

"Sekhmet Omnipresent" 23rd -26th March 2017, Luxor

Betsy Bryan and Hourig Sourouzian announce an international conference, "Sekhmet Omnipresent" to be held in Luxor, Egypt, Thursday, March 23 to Sunday, March 26, 2017 in the Mummification Museum Auditorium. It will be devoted to the imagery and cultic significance of the Sekhmet statues, lions, and lioness deities.

The embarrassment of riches that the field of Egyptology possesses in the body of Sekhmet statues in Egypt and around the world has been studied for many decades in a wide variety of monographs and articles. We hope to explore the current state of such scholarship and link together those working on artistic and material culture topics with those working primarily with textual and ritual sources.

Eighteen papers from Egyptian, American, European, and Japanese scholars before a general and specialized audience will cover topics such as iconography, cult ritual, archaeological context, and museum display. On Saturday and Sunday the conference will convene early in the day at the sites of Kom el Hettan and Mut Temple where large numbers of Sekhmet statues have been unearthed. This will give participants an opportunity to spend some time with these statues as they now may be found in situ, although hardly in their original emplacements. It is expected that the conference papers will be published in one of several possible series.

The conference will begin at 1:00 pm on Thursday March 23 and at 10 am to 5:30 pm on Friday, March 24, from 8 am to 5:30 on Saturday, and from 8 am to 1 pm. on Sunday. The conference will be open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, March 23

1:00 pm Opening ceremonies. Greeting and Introduction of the Minister of Antiquities by Dr. Hourig Sourouzian and Dr. Betsy M. Bryan

1:15 pm Welcome and remarks by H.E. Khaled El-Enany, Minister of Antiquities

1:25 pm Dr. Tarek Tawfik, Director-General Grand Egyptian Museum, "Sekhmet & the Statuary of Khafra (Chephren)"

2:15 pm Dr. Nairy Hampikian, Architect Site Manager, The Colossi of Memnon and Amenhotep III Temple Conservation Project, "The Future of the Sekhmets Discovered at Kom el-Hettan"

3:05 pm Gerry Scott, Director, American Research Center in Egypt. "Redistribution of Sekhmet Statues"

3:55 pm Ms. Tara Draper-Stumm, University of Exeter, "Exhibits & Souvenirs: Sekhmet Statues in World Museums and Private Collections"

4:45 pm Discussion: The Display of Sekhmet Statues in Museums and On-site. Moderator: Dr. Tarek Tawfik

5:30 pm End of day

7:00 pm Reception and Dinner: Location to be announced

Friday, March 24

10:00 am Ms. Elena Mora, Conservator and Restorer, "Conservation and Restoration of Goddess Sekhmet statues in the Amenhotep III Temple"

10:50 am Dr. W. Raymond Johnson, Director, Epigraphic Survey, University of Chicago Oriental Institute, "Sekhmets of Gold at Amenhotep III's Luxor Temple"

11:40 am Mr. Christian Perzlmeier, "Data-base of Sekhmet statues in the temple of Amenhotep III at Kom el-Hettan until 2015"

12:30 pm Lunch – for participants. Location to be announced

2:00 pm Mr. Richard A. Fazzini and Ms. Mary McKercher Fazzini, The Brooklyn Museum Expedition, "Sekhmet statues in the Mut Precinct" & "Sekhmet Today"

3:30 pm Dr. Magda Abdalla, Kafr EL-Sheikh University. TBA

4:20 pm Discussion: Challenges of the Sekhmet Statuary, Moderator, Dr. Yasmin El-Shazly, Ministry of Antiquities

5:30 pm End of Day

7:00 Dinner for participants. Location to be announced

Saturday, March 25

7:30 am Participants take boat launch from Iberotel to west bank

8:00-10:00 am Visit to Kôm el Hettan and visit to Sekhmet statues in the MOA magazine, with Hourig Sourouzian and other expedition members

10:30 am Dr. Hourig Sourouzian, Director, The Colossi of Memnon and Amenhotep III Temple Conservation Project, "Amenhotep III and Sekhmet at Kôm el-Hettan"

11:20 am Dr. Christian Greco, Director, Museo Egizio, Turin, "Museographic Features of Exhibiting Sekhmet Statues"

12:10 pm Ms. Silvana Cincotti, Université Paul Valéry - Montpellier, Institut d'Égyptologie François Daumas, „Bernardino Drovetti and Jean-Jacques Rifaud in Luxor“

1:00 pm Lunch for participants. Location to be announced

2:15 pm Dr. Alessia Amenta, Curator of the Egyptian and Near Eastern Collections, Musei Vaticani, "Sekhmet Statues in the Vatican Collection"

3:00 pm Dr. Rainer Stadelmann, "From Memphis to Thebes, the protective goddess embracing the king"

3:20 Dr. Vincent Rondot, Conservateur en Chef, Louvre Museum, "Omnipresent even when she is absent: the stela to the First of the Seven Arrows of Bastet in Cheikh Labib"

4:10 pm Discussion: Moderator, Dr. Vincent Rondot, Musée du Louvre

5:00 pm End of Day

7:00 pm Dinner for participants. Location to be announced

Sunday, March 26

7:30 Participants leave Iberotel for Temple of Mut

8:00 Visit to Mut Temple with Betsy Bryan

9:30 Dr. Betsy M. Bryan, Professor and Director, Johns Hopkins University Expedition to the Mut Temple, "Sekhmet and Ritual Revelries in the Reign of Amenhotep III"

10:20 Dr. Nozomu Kawai, Kanazawa University, "The Lioness goddess statues from the rock-cut chamber at Northwest Saqqara"

11:10 Dr. Sabah Abdelrazek, Director, Egyptian Museum, Cairo, "Sekhmet Statues in the Egyptian Museum"

12:00 pm Final Discussion: Moderator, Mr. Vivian Davies, Senior Research Associate, Griffith Institute, Oxford

1:00 pm Close of Conference