



First Vatican Coffin Conference

Vatican Museums Conference Hall 19 - 22 June 2013



Rijksmuseum van Oudheden

Vatican City, 14 November 2012

Dear colleagues and friends,

the Egyptian Department of the Musei Vaticani, in collaboration with the Egyptian Departments of the Musée du Louvre in Paris and the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden in Leiden, are pleased to invite you to attend the 'First Vatican Coffin Conference'.

The 'Vatican Coffin Project' itself is the impulse for this conference.

For two years now our institutions have been cooperating in this project which is directed by Dr. Alessia Amenta, Curator of the Vatican Egyptian Department, in collaboration with the Vatican Diagnostic Laboratory for Conservation and Restoration, directed by Prof. Ulderico Santamaria.

The aim is the study of coffin construction and painting techniques in order to better understand the iconographical and textual structure of TIP coffins. The first batch of coffins analysed to date, housed in our respective collections, belongs to the Bab el-Gasus *corpus*.

The Protocol of analyses was carried out by the Vatican Diagnostic Laboratory for Conservation and Restoration.

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WEB-SITE www.museivaticani.va/3_EN/pages/z-Info/MV_Info_Convegna.html

THEMES

- Historical background, Burial practices, and Coffin technology during the Third Intermediate Period
- Restoration of TIP coffins
- Technologies applied to the study of materials and conservation of coffins

REGISTRATION AND FEE

The registration form can be found on the Musei Vaticani website:

www.museivaticani.va/3_EN/pages/z-Info/MV_Info_Convegna.html

Registration forms will be submitted electronically to the Scientific Secretary by e-mail: coffinconference.musei@scv.va

Those who wish to attend must register their intention no later than 30 March 2013.

Official replies to requests to attend will be sent out no later than 15 April 2013 together with instructions for how to pay the registration fee.

Participants who do not intend to make a presentation will be accepted in order of receipt of their registration forms. Because the seating capacity of the conference hall is limited, it may not be possible to accommodate everyone.

CONFERENCE FEE: EURO 80,00 (includes conference material, book of abstracts, morning coffee and buffet-lunch on the days of the conference, gala dinner in the Vatican Museums, private visit to the Sistine Chapel and Raphael Rooms, and participation in all the events related to the conference).

Speakers are not required to pay the conference fee.

PAPERS AND POSTERS

The language of the conference is English.

Presentations may take the form of papers or posters.

Papers (maximum duration 20 minutes!) and posters must be presented in English.

Presentation of a paper is subject to acceptance by the organizers.

Papers that are accepted but cannot be fitted within the timetable may be presented as posters.

ABSTRACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Abstracts (around 500 words in length) must be submitted electronically in .doc format and sent to the Scientific Secretary by e-mail: coffinconference.musei@scv.va

Each abstract must contain the following information: title, name, affiliation of the author, postal and e-mail address of the author.

Those who wish to present posters must also send an abstract, for inclusion in the book of abstracts.

The publication of the proceedings by 'Edizioni Musei Vaticani' is planned for summer 2014. Posters will also be published in the Proceedings.

CONFERENCE BURSARY The scientific committee will be awarding one conference bursary of **Euro 1.500,00**. The bursary is offered for the best paper presented by a graduate student on any themes of the conference. Those wishing to apply for the conference bursary must indicate this on the registration form and include the *curriculum vitae* when they return the registration form to the Scientific Secretary (coffinconference.musei@scv.va). The winner will be announced at the closing of the Conference.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION The organizers will help all the participants to find a suitable accommodation in the vicinity of the Vatican Museums. All other relevant information (including the registration form) can be found on the Musei Vaticani website and will be updated progressively: www.museivaticani.va/3_EN/pages/z-Info/MV_Info_Convegna.html. All further communications and circulars will be sent by e-mail. Announcements will also be posted on the website. Questions should be sent to: coffinconference.musei@scv.va

We hope to see you in the Vatican Museums!

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