

**September 26<sup>th</sup>  
to October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**In 1822, J.-Fr. Champollion's *Lettre à M. Dacier* helped in deciphering the hieroglyphic script. 200 years later, let's celebrate by bringing together Egyptologists from all around the world in the first CRE to be held in France!**

### The University and its Team of Egyptologists

Montpellier benefits from a very old scholarly tradition, dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> c. AD. The city was renowned for its medicine university, where the famous writer François Rabelais studied and taught.

**Egyptology in Montpellier** was established in 1969 by François Daumas, former director of the Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale (IFAO) in Cairo. Since then, the team has grown considerably and now hosts no less than 11 permanent members from the university and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), 6 post-doctoral researchers, 19 doctoral students and 30 associate members within a CNRS joint research unit counting more than 150 researchers dedicated to the Mediterranean archaeology.

**The research library** is quite extensive: it holds more than **35 000 volumes** on Ancient Egypt and the Near East, spanning from Prehistory to the Arab period and on subjects as varied as history, epigraphy, lexicography and archæology.



### The Venue and Keynote Speakers

**The conference venue** will be a recently renovated 17<sup>th</sup> c. building of the university, located in the historical city center. It holds **several large conference rooms**. The available IT equipment will give us the chance to switch to an **hybrid format**, in case of necessity. Welcome drinks and coffee breaks will be offered in the **open courtyards**, so that you can safely discuss your research with colleagues and friends.

**The keynote speakers**, based in Montpellier as well as in other French universities, will give you an insight on their running projects: **Marc Gabolde** on Tutankhamun, **Jérôme Gonzalez** on the local library & archives, **Sandra Lippert** on demotic studies, **Juan Carlos Moreno Garcia**, **Bérangère Redon** on the Eastern desert and Mareotis area, **Isabelle Régen** on Padiamenope's TT 33 and **Pascal Vernus** on the hieroglyphic script!  
**There will be something for everyone!**

### Travel

Montpellier has an **airport** conveniently connected to the city centre via shuttles, as well as **two train stations** (Montpellier Saint-Roch or Montpellier Sud-de-France). **Other close airports** with train connections are Béziers, Marseille, Lyon or even Barcelone. **International buses** are another, cheaper, possibility. We are currently negotiating with the town hall a **free pass to public transports** for all conference members during the week of the CRE, so that you can freely take **tramways and buses** to go to the conference as well as to visit or **go to the beach!**

### Accommodation

With its large university community and attracting tourists with its beautiful beaches, Montpellier offers many options for accommodation. We have agreements with some hotels and hostels to get you discounted prices on your stay.

### Conference Visits

We are planning a free afternoon to make you discover the beauties of **Montpellier's historical center** and then take you near the **seaside** and the **étang de Thau** for a food tasting of local products! **To celebrate** the end of a week of hard work at the conference, we are also planning an optional excursion to **Marseille**, the Phocian city, where we can visit the Egyptological collection of the Musée de la Vieille Charité as well as the MUCEM's upcoming exhibition, *Pharaohs Superstars!*



### Budget

The University will fund a large part of the expenses. We are applying for more funding to the city and the region to **reduce your participation fee (<35€)!**

Budget	Income	Expenses
University	4000	
Conference fees	35/pers	
Venue		0
Welcome pack		1500
Welcome cocktail		1500
Breaks		2000
Free conference dinner		2500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7500</b>	<b>7500</b>

### Conference & Ecology

Montpellier is a **Green city**, therefore we are aiming to make this conference as **ecological and planet-friendly** as possible. We will be printing on **demand** programs, abstract booklets and notebooks on **recycled paper**, avoiding **single-use plastics and waste** as much as possible. As for the **conference dinner**, it will be made with **local fresh products**: you will enjoy **French gastronomy** at its best!



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