



International Workshop - G. Whitaker Foundation  
Villa Malfitano, Palermo - June 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

# THE CITIES OF THE DEAD SEA PLAIN

Conceptualizing Urban Experiences in the Southern Jordan Valley  
during the Early Bronze Age - Tell es-Sultan (Palestine) and Tell Hammam (Jordan)

9,00 **Opening Remarks**

PAOLO MATTHIAE, President of G. Whitaker Foundation

9,30 **Keynote Talk**

LORENZO NIGRO - Sapienza University of Rome  
Archaeological Periodization Vs Absolute Chronology:  
what does not work in old and new Early Bronze Age  
of Southern Levant

10,00 **TALES OF TWO CITIES**

ANDREA POLCARO - University of Perugia  
The Jordan Valley and its eastern tributaries  
at the beginning of the Bronze Age: dolmen fields  
and settlements in the IV millennium BCE

10,20 CHIARA FIACCAVENTO - Sapienza University of Rome  
Tell es-Sultan in the Early Bronze Age II-III

10,40 CARROLL M. KOBBS - Trinity Southwest University  
Tall al-Hammam in the Early Bronze Age II-III

11,00-11,30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11,30 DARIA MONTANARI - Sapienza University of Rome  
Tell es-Sultan in the Early Bronze Age IV

11,50 GARY A. BYERS - Trinity Southwest University  
Tall al-Hammam in the Early Bronze Age IV  
(Intermediate Bronze Age)

12,10 MARTA D'ANDREA - Sapienza University of Rome  
The Early Bronze III-IV Transition and the Periodization  
of Early Bronze IV in the Southern Levant: Bridging the  
Gap between Stratigraphy and Absolute Chronology

12,30 **Discussion**

Moderator: RANDALL W. YOUNKER - Andrews University



13,00-14,30 **LUNCH BREAK**

14,30 **Poster Session**

ALESSANDRA GUARI, PIERFRANCESCO IZZO,  
SHARON SABATINI, MARIA TAMBURRINI -  
Sapienza University of Rome

15,00 **FROM ARCHAEOLOGY TO HISTORY**

LORENZO NIGRO - Sapienza University of Rome  
Beyond pottery—what a “city” actually was?

**Population & demography**

15,15 STEVEN COLLINS - Trinity Southwest University  
Tall al-Hammam’s Population and Demography

15,30 ELISABETTA GALLO - Sapienza University of Rome  
Tell es-Sultan’s Population and Demography

**Economy and social organization**

16,00 STEVEN COLLINS - Trinity Southwest University  
Tall al-Hammam’s Economy and Social Organization

16,15 GAIA RIPEPI - Sapienza University of Rome  
Tell es-Sultan’s Economy and Social Organization

**Trade and connectivity**

16,45 STEVEN COLLINS - Trinity Southwest University  
Tall al-Hammam’s Trade and Connectivity

17,00 CHIARA FIACCAVENTO - Sapienza University of Rome  
Tell es-Sultan’s Trade and Connectivity

17,15 **Discussion**

