Proceedings
of the 6th International Congress
of the Archaeology
of the Ancient Near East
5 May – 10 May 2009, »Sapienza«, Università di Roma

Volume 2
Excavations, Surveys and Restorations:
Reports on Recent Field Archaeology in the Near East

Edited by
Paolo Matthiae, Frances Pinnock, Lorenzo Nigro
and Nicolò Marchetti
with the collaboration of Licia Romano

2010
Harrassowitz Verlag · Wiesbaden

ISBN 978-3-447-06216-9
CONTENTS

FOREWORD OF THE EDITORS ........................................................................................................ IX
PROGRAMME OF THE CONGRESS ............................................................................................ XIII

VOLUME 2

THEME 4 - EXCAVATIONS, SURVEYS AND RESTORATIONS:
REPORTS ON RECENT FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE NEAR EAST

PAOLO MATTHIAE, Recent Excavations at Ebla, 2006-2007 ................................................... 3
YAEI ABADI-REISS, ISAAC GILEAD, The Transition Neolithic-Chalcolithic in the Southern Levant: Recent Research of Cultural Assemblages from the Site of Qatif ................................................................. 27
GIORGIO AFFANNI, ANGELO DI MICHELE, The Development of Defence Strategies at Tell Afis (Syria) from Chalcolithic to Iron Age .................................................. 39
ALEXANDER AHRENS, EKIN KOZAL, MBKO NOVÁK, Sirkeli Höyük in Smooth Cilicia. A General Overview from the 4th to the 1st Millennium BC ...... 55
ŞENGÜL AYDINGÜN, Istanbul Prehistoric Survey in 2007 Season ........................................ 75
FRANCESCA BAFFI, New Discoveries at Tell Tuqan (Syria) ..................................................... 85
MANFRED BIETAK, A Palace of the Hyksos Khayan at Avaris ................................................. 99
GUY BUNNENS, Tell Ahmar in the Middle and Late Bronze Age ......................................... 111
LORENZO D’ALFONSO, CLELIA MORA, Archaeological Survey in Northern Tyanitis .......................................................... 123
RUDOLPH H. DORNEMANN, Current Thoughts on the Transition from Early Bronze Age to Middle Bronze Age at Tell Qarqur ..................................................... 139
AYLIN Ü. ERDEM, A. ÇILINGIROĞLU, Domestic Architecture in the Urartian Fortress at Ayanis .......................................................... 151
MARCELLA FRANGIPANE, Late Chalcolithic Developments and the Transition to EB I in the Turkish Middle Euphrates Valley, as Seen from the Recent Excavations at Zeytlinli Bahçe Höyük (Urfa) .............. 185
HERMANN GENZ, Reflections on the Early Bronze Age IV in Lebanon ............................. 205
TOBY HARTNELL, ALI ASADI, An Archaeological Survey of Water Management in the Hinterland of Persepolis ..................................................... 219
BARBARA HELWING, MOHSEN MAKKI, MOJGAN SEYEDIN, Prehistoric Settlement Patterns in Darre-ye Bolaghi, Fars, Iran: Results of Archaeological and Geoarchaeological Fieldwork ..................................................... 233
KAAN İREN, A New Discovery in Daseylium: the Persian Destruction Level ............................................. 249
MEHMET İŞIKLI, The Results of Surveys in the Environs of the Urartian Fortress of Altintepe in Erzincan, Eastern Anatolia ............................................. 265
ZEIDAN A. KAFAFI, Early Bronze Age Settlements in North Jordan: Sites and Stratigraphy (ca. 3500-2000 BC)................................. 295
CHRISTINE KEPINSKI, TILBESHAR, a Major City of the Early and Middle Bronze Ages, West to the Big Bend of the Euphrates (South-Eastern Turkey): Results from 2005 and 2006 Seasons ........................................... 303
ALIREZA KHOSROWZADEH, Preliminary Results of the 1st Season of Archaeological Survey of Farsan, Bakhtiari Region, Iran .................... 317
WALTER KUNTNER, SANDRA HEINSCH, The Ostburg of Aramus, an Urartian and Achaemenid Fortress. The Stratigraphical Evidence .................. 339
KOZBE GULRIZ, The Neo-Assyrian Burials Recovered at Kavuşan Höyük in the Upper Tigris Region ...................................................... 349
BERTILLE LYONNET, Late Chalcolithic Cultures in Western Azerbaijan. Recent Excavations and Surveys .......................................................... 357
NICOLÒ MARCHETTI, A Preliminary Report on the 2007 and 2008 Excavations and Restorations at Tilmen Höyük ........................................ 369
IANIR MILEVSKI, ZVI GREENHUT, NUHA AGHA, Excavations at the Holyland Compound: Bronze Age Cemetery in the Rephaim Valley, Western Jerusalem ................................................................. 397
YUTAKA MIYAKE, Excavations at Salat Cami Yanı 2004-2006: A Pottery Neolithic Site in the Turkish Tigris Valley .............................................. 417
LORENZO NIGRO, Between the Desert and the Jordan: Early Urbanization in the Upper Wadi az-Zarqa River- the EB II-III Fortified Town of Khirbet al-Batrawy ............................................................... 431
LORENZO NIGRO, Tell es-Sultan/Jericho and the Origins of Urbanization in the Lower Jordan Valley: Results of Recent Archaeological Research ............................................................... 459
JEHRAELE NOKANDEH, Archaeological Survey in the Mehran Plain, South Western Iran ................................................................. 483
JOCelyn ORCHARD, JEFFREY ORCHARD, A 5000 Year Old Falaj in the Wadi Bahla, Oman............................................................. 511
AYNUR ÖZFIRAT, Archaeological Investigations in the Mt. Ağrı Region: Bronze and Iron Ages ..................................................................... 525
EDGAR PELTENBURG, The Emergence of Carchemish as a Major Polity: Contributions from the Land of Carchemish Project (Syria), 2006 .... 539
ANDREA PULCARE, Jebel Mutawwaq Dolmens: Cult of Ancestors in EB I Wadi Az-Zarqa Valley ..................................................................... 553
MARINA PUCCI, The Chatal Höyük Publication Project: a Work in Progress .... 567
HAMID OMIRANI REKAVANDI, EBERHARD W. SAUER, JEBRAEL NOKANDEH, TONY WILKINSON, At the Frontiers of the Sassanian Empire: the Gorgan and Tammishe Walls in Northern Iran .............................. 599
KOUSHI ROUSTAEI, Tepe Hesâr, Once Again ........................................... 613
HÉLÈNE SADER, Tell Hizzin: Digging up New Materials from an Old Excavation ........................................................................ 635
UWE SIEVERTSEN, Iron Age Pottery Inventories from the New Excavations at Tell Halaf (2006-2007) ........................................................................ 651
GEOFFREY D. SUMMERS, FRANÇOISE SUMMERS, From P Lots to P ixels: Eighty Years of Development in the Tools of Archaeological Exploration and Interpretation, 1927-2007, at Kerkenes Dağ in Central Turkey ............. 669
HALIL TEKIN, New discoveries on a Hassuna/Samarran site on the Upper Tigris Region: Hakemi Use ................................................................. 685
AKIRA TSUNEKI, A Newly Discovered Neolithic Cemetery at Tell el-Kerkh, Northwest Syria .............................................................. 697
FÜSUN TÜLEK, ÜMIT ÇAYIR BOYÖÖKULOSOY, KADIR BOYÖÖKULOSOY, Prehistoric Pottery from Five Mounds in Eastern Plain Cilicia .................. 715
H. VAHDATI NASAB, K. ROUSTAEI, H. REZVANI, Delazian (Mirak I): Evidence of Paleolithic Settlement at the Northern Edge of the Iranian Central Desert ................................................................. 733
CARMEN VALDÉS PEREIRO, Tell Amarna on the Euphrates: New Archaeological Research ................................................................. 743
DIETER VIEWEGER, Archaeological Research on Tall Zirâ’a - The Gadara Region Project. 5000 Years of Culture, Technology, and Trade in Northern Jordan ................................................................. 755