

British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology
Annual Conference

BANEA 2007

Main Theme

**DRUGS, BUGS, AND HEALTH AND
SOCIETY IN THE
ANCIENT NEAR EAST**

1-2 April 2007

Professional Development Centre
The Medical School
University of Birmingham

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The Centre for the History of Medicine, School of Medicine and the
Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity
The University of Birmingham

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Birmingham City Museum and Art Gallery

Keynote Lectures

Arkadiusz Soltysiak

Osteological studies on diseases in past human populations of Mesopotamia: a short overview

Arkadiusz teaches bioarchaeology and researches history of past Near Eastern human populations in the Department of Historical Anthropology at the University of Warsaw. A well-known osteoarchaeologist, his interests range from human historical ecology through palaeoepidemiology to studies on biological background of human culture. He has worked on excavations at Assur in Iraq, Tell Arbid, Tell Ashara, Tell Barri, Tell Brak, Tell Majnuna, Tell Marwanieh, Tell Masaikh, and Gebel Mashtale in Syria, Gohar Tepe and Goldar Tepe in Iran, and studied also human remains from Tell Rijim in Iraq, Tell Fekheriyeh, and Tell Rad Shaqra in Syria.

JoAnn Scurlock

No Bones About It: The Recovery of Medical Knowledge from Assyo-Babylonian Texts

JoAnn holds a doctorate in Assyriology from the University of Chicago and teaches at Elmhurst College. She is author of *Magico-Medical Means of Treating Ghost Induced Illnesses in Ancient Mesopotamia* and co-author with medical doctor Burton Andersen of *Diagnoses in Assyrian & Babylonian Medicine*. In addition to her continuing work on medicine, she writes on diverse aspects of Assyro-Babylonian civilization.

Other prominent speakers include Prof. S.M. Mithen FBA and Prof. R. Matthews.

BANEA last met at Birmingham in 1999. It is a pleasure to invite you to the 2007 BANEA conference, to be held in the Medical School's new Professional Development Centre. The conference will feature lectures on recent excavations, reports from the Schools and Institutes and open papers as well as papers relating to the major theme. Conference participants are encouraged to think in terms of the following themes:

- *Disease Patterns and Health Status*
- *Religion, Cult and Healing*
- *Medical Interconnections*
- *Food and Diet*
- *Disease and Medicine in the Archaeological Record*
- *Health and Medicine in Textual Sources*
- *Health and the Environment*
- *Human Skeletal Remains*

Papers

A time slot of twenty minutes will be allocated to each paper, fifteen minutes for presentation and five minutes for questions and handover.

Posters

There will be unlimited space for posters on any topic (size 120 x 90 cm). Posters will be presented at a time reserved for this and there will be a time reserved for this during the conference.

Panels and Workshops

We also invite proposals by individuals, groups or organisations wishing to organise specialist panel sessions or workshops within the theme of the colloquium.

Further information

For further information or to offer a paper or workshops please contact Dr Alasdair Livingstone, Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity, University of Birmingham, telephone 0121-414-5505, email A.Livingstone@bham.ac.uk

Registration

The conference fee for the whole conference will be £40 (waged) or £32.50 (unwaged), for Sunday only the fee will be £10 (waged) or £7.50 (unwaged), and for Monday only £30 (waged) and £25 (unwaged). Please use the form below. This includes the conference and conference materials, a wine reception, teas and coffees and a lunch on Monday. Please note that we need to receive your registrations, with payment, by Thursday the 29th of March. There will also be registration at the door, but it would be very helpful if you could please register by 29th March. The conference dinner on the evening of 1st April will be held in a local curry house, where participants will settle their own bills.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

1. Location

The conference (and the lunches) will be held in the Professional Development Centre of the Medical School of the University of Birmingham (No.18 on the map to be found at the following website:<http://www.bham.ac.uk/page.asp?section=000100010001000200100001>). Please report to the security desk and you will be directed to the PDC.

2. Travelling to the University of Birmingham

At the above web site, please click on *Directions to the University*. Please note that if you are arriving by train, please turn right out

of the University Station. The Medical School is located immediately in front of you beyond the roundabout. We regret that there is no car parking available at the Medical School on the Monday and Tuesday of the conference, but at any time during the conference, but details of nearby car parks will be sent to you on the receipt of your registration.

3. **Accommodation**

There is accommodation available in the vicinity of the University. Accommodation is available in Lucas House (the University's Hotel located in the Conference Park, a short walk from the Medical School). If you wish to book for one or two nights at the cost of £ 62.00 (+ VAT) bed and breakfast (all rooms are *en suite*), please book directly with Lucas House on 0121-414 6231. The following accommodation is also recommended:

- The Awentsbury, 21 Serpentine Road, Birmingham B29 7HU (0121 472 1258) Email: ian@awentsbury.com
- Copperfield House, 60 Upland Road, Birmingham B29 7JS (0121 472 8344) Email: info@copperfieldhousehotel.fsnet.co.uk
- The Renwick, 13 Bournbrook Road, Birmingham B29 7BL (0121 472 4640)

4. BANEA student grants are available. Please contact Dr Louise Steel: (l.steel@lamp.ac.uk). Forms are available on:

<http://www.art.man.ac.uk/ARTHIST/banea-stgrant.pdf>

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I wish to participate in the above conference:

Name..... Title.....

Institution (if any).....

Address.....

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Email.....

Payment

Cheques should be made payable to "The University of Birmingham"

I enclose my registration fee:

Please tick:

£40.00/£32.50 Sunday and Monday (waged/unwaged)

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£30.00/£25.00 Monday only (waged/unwaged)

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