



ZERZURA MEETING 2010

19-20 June 2010

Planetario - Museo del cielo e della terra

S. Giovanni in Persiceto (BO) – Italy

44° 38' 09.7 " N 11° 10' 58.0" E



Programme

Saturday 19 June

09:30 – 10:00

Membership renewal and new member registration (contact the *pro tempore* Treasurer Luca Leoni)

10:00 Session start "The Route to Yam"

Update on the matters and discussions about the famous - and still mysterious under several aspects - route crossing the GSS whose traces are lost beyond the Gilf Kebir. A debate will follow about the path travelled by the ancient Egyptians, which evidence is available about their crossing, which relations they had with the local peoples and, finally, which could be their destination indicated by the "Yam" toponym.

Presentations by Giancarlo Negro, Mark Borda and Stefan Kroepelin are scheduled. Aldo and Donatella Boccazzi will talk about the relations between the Uweinat and Gilf Kebir rock art and the Urihi region in Eastern Tibesti. Finally Lorenzo De Cola will talk about the last of the Goraan.

10:00 – 10:45

Mark Borda

"In search of the fabulous Land of Yam"

10:45 – 11:30

Giancarlo Negro

"Dove e quali sono le piste che portano a Yam?"

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30

Aldo and Donatella Boccazzi

"La conca di Uri, Tibesti Orientale"

12:30 – 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:15

Stefan Kroepelin

“Recent archaeological works and explorations in the Erdi and Ennedi regions, North Chad”

15:15 – 16:00

Lorenzo De Cola

“I Goran, gli ultimi dei Garamanti”

16:00 – 17:00

Giancarlo Negro

“Le manifestazioni di *potency* nell'Abu Ras Shelter (ex Foggini-Mestekawi Cave)”

17:00 – 17:15

Coffee Break

17:15 – 17:45

Adriano Furlani and Romano Serra

“Segnalazione e datazione di una sepoltura scoperta casualmente presso le Cave di Ocra del GSS”

17:45 – 18:30

Vari contributi

“Dibattito e discussione sulla “Strada per Yam” e commenti sugli interventi”

18:30 – 19:30

“A New Attempt (kindly offered by Romano Serra) at ‘*Bagnold's Cocktail*’ served from the original ‘*Bagnold's Rum Jar*’”

19:30 –

The ritual “*Zerzura Dinner*” at the ristorante Aladino (Middle-east typical food)

(Price: 28 Euro + beverages)

During the Dinner the “Best 2009 Exploration” prize will be awarded

Sunday 20 June

09:00 Session start "Craters, meteorites and silica glass in the GSS"

Update on the recent findings and theories about some of the extra-terrestrial events in the GSS.

Lorenzo De Cola and Giancarlo Negro will describe the prehistoric evidence near the crater, while Vincenzo De Michele will talk about the latest studies on the origin of Silica Glass, on Benito Piacenza's work on inclusions and on the recently found Dakhla Glass.

An update by Romano Serra on the "Jebel Uweinat Dinosaur Track" will follow. Giancarlo Negro will talk about "The Display of Potency from the Abu Ras Shelter (Foggini-Mestekawi Cave)". Giancarlo Negro and Vincenzo de Michele will relate "The December 1934 Clayton-Spencer-Little Expedition in Search of Silica Glass"

In the afternoon Roberto Chiarvetto and Giancarlo Negro will present the latest updates on Almásy's "Purzel Affair", Mark Milburn will describe a few weird military events and, finally (should enough time be still available), Giancarlo Negro and Romano Serra will relate the finding of Almásy's Lost Cow.

09:00 – 09:45

Giancarlo Negro and Vincenzo de Michele

"La spedizione alla Silica Glass Area di Clayton - Spencer – Little del Dicembre 1934"

09:45 – 10:30

Gianpaolo Sighinolfi

"Nuovi studi sul silica glass"

10:30 – 11:15

Vincenzo de Michele

"News sul silica glass e altri strani vetri"

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00

Romano Serra

"La pista dei dinosauri del Jebel Uweinat"

12:00 – 12:45

Lorenzo De Cola and Giancarlo Negro

“Le testimonianze preistoriche intorno al Kamil Crater”

12:45 – 14:30

Pausa pranzo

14:30 inizio sessione “Militaria nel GSS”

14:30 – 15:15

Roberto Chiarvetto and Giancarlo Negro

“The Purzel Puzzle”

15:15 – 16:00

Mark Milburn

"Alcuni aneddoti delle forze speciali degli alleati da 1941 al 1945"

16:00 – 16:15

Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:00

Giancarlo Negro and Romano Serra

“Mucche perdute e mucche ritrovate”

17:00 – 18:00

Various

"Life, undertakings and future proposals of the Zerzura Club "

18:00

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Should somebody be interested, during the evening the Observatory is open for observing the sky.