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9.00 Welcoming talks

**SESSION 1. PALEOENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

9.30 Holocene volcanism and human occupation in Armenia: new data

10.00 Volcanic eruptions witnessed by prehistoric people in Armenia

10.30 - Coffee Break

11.00 Archaeoseismological studies of the eastern branch of the Syunik pull-apart basin structure
   *S. Balasanyan, A. Karakhanyan, Kh. Meliksetian*

11.30 Analysis of soil liquefaction effect: new evidence on the seismic activity of the Syunik highland (Armenia)
   *Kh. Makaryan, A. Karakhanyan, S. Balasanyan*

12.00 Multiple Holocene morphoclimatic factors and their impact on the landscapes and societies of the Lesser Caucasus
   *V. Ollivier, M. Fontugne*

12.30 - Lunch

14.00 Climate of Abandonment: contextualizing environmental change and abandonment events during the Early Bronze and Late Iron Age on the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia
   *A. Cromartie, S. Joannin, C. Blanchet, C. Barhoumi*

14.30 Upper Holocene vegetation history from the Kalavan Red Lake in Armenia.
   *S. Joannin, V. Ollivier, O. Bellier, P. Tozalakian, A. Karakhanyan, B. Perello*

15.00 The Early Holocene in Armenia and in Georgia: climate, vegetation and Neolithic expansion
   *E. Messager, C. Hamon, S. Joannin, B. Lyonnet, C. Leroyer, R. Badalyan, V. Ollivier, C. Chataigner, M. Jalabadze*

15.30 Environmental pressures in prehistory and variability of animal and botanical stable isotope ratios (6th - mid-4th millennium BC, Armenia)
   *E. Herrschers, R. Hovsepyan, A. Balasescu*

16.00 Seeds from vishap contexts: Archaeobotanical finds from the high-mountain site of Karmir Sar (Mt. Aragats, Armenia)
   *R. Hovsepyan*

16.30 - Coffee Break

**SESSION 2. ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT ARMENIA**

17.00 Preliminary results on Paleolithic through Bronze Age settlement patterns from ArAGATS’ Kasakh Valley Archaeological Survey (KVAS) Project (2015-17)
   *A. F. Greene, K. Azatyan, I. Lindsay, A. Mkrtchyan*

17.30 The macro lithic tools from Akhnashen: cultural links and economy of a Neolithic site in the Arax Basin (South Caucasus)
   *C. Hamon*

18.00 The problem of the cultural and chronological attribution of the upper horizon at Akhnashen
   *A. Harutyunyan, K. Azatyan, R. Badalyan*
09.00 Lithic technology from the chalcolithic layers of Getahovit 2
N. Tardy, B. Gratuzé, I. Kalantaryan, B. Perello

09.30 Desert kites and agglomerated cells of the Mount Aragats: Spatial Coincidences?
O. Barge, E. Régagnon, I. Kalantaryan, B. Perello

10.00 How old are they? An up-to-date synthesis on the chronology of Mount Aragats’ kites in Armenia
J.É. Brochier, O. Barge, F. Magnin, R. Crassard

10.30 - Coffee Break

11.00 Aspects of funerary practices of the Kura-Araxes culture (based on Early Bronze Age sites in Armenia)
R. Badalyan

11.30 Diachronic changes in human activities and diet in Armenia from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age: the contribution of anthropological data

12.00 New burial elements in Early Bronze of Armenia: the discovery of Karnut cemetery
L. Aghikyan

12.30 - Lunch

14.00 Toward the periodization and chronology of archeological cultures of the Middle and Late Bronze Ages in Armenia
P. Avelisyian

14.30 Recent rock art research in Armenia: case studies from Aragats and Syunik regions
A. Khechoyan, A. Danielyan, T. Walkling, B. Gasparyan, D. Nadel

15.00 The Church of the Transguration (Kumaraghan) in Garni: archeoseismology and transformation of this monumental building from Antiquity to the 19th century
B. Helly, A. Rideaud

15.30 The research of the Franco-Armenian mission on the plain of Ararat and at Chirak: from Urartu to Achaemenid period in the first millennium B.C.
F. Fichet De Clairfontaine, S. Deschamps, M. Karapetian

16.00 The French-Armenian archaeological mission of the LA3M (Aix-en-Provence) at Yereruyk (Armenia): main results
P. Donabedian

16.30 - Coffee Break

17.00 Archaeological pottery as a source in the study of medieval landscape of the Silk Road: material recorded by the VayotsDzor Silk Road Survey
A. Babajanyan, K. Franklin

17.30 Earthen construction and architecture in Armenia
S. Monnot

18.00 Current pastoral practices in Armenia: mobility of men, mobility of animals and festive rituals
M. Thevenin

18.30 Opening of the photographic exhibition: « Bergers et Bergères des montagnes d’Arménie », by M. Thevenin in the MOM (7 rue raulin, 69007)
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