

Fourth Annual Conference of
The Irish Society for the Study of the Ancient Near East
“The Crazy Genius of Herod the Great”
30-31 May 2015, Dublin

Schedule of Sessions

Saturday, 30 May 2015

08:45 – 09:30	REGISTRATION
09:30 – 10:30	Jennifer Lassley (University of Nebraska at Omaha, Department of History) “The Last Hellenistic King”
10:30 – 11:30	Benedikt Eckhardt (University of Bremen) “Herod the Liberator”
11:30 – 11:45	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11:45 – 12:45	Rachel Bar-Natan (Israel Antiquities Authority) and Judit Gärtner (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) “The King’s <i>Amici</i>: Publius Vedius Pollio and Herod”
12:45 – 13:45	LUNCH
13:45 – 14:45	Gil Gambash (Department of Maritime Civilizations, University of Haifa) “Herod and Sebastos”
14:45 – 15:45	Orit Peleg-Barkat (Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem) “Bigger, Taller and More Extravagant: Herod's Royal Portico on the Temple Mount”
15:45 – 16:00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
16:00 – 17:00	Alexander Onn (Israel Antiquities Authority), Shlomit Weksler-Bdolah (Israel Antiquities Authority) and Joseph Patrich (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) “The Masonic Hall – A New Reconstruction in light of Recent Excavations”
17:00 – 18:00	Brian A Coussens (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) “The Power in the Stone: Herod the Great and Topographies of Control”
19:00 - ??	WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER

Fourth Annual Conference of
The Irish Society for the Study of the Ancient Near East
“The Crazy Genius of Herod the Great”
30-31 May 2015, Dublin

Schedule of Sessions

Sunday, 31 May 2015

- 09:00 – 10:00 Barbara Bergin (Trinity College Dublin)
 “Herod the Innovator”
- 10:00 – 11:00 Dudi Mevorach (Curator of Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine
 Archaeology, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem)
 “Below the floors and behind the walls - reconstructing Herod”
- 11:00 – 11:15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:15 – 12:15 Donald T. Ariel (Head, Coin Department Israel Antiquities Authority)
 “The Crazy Coins of Herod the Great”
- 12:15 – 13:15 LUNCH**
- 13:15 – 14:15 Benny Arubas (Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of
 Jerusalem)
 “Was Herod’s tomb indeed uncovered in Herodium?”
- 14:15 – 15:15 Rachel Chachy, Yakov Kalman, Orit Peleg-Barkat, and Roi Porat
 (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
 **“Herod’s Change of Mind - The Development of Herod’s Burial
 Complex at Herodium”**
- 15:15 – 15:30 TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
- 15:30 – 16:30 Nicholas Wright (Independent Scholar)
 **“Philorhomaioi: Between Autonomy and Realpolitik in the First
 Century BC”**
- 16:30 – 17:30 Gabriel Mazor (Director of Bet She'an Archaeological Project
 Israel Antiquities Authority)
 **“Herod the Great and the Imperial Cult: scale, diversity and
 intention”**
- 17:30 FAREWELL FROM HEKHAL FOR ANOTHER YEAR!**