International Conference

The ports of the Indian Ocean, from the Red Sea to the Gulf of Bengal

Kolkata, 23rd-27th February 2011
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR

Program Schedule
**Wednesday 23rd February 2011**

**OPENING SESSION**

10:30-11:30 am  
Auditorium, Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR

- Address of welcome - Dr. Bishnupriya Basak, Member Secretary, Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training, Eastern India
- Offering of flowers and Uttariya
- Speech: Mr. Jean-Louis Rysto, Consul General of France
- Prof. Barun De, Vice Chairman, Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training, Eastern India
- Speech: Dr. Jean-François Salles, MeDIan Project: Presentation of the MeDIan Project
- Vote of thanks: Prof. Marie-Françoise Boussac, MeDIan Project

11:30-11:45  Tea break

**Session 1**

**Sources and Maps up to the Portuguese Period**

11:45-1:30 pm  
Auditorium, Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR  
Chairperson: Dr. (Mrs.) Dejanirah Couto

11:45-12:15 Jean-Marie Lafont (INALCO, Paris)  
*French Factories in Bengal: the Dossier of Alfred Martineau*

12:15-12:45 Emmanuelle Vagnon (McDian Project, BNF Cartes et plans, Paris)  
*The Ports of Western India in the Latin Maps, 13th–15th cent.: Toponymy, Location and Evolution*

12:45-1:15 Marie-Paule Blasini (Centre des Archives d’Outre-Mer, Aix-en-Provence)  
*The Depot of the Fortifications of the French Colonies in India (Memoirs and Cartography)*  
Read by Jean-Marie Lafont

1:15-1:30  Discussion time

1:30-2:30 pm  Lunch

**Session 2 (1)**

**Archaeology and History of Ports in India**

2:30-5:30 pm  
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR  
Chairperson: Dr. A.S. Gaur

2:30-3:00 Adhya Saxena (M. S. University of Baroda)  
*Lesser Known Ports of Western Indian Ocean: Maritime Perspectives from Kachchi Coastline in Gujarat c. 1550-c.1850*

3:00-3:30 Sara Keller (CNRS, UMR 8167 - Orient et Méditerranée, Paris)  
*Identity of Western Indian Sea Towns: an Urbanistic Study Case of Bharuch and Khambhat*

3:30-4:00 Dejanirah Couto (EPHE, Paris)  
*The Archaeological Project of Bassein’ Portuguese Settlement: a New Appraisal*

4:00-4:30 Debarati Mitra Rawat (Archaeological Survey of India, Delhi)  
*Piram Island – A Case Study*

4:30-5:00 Shubhra Pramanik (Archaeological Survey of India, Delhi)  
*Hathab: An Ancient Port of the Gulf of Khambhat*

5:00-5:30  Discussion time
Session 2 (2)
ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF PORTS IN INDIA
10:30 am-12:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dir. Senarath DISSANAYAKE

10:30-11:00  Sathyabhama BADHRENNATH (Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai Circle)
*Manallapuram, the Port of the Pallavas*

11:00-11:30  Kurush F. DALAL (Mumbai)
The Excavations at Sanjan and their Contribution towards understanding the Archaeology of the Indian Ocean Littoral in the Early Medieval Period (8th c AD to 12th c. AD)

11:30-11:45  Tea break

11:45-12:15  A. S. GAUR & A. SUNDARES (National Institute of Oceanography, Goa)
*Ancient Technology of Jetties and Anchorages System along the Gujarat Coast, India*

12:15-12.30  Discussion time

Session 3
PORTS OF THE RED SEA IN ANTIQUITY
12:30-4:00 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Prof. (Miss) Marie-Françoise BOUSSAC

12:30-1:00  Cheryl WARD (Coastal Carolina University) & Chiara ZAZZARO (University of Exeter)
*Boat related Activities at the Pharaonic Harbour of Mersa Gawasis*

1:00-1:30  Dario NAPPO (Oxford Roman Economy Project)
The Ports of the Red Sea as Customs Gates

1:30-2:30 pm  Lunch

2:30-3:00  Roberta TOMBER (Bristish Museum, London)
*Living in the Egyptian Ports: Daily Life at Berenike and Myos Hormos*

3:00-3:30  Chiara ZAZZARO & John P. COOPER (University of Exeter, MARES Project)
*Recent Archaeological Investigations on Greater Farasan Islands in the Southern Red Sea*

3:30-4.00  Discussion time

Session 4 (1)
ARABIA, AFRICA AND INDIA: WRITTEN SOURCES AND SETTLEMENTS
4:00-5:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Prof. Éric VALLETT

4:00-4:30  Ingo STRAUCH (Institut für Kulturwissenschaften Ost- und Südasiens, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg)
The Indian Inscriptions from the Cave Hoq on Socotra – New Evidence for Indian Intercontinental Trade Contacts in the First Centuries AD

4:30-5:00  Elizabeth LAMBOURN (De Monfort University)
*A Snapshot of al-Hind in 1293 AD: New Data on Indian and Sri Lankan Ports and Networks from recently discovered Yemeni Sources*

5:00-5:30  Discussion time
Friday 25th February 2011

Session 4 (2)

ARABIA, AFRICA AND INDIA: WRITTEN SOURCES AND SETTLEMENTS

10:30-11:45 am
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Prof. Jean-Charles DUCENE

10:30-11:00 Claude ALLIBERT (INALCO, Paris)
The meaning of « Port » and « Place of call » in the Western Indian Ocean: Toponyms and Evidences of Migrations

11:00-11:30 Félix CHAMI (Daar es-Salam University)
Ancient Settlements and Trade on the Eastern African Coast and Islands

11:30-11:45 Discussion time

11:45-12:00 Tea break

Session 5

PORTS OF THE RED SEA AND INDIA IN MEDIEVAL TIMES

12:00-3:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Prof. Rila MUKHERJEE

12:00-12.30 Jean-Charles DUCENE (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
The Ports of the Western Coast of India according to the Arab Geographers (VIII-XV cent.): a Glimpse in Geography

12.30-1:00 Axelle ROUGEULLE, Hélène RENEL & Éric VALLET (CNRS, UMR 8167 - Orient et Méditerranée, Paris)
The Ports in the Medieval Western Indian Ocean: a Tentative Typology
   Read by Éric Vallet

1:00-1:30 Claire HARDY-GUILBERT (CNRS, UMR 8167 - Orient et Méditerranée, Paris)
Al-Shihr, Islamic Harbour of Yemen on the Indian Ocean (780-2007)

1:30-2:30 pm Lunch

2:30-3.00 Éric VALLET (University Paris 1-Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris)
Indian Harbours in the Yemeni Rasulid Archives: New Economical Datas from the Late Middle Ages

3:00-3.30 Discussion time

Session 6

PORTS OF THE PERSIAN GULF AND THE BAY OF BENGAL

3:30-6:00 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dr. (Miss) Roberta TOMBER

3:30-4:00 Jean-Baptiste YON (MeDian Project, CNRS, UMR 5189-HiSoMA, Lyon)
The Harbour of Spasinou Charax

4:00-4:30 Jean-François SALLES (MeDian Project, CNRS, FR 538, Maison de l'Orient, Lyon)
Towards a Geography of the Harbours of the Persian Gulf in Antiquity (6th cent. BC-6th cent. AD)

4:30-5:00 Rila MUKHERJEE (Hyderabad University)
Ports, Routes and Networks in the Bengal Delta

5:00-5:30 Bérénice BELLINA (CNRS, UMR 7528 - Mondes iranien et indien, Paris)
Cultural Dialogue between the Bay of Bengal and the South China Sea from a Cosmopolitan Industrial City-Port of the Thai-Malay Peninsula (late first millennium BCE)

5:30-6.00 Discussion time
EXCURSION TO CHANDERNAGOR

The detailed program will be precised later.
Sunday 27th February 2011

Session 7
ANCIENTS PORTS OF SOUTHERN INDIA

10:30 am-1:30 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dr. Osmund BOPEARACHCHI

10.00-10.30 A. SUNDARESH & A. S. GAUR (National Institute of Oceanography, Goa)
Ancient Port of Kaveripattinam: its Existence and Decline

10.30-11.00 P. J. CHERIAN (Kerala Council for Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram)
Evidence of Indian Ocean Trade from the Malabar Coast

11.00-11.30 V. SELVAKUMAR (Tamil University, Thanjavur)
Internal Trade and Exchange Network and the Ports of Ancient Tamizhakam

11:30-12:00 Tea break

12.00-12.30 K. Paul SHAJAN (Cochin University)
Geo-archaeology of the Indo-Roman Port Site of Pattanam (Muziris) on the Malabar Coast, India

12:30-1.00 M. NAMBIRAJAN (Archaeological Survey of India, Thrissur, Kerala)
Pattanam (Muziris?) Excavations - A Port Town on the Malabar Coast: a few observations

1:00-1.30 Discussion time

1:30-2:30 pm Lunch

Session 8
ANCIENT PORTS OF SRI LANKA

2:30 am-6:00 pm
Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR
Chairperson: Dr. Gautam SENGUPTA

2.30-3.00 Senarath DISSANAYAKE (Director General of Archaeology, Sri Lanka)
Recent Archaeological Evidence on the Maritime Trade in the Indian Ocean: Shipwreck at Godavaya

3.00-3.30 Oliver KESSLER (Institut für Orient- und Asienwissenschaften der Universität Bonn)
Environment, Infrastructure and Nature of Ports in Ancient Sri Lanka: the Archaeological Evidence from the Harbour, Monastery, Town and Shipwreck (1st cent. BC) of Godavaya (Godapavata Pattana)

3:30-4.00 Nimal PERERA (Deputy Director General, Department of Archaeology, Sri Lanka), Osmund BOPEARACHCHI (CNRS, UMR 8546 - AOROC, Paris)
New Evidence on International Trade in the Indian Ocean based on Recent Archaeological Excavations in Sri Lanka

4.00-4.30 Hans Joachim WEISSHAAR & Heidrun SCHENK (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Berlin)
The Citadel of Tissamaharama (Sri Lanka): the Development of a City and the Indian Ocean Trade

4.30-5.00 Discussion time

5.00-5:30 pm Tea break

5.30 pm Valedictory address by Dr Gautam SENGUPTA, Director General, Archaeological Survey of India
Vote of thanks – Prof. Marie-Françoise BOUSSAC