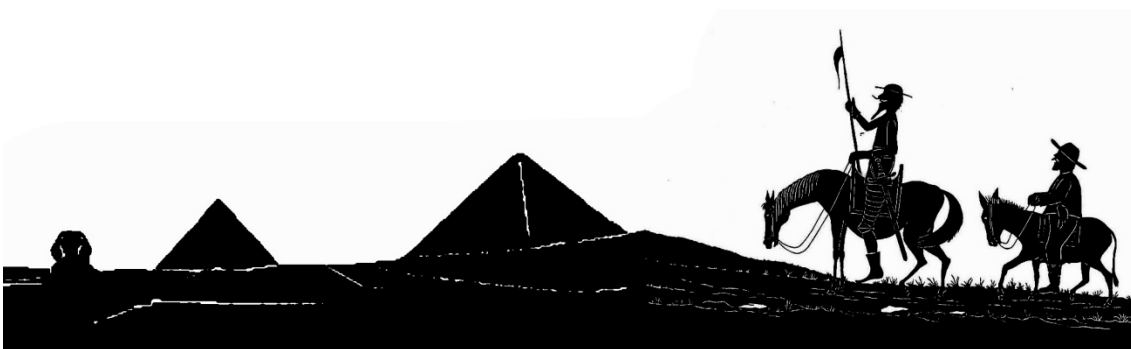**CRE 2019 – University of Alcalá**

17-21 June, Alcalá de Henares (Madrid)

FIRST CIRCULAR

CRE 2019-Alcala organizing committee

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the CRE 2019-Alcalá organizing committee, we cordially invite all early career Egyptologists across the world to participate in the *Current Research in Egyptology XX* from June 17 to 21 2019 in Alcalá de Henares (Madrid, Spain). The CRE 2019 will be organized jointly by the *Oriental Studies* section of the *University of Alcalá* (UAH) and *The Middle Kingdom Theban Project* (MKTP). It is indeed an honour and a privilege to organize this event at the University of Alcalá and welcome all of you to the city of Alcalá de Henares in Madrid.

ⴰ Congress venue

The opening and closing sessions will be held in the *Paraninfo* of the University of Alcalá, an auditorium located at the Major College of Saint Ildephonse. Working sessions will take place in the three major lecture rooms of the government building of the University (Rectorado), also situated at the Mayor College of Saint Ildephonse, and in the Faculty of Humanities located at the College of Malaga.

ⴰ Participants

The CRE is open to all branches of Egyptology, aiming to emphasize the work of junior scholars, researchers, and students. They represent a new generation of scholars with the highest standards of the discipline of Egyptology. Contributions in the form of papers and posters have been carefully considered, and the participation of all these young members of the discipline will enrich the academic experience of the meeting.

ⴰ Registration

The registration procedure is different for authors of paper/poster and for attendants without contribution:

a) <u>Authors with paper/poster</u>

All authors (paper/poster) must register for the meeting. In the case of an author participating in more than one contribution, they must register only once. In the case of one person being the author of both a paper and a poster, s/he must register as paper author. In case of multiple-author contributions, only those attending the conference will have to register. The key dates to be considered for registration are –as previously announced– the following ones:

Early registration: 1st February – 15th March 2019
                                     (paper 50 € / poster 45 €)
Late registration: 16th March – 10th June 2019
                                     (paper 80 € / poster 75 €)

All authors must submit the Authors-registration-form along with the payment receipt.

b) Attendants without contribution

Due to the limited capacity of the conference venue rooms, the CRE 2019-Alcalá committee needs to keep control of the number of participants. Accordingly, each attendant *must be previously authorized* by the committee before issuing any payment. Therefore, the payment of the conference fees should be done *only after* the confirmation by the CRE 2019-Alcalá committee has been issued and communicated to the applicant. Registration for attendants (without paper/poster) will be confirmed on a "first come–first served" basis. The key date to be considered for the attendant registration is the following one:

Registration: 1st February– 10th June 2019
                        (Attendants 40€)

Please, we urge you to consider that although the conference fee will not change, the conference venue capacity is limited and acceptances could finish soon. Once the CRE 2019-Alcalá organizing committee authorizes your attendance you will receive a payment form that you should send back to the organization together with your payment receipt. In case of any prospective attendant *doing a payment without the previous authorisation*, any bank commissions derived from the refund are to be borne by this participant.

Papers

Oral presentations must be in English and have a maximum length of 20 minutes, with 5 minutes for questions. Attendants will have 5 minutes for moving from room to room, as we will have three paralleled sessions running at the same time.

Posters

For the duration of the CRE, posters will be displayed in a section of the building dedicated to such a purpose. Accordingly, we encourage poster authors to hand over their poster to a member of the organization *as early as possible* during the first day of the conference. A special poster session will take place in one of the sessions; authors should be present at that point and discuss their work with any CRE participant who would like to get more information about their research.

The posters must be printed in A0 format (1189 x 841 mm), with vertical or horizontal orientation. Each author is free to choose the design and layout of the poster, but it is obligatory to include the following information:

- Logos of CRE and University of Alcalá accompanied by the headline "CRE 2019-University of Alcalá 17-21 June 2019" (both logos can be downloaded from CRE website).

- Name, institution and email/contact of author/s.

Plenary sessions

a) Opening session (at Paraninfo)

The opening session will be attended by the Rector of the University of Alcalá, who will address some welcoming words to all participants. Following his brief speech, the organizing committee will also welcome the participants and offer some pertinent comments and announcements. Afterwards, participants will attend the opening lecture: **"Administration and statehood in ancient Egypt: new venues of research"** by Dr. Juan Carlos Moreno García (CNRS, Université Paris IV–Sorbonne).

b) Senior talks (at lectures room)

In accordance with the spirit and structure of the CRE 2019, other senior speakers will offer talks on their researches and fieldwork in Egypt, including:

Dr. María del Carmen Pérez (National Museum of Archaeology), "The cemetery of the First Intermediate Period / early Middle Kingdom in Herakleopolis Magna".

Dr. Alejandro Jiménez (University of Jaén), "The role of secondary members of the Elephantine elite in the local administration during the Middle Kingdom".

Dr. Josué Justel (University of Alcalá), "Highlitghting Mesopotamian and Levantine influence in Egyptian civilizations: three case studies".

Dr. Miguel Ángel Molinero (University La Laguna), "Proyecto dos cero nueve: ritual landscape archaeology in the wadi Hatasun".

Dr. Antonio J. Morales (University of Alcalá), "The founders of an age: early Middle Kingdom elite officials and royal strategies at Thebes".

Dr. Joan Oller (Autonomous University of Barcelona), "Emeralds from the desert: analyzing the extraction, trade and impact of emeralds in Roman Egypt".

Dr. José Ramón Pérez-Accino (University Complutense Madrid), "'Ceci n'est pas une cachette'. Newest research in the Royal Cache Wadi. Luxor, West Bank".

c) Closing session (at Paraninfo)

For the closing session, all participants will have the pleasure of attending the lecture "**A window to two thousand years of history of the Theban necropolis: the Spanish archaeological mission to Dra Abu el-Naga"**, offered by Dr. José Manuel Galán (Spanish National Research Council, CSIC-CCHS, Madrid).

d) General Meeting (at Paraninfo)

Following the Permanent Committee regulations, the final part of CRE 2019 will include a General Meeting of all members of the Permanent and Organization Committees, together with all participants. In this meeting, we will have the opportunity to listen to any presentations of **host bids for CRE 2020**, which should undergo a general election. The **selection of new Permanent Committee members** will follow as required.

The call for bids for hosting CRE 2020 will be opened by 1st April.

Payment method

Regarding the payment method, all amounts must be paid in **Euro (€).** The registration fee –including the options of CRE-dinner and guided-visit to Toledo– should be paid by underline bank transfer. Participants are responsible for any possible complementary bank charges and/or online commissions derived from the transfer. We kindly advise you to carefully complete the registration form before proceeding to the payment of the fee. **[Please, remember that there are two different registration forms for authors and for attendants].** All participants must submit the registration form together with their proof of payment. Following registration, written confirmation will be sent by electronic mail from the CRE organizing committee.

Cancellation: Up to May 15th, 60% of the registration fee will be refunded if you need to cancel. **No refund will be granted if the payment or cancellation is made thereafter**.

Accommodation

CRE 2019-Alcalá organizing committee is still in conversations with several hotels and hostels in Alcalá, aiming to obtain discounts for CRE participants. We will keep

uploading all the offers to the CRE website in the next weeks and months. Keep an eye on the accommodation tab if you are interested!

⛵ Travelling to Alcalá de Henares

a) <u>From Adolfo Súarez Airport Madrid-Barajas</u>

If you are traveling by plane, the best option is to fly to Adolfo Súarez Madrid-Barajas International Airport, which is only 20 km away from the city of Alcalá. There are several options to proceed from the airport to the city of Alcalá:

By bus:
The bus is the cheapest and easiest option to get from the airport to Alcalá. The price of the one-way ticket is 3,60 €. The ride lasts around 40 minutes from the airport to downtown Alcalá. You may find further Information about the schedule and routes here: http://www.alcalanow.com/bus-airport-alcala/

If you are landing in terminals T1, T2 and T3 you should take the bus 824, which travels directly to the city of Alcalá de Henares.

If you are landing in terminal T4, then you should take the airport transfer bus (free service), which will take you to terminals T2 and T1, where you can take Bus 824 to Alcalá de Henares.

Be aware that you will have to deposit by yourself your own luggage in the lower compartment of the bus. Then you can get on the bus and pay your ticket directly to the driver. If you are traveling by yourself, do not pay with bills higher than 5 €, since drivers do not usually carry any change and may not have cash for your change.

By train:
There is no direct connection between the airport and Alcalá. This means that you will need to travel by train first to Madrid and then transfer to the line running to Alcalá de Henares (and Guadalajara).
The train station is located at terminal T4. If you are landing in terminals T1, T2 or T3, you will first need to take the transfer airport free bus to terminal T4.

From the Airport Train Station (in terminal T4), you can take any train in the direction of Principe Pío. After five stations (up to Atocha), you can get off in Atocha and take a short distance train (in Spanish "Cercanías") to Alcalá de Henares: basically, line C-7 (to Alcalá de Henares) and line C-2 (to Guadalajara, passing by Alcalá de Henares).

By subway:

Since there is no subway network connecting with Alcalá, taking the subway in the airport is not a good option. If you take the subway, then you will need to go to Madrid, and after several changes you will arrive to Atocha train station, where you will be able to take a train from line C-7 or C-2. We recommend not to take the subway.

By taxi:

Taking a taxi is, of course, the most comfortable and easiest way, but it is also the most expensive option. A taxi will cost you around 40-50€, and could be considered the best and easiest option if you are traveling with a group of 3-4 persons.

a) <u>From Madrid</u>

If you are flying to any other Spanish airport than Barajas Airport or you choose to travel by train or bus to Madrid, your best options will be the train and the bus. For information about the train see "by train" above.

If you prefer to take a bus, several bus-lines cover the route Madrid-Alcalá de Henares. Besides the aforementioned bus 824, which stops at the airport, four other buses will take you to Alcalá. Buses 223, 227, and 229 operate during daytime, while bus N202 works during night-time. All of these depart from the "Avenida de América" bus station.

You may check further information about the schedules and routes in the following website:http://www.aytoalcaladehenares.es/portalAlcala/contenedor1.jsp?seccion=s_fd es_d4_v1.jsp&codbusqueda=454&language=es&codResi=1&codMenuPN=2&codMen uSN=195&codMenuTN=380&codMenu=480&layout=contenedor1.jsp

If you prefer to take a taxi, see instructions above. The taxi fare to Alcalá will be similar whether you take the bus from the airport or from Madrid itself.

〰 **Visa**

Regarding the visa entry for non-European participants, you may need to ask for a visa document in the Spanish Embassy or Consulate in your country. The University will be happy to provide you with an invitation letter if needed. If this is your case, please send an e-mail with your data to cre2019.alcala@uah.es.

🕯 Dinner

CRE 2019 will, of course, include the possibility of joining the conference dinner that will be held at Restaurante "La Casa Vieja".

Restaurante "La Casa Vieja" is one of the best known restaurants in the city, located in a traditional Castilian house. The price of the dinner will be 30€ per person.

The Alcalá organizing committee has taken into account different dietary requirement. The menu includes a vegetarian/vegan option, free of the most frequent allergens (gluten, lactose, nuts, etc.), and pork free alternatives. Please visit the tab 'conference dinner' in the CRE website and have a look to the wonderful menu that we have prepared!

In order to ease the organization of the dinner we kindly ask all participants to choose their preference of menu while fulfilling the registration form.

🗺 Guided-visit to Toledo

A trip to the World Heritage City of Toledo would be the perfect end to our CRE meeting. Visiting this astonishing city will be an excellent occasion to catch up with CRE friends and colleagues while relaxing after a hard week of work.

The price of the trip is just 22€ per person and will include:

- Transportation by bus Alcalá de Henares-Toledo-Alcalá de Henares.

- Two hours guided tour within the city.

All the information about the trip to Toledo will be available at the CRE web site, please, check the 'visit to Toledo tab'!

The Second Circular will be published by 15th May

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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