International Conference

The ports of the Indian Ocean, from the Red Sea to the Gulf of Bengal

Kolkata, 23rd-27th February 2011
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR

Program Schedule
Wednesday 23rd February 2011

OPENING SESSION

10:30-11:30 am
Auditorium, Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR

- Address of welcome: Dr. Bishnupriya BASAK, Member Secretary, Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training, Eastern India, Sri Jawhar SIRCAR, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- Offering of flowers and Uttariya
- Speech: Mr. Jean-Louis RYSTO, Consul General of France
- Prof. Barun DE, Vice Chairman, Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training, Eastern India
- Speech: Dr. Jean-François SALLES, MedIan Project: Presentation of the MedIan Project
- Vote of thanks: Prof. Marie-Francoise BOUSSAC, MedIan Project

11:30-11:45 Tea break

Session 1
SOURCES AND MAPS UP TO THE PORTUGUESE PERIOD

11:45-1:30 pm
Auditorium, Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dr. (Mrs.) Dejanirah COUTO

11:45-12:15 Jean-Marie LAFONT (INALCO, Paris)
*French Factories in Bengal: the Dossier of Alfred Martineau*

12:15-12:45 Emmanuelle VAGNON (MedIan Project, BNF Cartes et plans, Paris)
*The Ports of Western India in the Latin Maps, 13th–15th cent.: Toponymy, Location and Evolution*

12:45-1:15 Marie-Paule BLASINI (Centre des Archives d’Outre-Mer, Aix-en-Provence)
*The Depot of the Fortifications of the French Colonies in India (Memoirs and Cartography)*
Read by Jean-Marie LAFONT

1:15-1.30 Discussion time

1:30-2:30 pm Lunch

Session 2 (1)
ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF PORTS IN INDIA

2:30-5:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dr. A.S. GAUR

2:30-3:00 Adhya SAXENA (M. S. University of Baroda)
*Lesser Known Ports of Western Indian Ocean: Maritime Perspectives from Kachchi Coastline in Gujarat c. 1550-c.1850*

3:00-3:30 Sara KELLER (CNRS, UMR 8167 - Orient et Méditerranée, Paris)
*Identity of Western Indian Sea Towns: an Urbanistic Study Case of Bharuch and Khambhat*

3:30-4:00 Dejanirah COUTO (EPHE, Paris)
*The Archaeological Project of Bassein’ Portuguese Settlement: a New Appraisal*

4:00-4:30 Debarati Mitra RAWAT (Archaeological Survey of India, Delhi)
*Piram Island – A Case Study*

4.30-5:00 Shubhra PRAMANIK (Archaeological Survey of India, Delhi)
*Hathab: An Ancient Port of the Gulf of Khambhat*

5:00-5.30 Discussion time
Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} February 2011

\textbf{Session 2 (2)}
ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF PORTS IN INDIA
10:30 am-12:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dir. Senarath DISSANAYAKE

10:30-11:00 \textbf{Sathyabhama BADHREENATH} (Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai Circle)
\textit{Mamallapuram, the Port of the Pallavas}

11:00-11:30 \textbf{Kurush F. DALAL} (Mumbai)
\textit{The Excavations at Sanjan and their Contribution towards understanding the Archaeology of the Indian Ocean Littoral in the Early Medieval Period (8\textsuperscript{th} c AD to 12\textsuperscript{th} c. AD)}

11:30-11:45 Tea break

11:45-12:15 \textbf{A. S. GAUR \& A. SUNDARESH} (National Institute of Oceanography, Goa)
\textit{Ancient Technology of Jetties and Anchorage System along the Gujarat Coast, India}

12:15-12.30 Discussion time

\textbf{Session 3}
PORTS OF THE RED SEA IN ANTIQUITY
12:30-4:00 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Prof. (Miss) Marie-Françoise BOUSSAC

12:30-1:00 \textbf{Cheryl WARD} (Coastal Carolina University) \& \textbf{Chiara ZAZZARO} (University of Exeter)
\textit{Boat related Activities at the Pharaonic Harbour of Mersa Gawasis}

1:00-1:30 \textbf{Dario NAPPO} (Oxford Roman Economy Project)
\textit{The Ports of the Red Sea as Customs Gates}

1:30-2:30 pm Lunch

2:30-3:00 \textbf{Roberta TOMBER} (Bristish Museum, London)
\textit{Living in the Egyptian Ports: Daily Life at Berenike and Myos Hormos}

3:00-3:30 \textbf{Chiara ZAZZARO \& John P. COOPER} (University of Exeter, MARES Project)
\textit{Recent Archaeological Investigations on Greater Farasan Islands in the Southern Red Sea}

3:30-4.00 Discussion time

\textbf{Session 4 (1)}
ARABIA, AFRICA AND INDIA: WRITTEN SOURCES AND SETTLEMENTS
4:00-5:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Prof. Éric VALLET

4:00-4:30 \textbf{Ingo STRAUCH} (Institut für Kulturwissenschaften Ost- und Südasiens, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg)
\textit{The Indian Inscriptions from the Cave Hoq on Socotra – New Evidence for Indian Intercontinental Trade Contacts in the First Centuries AD}

4:30-5:00 \textbf{Elizabeth LAMBOURN} (De Montfort University)
\textit{A Snapshot of al-Hind in 1293 AD: New Data on Indian and Sri Lankan Ports and Networks from recently discovered Yemeni Sources}

5:00-5:30 Discussion time
Friday 25th February 2011

Session 4 (2)
ARABIA, AFRICA AND INDIA: WRITTEN SOURCES AND SETTLEMENTS

10:30-11:45 am
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Prof. Jean-Charles Ducene

10:30-11:00  Claude Allibert (INALCO, Paris)
The meaning of « Port » and « Place of call » in the Western Indian Ocean: Toponyms and Evidences of Migrations

11:00-11:30  Félix Chami (Daar es-Salam University)
Ancient Settlements and Trade on the Eastern African Coast and Islands

11:30-11:45  Discussion time

11:45-12:00  Tea break

Session 5
PORTS OF THE RED SEA AND INDIA IN MEDIEVAL TIMES

12:00-3:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Prof. Rila Mukherjee

12:00-12.30  Jean-Charles Ducene (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
The Ports of the Western Coast of India according to the Arab Geographers (VIII-XV cent.): a Glimpse in Geography

12.30-1:00  Axelle Rougeulle, Hélène Renel & Éric Vallet (CNRS, UMR 8167 - Orient et Méditerranée, Paris)
The Ports in the Medieval Western Indian Ocean: a Tentative Typology
Read by Éric Vallet

1:00-1:30  Claire Hardy-Guilbert (CNRS, UMR 8167 - Orient et Méditerranée, Paris)
Al-Shihr, Islamic Harbour of Yemen on the Indian Ocean (780-2007)

1:30-2:30 pm  Lunch

2:30-3.00  Éric Vallet (University Paris 1-Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris)
Indian Harbours in the Yemeni Rasulid Archives: New Economical Datas from the Late Middle Ages

3:00-3.30  Discussion time

Session 6
PORTS OF THE PERSIAN GULF AND THE BAY OF BENGAL

3:30-6:00 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dr. (Miss) Roberta Tomber

3:30-4:00  Jean-Baptiste Yon (MeDian Project, CNRS, UMR 5189-HiSoMA, Lyon)
The Harbour of Spasinou Charax

4:00-4:30  Jean-François Salles (MeDian Project, CNRS, FR 538, Maison de l'Orient, Lyon)
Towards a Geography of the Harbours of the Persian Gulf in Antiquity (6th cent. BC-6th cent. AD)

4:30-5:00  Rila Mukherjee (Hyderabad University)
Ports, Routes and Networks in the Bengal Delta

5:00-5:30  Bérénice Bellina (CNRS, UMR 7528 - Mondes iranien et indien, Paris)
Cultural Dialogue between the Bay of Bengal and the South China Sea from a Cosmopolitan Industrial City-Port of the Thai-Malay Peninsula (late first millennium BCE)

5:30-6.00  Discussion time
Excurion to Chandernagor

The detailed program will be precised later.
Sunday 27th February 2011

Session 7
ANCIENTS PORTS OF SOUTHERN INDIA

10:30 am-1:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dr. Osmund Bopearachchi

10.00-10.30 A. Sundaresh & A. S. Gaur (National Institute of Oceanography, Goa)
Ancient Port of Kaveripattinam: its Existence and Decline

10.30-11.00 P. J. Cherian (Kerala Council for Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram)
Evidence of Indian Ocean Trade from the Malabar Coast

11.00-11.30 V. Selvakumar (Tamil University, Thanjavur)
Internal Trade and Exchange Network and the Ports of Ancient Tamizhakam

11.30-12:00 Tea break

12.00-12.30 K. Paul Shajan (Cochin University)
Geo-archaeology of the Indo-Roman Port Site of Pattanam (Muziris) on the Malabar Coast, India

12:30-1.00 M. Nambirajan (Archaeological Survey of India, Thrissur, Kerala)
Pattanam (Muziris?) Excavations - A Port Town on the Malabar Coast: a few observations

1:00-1.30 Discussion time

1:30-2:30 pm Lunch

Session 8
ANCIENT PORTS OF SRI LANKA

2:30 am-6:00 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dr. Gautam Sengupta

2.30-3.00 Nimal Perera (Deputy Director General, Department of Archaeology, Sri Lanka), Osmund Bopearachchi
(CNRS, UMR 8546 - AOROC, Paris)
New Evidence on International Trade in the Indian Ocean based on Recent Archaeological Excavations in Sri Lanka

3.00-3:30 Senarath Disanayake (Director General of Archaeology, Sri Lanka), Osmund Bopearachchi
(CNRS, UMR 8546 - AOROC, Paris)
Recent Archaeological Evidence on the Maritime Trade in the Indian Ocean: Shipwreck at Godavaya

3:30-4.00 Oliver Kessler (Institut für Orient- und Asienwissenschaften der Universität Bonn)
Environment, Infrastructure and Nature of Ports in Ancient Sri Lanka: the Archaeological Evidence from the Harbour, Monastery, Town and Shipwreck (1st cent. BC) of Godavaya (Godapavata Pattana)

4.00-4.30 Hans Joachim Weisshaar & Heidrun Schenk (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Berlin)
The Citadel of Tissamaharama (Sri Lanka): the Development of a City and the Indian Ocean Trade

4:30-5.00 Discussion time

5.00-5:30 pm Tea break

5.30 pm Valedictory address by Dr Gautam Sengupta, Director General, Archaeological Survey of India
Vote of thanks – Prof. Marie-Françoise Boussac