

EIGHTH ASTENE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

10-13 JULY 2009

FRIDAY 10 JULY

Registration at Collingwood College
from 11:00

*DVD of BBC's Time Watch documentary on Hadrian,
presented by Dan Snow, will be shown 11:00 – 14:00*

Lunch available at the nearby Botanic Garden

14:15 Conference opens: Dr Brian Taylor

14:30 Session 1

Travel through the 17th century East

Chair: John Ruffle

14:30 **Sonia Anderson**: Sources for the
English Factory at Aleppo, 1650-1700

15:00 **Lucy Pollard**: John Covel: a Levant
Company chaplain

15:30 **Dr Brian Taylor**: Back from the dead:
Dr Charles Perry MD (1698-1780)

16:00 Tea

16:30 Session 2

Absorbing Eastern Life

Chair: Professor Malcolm Wagstaff

16:30 **John Chapman**: Men in skirts, and
how to become Frank

17:00 **Dr Faredah Al-Murahhem**: The
'Harim' in Western travellers' concepts

17:30 **Jennifer Scarce**: The Swagger
Portrait: Europeans in Ottoman dress

18:00 Bar opens

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Keynote speaker:
**Professor Paul Starkey, University
of Durham, first Chair of ASTENE:**
The troublesome mountain: Lebanon
through Western eyes

SATURDAY, 11 JULY

9:00 Session 3

Experiences of travel and place

Chair: Dr Robert Morkot

9:00 **Dr Colin Heywood**: 'Distance' – and
time – 'the first enemy'. The journey
of John Evans from Istanbul to Venice,
1694

9:30 **Angela Morecroft**: Vitaliano Donati:
his expedition to Egypt and his lost
collection, 1759-1762

10:00 **Andrew Oliver**: The travels of Ward
Nicholas Boylston

10:30 **Professor Malcolm Wagstaff**: Lord
Byron and the 'English Minister' at
Ioannina

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Session 4

Art and Life

Chair: Dr Lisa French

11:30 **Charles Newton**: Lady Mary Wortley
Montagu and the Turkish language of
flowers

12:00 **Peta Ree**: Saved from pirates

12:30 **Dr Patricia Usick**: Willey Reveley and
the Greek Revival: A Journey through
Italy, Egypt and Greece in the years
1785 and 1786.

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Session 5

**Knowledge taken on and brought back from
travel**

Chair: Dr John Revell

14:30 **William Bhandari**: Persian Exploration
in Herodotus' *Histories*

15:00 **Anders Ingram**: Depictions of Islam in
17th century English travel accounts

15:30 **Dr Güenther Windhager**: Muhammad
Asad in Saudi Arabia, 1927-1932

16:00 Tea

16:30 Session 6

Discovery in Malta and Who was Who? ...

Chair: Dr Aidan Dodson

16:30 **Joseph Attard Tabone**: Robert Hay in
Gozo and the lost stone circle

17:15 **Dr Morris Bierbrier**: Who was Who in
Egyptology: from Pen to Cyberspace

**18:00 Reception at Oriental Museum,
University of Durham**

Launch of ASTENE's new book:
"Saddling the Dogs"

**19:30 Conference dinner,
with dancer, Ruth Wood**

SUNDAY 12 JULY

9:00 Session 7

Varied reasons for travel through to the late 19th century

Chair: Lucy Pollard

9:00 Dr Robert Morkot: West of Alexandria – or East to Alexandria: travelling to Marmarica

9.30 Janet Starkey: James Rennell and his scientific world of observation

10:00 Dr Geoffrey Nash: Death and Resurrection: the Renans in Syria

10.30 Dr Gottfried Hamernik: Anton von Lucovich: Rise and fall of a remarkable personality in Egypt

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Session 8

Some collectors, and photographs

Chair: Professor Paul Starkey

11:30 Professor Elaine Evans: Galloping through the desert with Napoleon and beyond

12:00 Dr Aidan Dodson: Thomas Pease: his Egyptian travels and collection

12:30 Dr Hisham Khatib: Early local contributions to photography in the Holy Land

13:00 Lunch

14:00 ASTENE Annual General Meeting

Chair: Dr Jaromir Malek

14:30 Session 9

Travel through 19th century

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14:30 Deborah Manley: Reverend Robert Master in the Holy Land, 1819

15:00 Paul Robertson: Seeing is Believing: Muhammad Sadiq and the First Photographs of the *Hajj*

15:30 Cassandra Vivian: The Prime family in Egypt

16:00 Dr Nana Meladze: 19th Century English Travellers in the Caucasus

16:30 Tea

17:00 Session 10

Travel into 20th century

Chair: Andrew Oliver

17:00 Libur Jùn: The Orient in photographs and film of Jiří Baum

17:30 Dr Maria-Mirka Palioura: Theodore Ralli's diary on his travel to Athos, 1885

18:00 Adéla Jůnová Macková: Czech scientists in the Near East in the early 20th century

18:00 Bar opens

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Session 11

Some experiences of female travellers

Chair: Janet Starkey

20:00 Dr Johanna Holaubek: Egypt – one common destination, yet different experiences for three women travellers in the 19th century

20:30 Mary Healy: Reviving the forgotten: Women Orientalist artist-explorers of 19th century France

21:00 Amanda Marie Heggstad: No place for a lady? Victorians at the Great Pyramid

MONDAY 13 JULY

Please have all bags out of rooms before this session.

9:00 Final session

Into the twentieth century

Chair: Dr Geoffrey Nash

9:00 Dr Hana Navratilova: Three views of Egypt and Iraq in the 1920s-40s

9:30 John Ruffle: The Alternative to Growing Turnips: Letters from Abydos by Myrtle Broome, 1927-1938

10:00 Dr Lisa French: My family's travels to the Mediterranean, 1933-1950

10:30 Conference closure:

Chair of ASTENE

END OF CONFERENCE

11:00 Departure for Hadrian's Wall