - Paléoenvironnements et subsistence à l'âge du Bronze et de l'âge du Fer sur les rivages de la Caspienne (Caucase, Iran, Turkménie) / *Paleoenvironment and subsistence in the Bronze and Iron Ages on the Caspian Shores (Caucasus, Iran and Turkmenistan).*

10h00-11h00

- C. Kuzucuoglu : “ Geography, Geomorphology and Impact of the fluctuations in the Caspian Sea ”.

- M. Djamali, Shumilovskikh *et al.*, “ Palaeoenvironment of the Gorgan Plain (NE Iran) since the last 7000 years ”.

11h00-11h30 Pause

11h30-12h30

- M. Tengberg et A. Decaix : “ Bronze Age Environment and Plant exploitation around the Caspian Sea ”.

- M. Mashkour et E. Vila : “ Environment and animal exploitation in the Caspian Sea Region ”.

12h30-14h00 Déjeuner/ Lunch

Session 2 - L'âge du Bronze et l'âge du Fer sur les rivages de la Caspienne : deux cultures successives ou l'émergence d'une nouvelle culture ? / *The Bronze Age and the Iron Age on the Caspian Shores: two successive cultures or the emergence of a new culture ?*

14h00-15h30

- K. Alizadeh : “ The End of the Kura-Araxes ‘Culture’ : A View from Nadir Tepesi in Mughan Steppe, Iranian Azerbaijan ”.

- S. Kroll: “ The Bronze to Iron Age transition in the Urmia Basin, North-Western Iran: Continuity or Discontinuity? ”

- J. Lhuillier : “ New Perspectives on the Archaic Dehistan Culture ”.

15h30-16h00 Pause

16h00-18h00

- H. Fahimi : “ Transition between Bronze and Iron Age at the Southern/Southwestern Shores of the Caspian Sea ”.
- K. Piller : “ The Bronze-Iron Age Transition in Mazanderan, Iran ”.
- R. Vallet et J. Bessenay : “ New look on the Iron Age fortified settlements of Tureng Tepe ”.
- G. Gernez : “ Metal Industry at the End of Bronze Age and during the Iron Age in the Caspian Sea Area ”.

Samedi/Saturday 5/12/2015

Session 3 - Les pratiques funéraires sur les rivages de la Caspienne : organisation spatiale, architecture, rituels funéraires / *The funerary practices on the Caspian Sea Coasts : spatial organisation, architecture, funerary rituals.*

9h30-10h30

- J. Bendezu-Sarmiento : “ Funerary Diversity around the center-asiatic Caspian Sea ”.
- M. Casanova, M. Haze and A. Alekperov : “ Burial Practices in Eastern Caucasus ”.

10h30-11h00 Pause

11h00-12h30

- O. Akhan : “ Examination of cult Monuments of Ustyurt Ancient Nomads ”.
- M. Bakhshaliev and S. Agasoyleu : “ The Late and Early Iron Culture in Nakhchivan ” .
- N. Ateshi : “ Problems in the Historiography of the Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages in the Southern Caucasus : Facts and Proposals by way of illustration of new unknown Collections in the Museum for Prehistory and Early History (MVF) in Berlin ”.

12h30-14h00 Déjeuner/Lunch

Session 4 - Cultures matérielles et Relations interculturelles sur les rivages de la Caspienne / Material Cultures and Intercultural Relations on the Caspian Sea Shores.

14h00-16h00

- A. Sagona : “ Cultural interrelations between Caucasus and Anatolia ”.
- E. Muradova : “ The South-West of Turkmenistan in Early Iron Age ”.
- V. Jahani, : « New Evidence of Iron Age Settlements on the Southwest Coasts of Caspian Sea (Gilan) in Light of Archaeological Excavation in Kafarestan, Gilan Province, Iran ».

- N. Valikhanli and N. Guluzadeh, “ Role of National Azerbaijan History Museum in studying, preservation and propaganda of Ancient tangible Cultural Heritage of Azerbaijan ”.

16h00-16h30 Pause

16h30-18h00

- C. Lorre : “ The research project on the Morgan’s Collection of the National Museum of Archaeology (France) in the context of the Bronze and Iron Ages Transition in the Caucasus ”.

- B. Mille, M. Haze and C. Lorre : « Studies in Archaeometallurgy about the South-Eastern Caucasian collections of the National Archaeological Museum (France) ».

- F. Debrabant : “ Production and Use of Stone Pearls in the Southern Caucasus ”

