



Ain Shams University - Faculty of Archeology in cooperation with the Egyptian Maritime Salon

Third International Congress of Faculty of Archaeology

“Rooting Egyptian Maritime Heritage: Traditions of Building and Equipping Ships through History”

29th -31st October 2023, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

Call for papers and posters

Deadline: June 15th, 2023

- **Introduction:**

Interest in maritime archaeology began early in the twentieth century. Since the fifties, a group of scholars who gathered knowledge of archaeology and naval architecture initiated the Nautical Archaeology Studies.

Discoveries of ships and boats, whether underwater or on land, modified many theories about navigation and ships during the ages. Consequently, specialists started searching the philosophy of building ships in different civilisations and tracking the shipbuilding techniques, their development, and the traditions followed in the shipyards. Later, studies became more specialised; giving attention to the propulsion and steering devices; methods of assembly, water tightness and caulking methods, and construction materials. These studies relied on direct archaeological evidence such as shipwrecks, their parts and equipment, and indirect evidence in forms of iconography and models, besides texts and inscriptions in various languages

Thus, organising a congress focused on Egypt's maritime heritage is essential in solidifying this science and its conducted studies. Furthermore, the congress will be an opportunity for knowledge exchange between specialists in archaeological sciences, navigation sciences and marine engineering, who will present their studies and Hypotheses to highlight, enhance and develop maritime studies in Egypt. This approach



corresponds with the Egyptian State's Sustainable Development Strategy (Egypt Vision.2030), aiming to preserve all categories of heritage and raise awareness of its importance.

- **The objective of the Congress:**

The congress aims to highlight, study and analyse the process of designing and building ships in ancient Egypt, their development, seaworthiness and balance systems. Despite the multiplicity of scenes depicting ship construction, sailing, loading, and unloading operations, few working ships have been found, especially sea vessels. As a result, these topics have been the subject of extended debate. Many questions remain unanswered even as new ones emerge, considering that no ship remains were found dating to some of these long periods.

Thus, the question here is: what aspects of development occurred in traditions of designing, building and equipping ships from pre-dynastic times until the modern era?

The two-day congress tries to find answers to the previous questions, and it will be followed by a third day dedicated to a workshop on building and manufacturing ships and for presenting the posters.

- **Congress themes:**

- 1- Workshops, materials and tools used in shipbuilding in Egypt.
- 2- Design and construction of ships in Egypt.
- 3- Ships' equipment and rigging in Egypt.
- 4- Ships' cargo and stowage in Egypt.

- **President of the Conference:** Prof. Dr Hossam Tanatawy, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology
- **Rapporteur of the Conference:** Prof. Dr Ahmad Al-Shoky, Vice Dean for graduated studies and searches& Supervisor of the Community Service and Environmental Development section.



- **Secretary of the Conference:** Prof. Dr Mamdouh Eldamaty, Former Minister of Egyptian Antiquities and Head Researcher of the Rooting Egyptian Maritime Heritage Project.
- **Scientific Committee:** Prof. Dr Mamdouh Eldamaty, Prof. Dr Mohammed Ibrahim Ali, Prof. Dr Ahmad Al-Shoky, Prof. Dr Nader Abd Eldayem, Prof. Dr Noha Salem, Prof. Dr Sara Nabil and Dr Mohamed Moustafa.
- **Organising Committee:** Prof. Dr Ahmad Al-Shoky, Dr Sawsan Eissa, Dr Eman Nouser, Dr Rania Zidan, Dr Noura Mohamed, Dr Eman Nabil, Mr Islam Ezzat and Dr Rasha El-Mofatch

To participate:

Research Abstracts:

- Abstracts are accepted in Arabic or English, with a maximum of 300 words and up to five keywords.
- Poster submission is strongly encouraged, especially for postgraduate students to present their research projects. Following the same criteria as the research papers, poster abstracts should be sent to the organising committee.
- Posters will be presented during the congress days, provided that their dimensions are W:103 cm x L:187 cm, and to be delivered before the conference.
- Research abstracts and CVs should be sent in Word and PDF formats to the following link: <https://forms.gle/aSQ4P22W9mg9Gfxy8>

Deadline for submission of abstracts: June 15th 2023

Deadline for announcing the Accepted Abstracts: July 1st 2023

Conference Languages: Arabic and English

Contact: archeology.conference@arch.asu.edu.eg



Participation fees:

Egyptian researchers: EGP 2500.

Non-Egyptian researchers: \$ 150.

Researchers from the Faculty of Archeology - Ain Shams University: EGP 1800

Students from the Faculty of Archeology - Ain Shams University: EGP 1250

Attendance only:

Egyptian: EGP 500, including an attendance certificate.

Non-Egyptian: \$ 25, including an attendance certificate.

**The fees of participation do not include travelling and accommodation fees

Fees should be deposited in the bank account of the Faculty of Archaeology Or via the Fawry service

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