

Poets, priests and librarians: the transmission of holy wisdom in Zoroastrianism

September, 2nd -5th 2009

02/09/2008

Wednesday

9.00

Reception of the participants

9.45

Opening

1st session

Chair: A. Panaino

10.15-11.00

P. O. Skjaervø (Harvard University): Composition and non-literate transmission of the Avesta: Questions to be asked and tentative answers

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

11.30-12.15

J. Kellens (Collège de France): Contre l'idée platonicienne d'Avesta

12.15-13.15

Discussion

13.30

Lunch

2nd session

Chair: X. Tremblay

15.00-15.30

V. Sadovski (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna): Transmission of sacred formulae in (Recent) Avesta and Veda: "primitive parallels" or common heritage?

15.30-16.00

U. Remmer (Indogermanisches Seminar der Universität Zürich): Remarks on the Avestan texts of Niyayish 1

16.00-16.30

A. Zeini (School of Oriental and African Languages, London): Orality and the Page of the Pahlavi Yasna

16.30-17.00

K. Kryukova (Kunstkamera Museum, St. Petersburg): Some questions on compiling of the Avestan Videvdat

17.00-17.30

Coffee break

3rd session

Chair: E. Raffaelli

17.30-18.00

B. Moradian: Traditional System of Education of the Zoroastrian Priests in Yazd

18.00-18.30

K. Ghazanfari (University of Goettingen): The role of priests in the transmission of Zoroastrian's traditions based on the Šāhnāmeḥ of Ferdowsī

18.30-19.00

V. Ivanov (Moscow State University): Zoroastrian vs. European approach to Avestan

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Thursday

4th session

Chair: J. Kellens

9.00-10.00

X. Tremblay (Universidad de Colonia): Le long chemin des ténèbres aux documents: les textes et recensions avestiques de l'avènement des Sassanides au XIIIe s., avec une attention particulière aux conventions scripturaires anomales et aux lettres mortes. Notes de lecture avestiques VI

10.00-10.30

E. Pirart (Universidad de Lieja): "La métrique et l'histoire de l'Avesta"

10.30-11.00	K. Rakowiecka-Asgari (Jagiellonian University, Cracow): The riddle as a way of transmission of holy wisdom
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
5th session	Chair: E. Pirart
11.30-12.00	A. Panaino (University of Ravenna): The Age of the Avestan Canon
12.00-12.30	K. Rezania (University of Goettingen): Mazdak and the canonisation and textualization of the Avesta and its zand
12.30-13.00	D. Shapira (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan): Notes on Script, Corpus and Sacred Language
13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
6th session	Chair: M. Macuch
15.00-15.30	Y. Vevaina (University of California at Irvine): Questions of transmission and agency in the Pahlavi commentaries on the Old Avesta
15.30-16.00	Y. Elman (Yeshiva University, NY): Fifth Century Zoroastrian and Rabbinic Discussions of the Parameters of Impurity
16.00-16.30	Sh. Secunda: (Yale University): Zand ī Fragard ī Jud-dēw-dād on Menstruation and the Development of the Zand
16.30-17.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
7th session	Chair: A. Cantera
17.00-17.45	F. Kotwal (Meherji-rana Library, Nawsari, India): The Avestan manuscripts of the Meherji rana Library
17.45-18.15	K. Mazdapour (Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Teheran): 12 Avestan manuscripts in Iran
18.30	Presentation of the Avestan Digital Archive

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Friday

8th session

Chair: A. Hintze

9.00-9.45

U. Sims-Williams (British Library): Zoroastrian manuscripts in the British Library

9.45-10.15

L. Goldmann (School of Oriental and African Languages, London): The "Parsi Mss." collection of John Rylands Library, Manchester

10.15-10.30

F. Jahanpour (Mashhad): The Vendidad manuscript of the Astan – Qods Library

10.30-11.00

P. Ichaporia: The transmission of the oldest extant Ms J2 of the Yasna with Pahlavi exegesis

11.00-11.30

Coffee break

9th session

Chair: G. König

11.30-12.30

A. Cantera (Universidad de Salamanca): Building trees: genealogical relations between the manuscripts of Videvdad

12.30-13.00

J. Martínez Porro (Universidad de Salamanca): The manuscripts of the family of L4

13.00-13.30

J. J. Ferrer (Universidad de Salamanca): Avestan quotations of the Pahlavi translation in the Videvdad-Sade tradition

13.45	<i>Lunch</i>
10th session	Chair: P.O. Skjaervø
15.00-16.00	A. Hintze (School of Oriental and African Languages, London): Editing the Avesta
16.00-16.30	M. A. Andrés Toledo (Universidad de Salamanca): A critical revision of Geldner's edition
16.30-17.00	M. Jaafari_Dehaghi (University of Teheran): The Geldner's Avesta and Newly Found Manuscripts
17.00-17.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
17.30-18.00	E. G. Raffaelli (University of Toronto): Remarks on the structure of the Sih-rozag
18.00-18.30	R. Gehrke (Frankfurt university): The TITUS edition of the Avesta
21.00	<i>Gala dinner</i>
05/09/2008	Saturday
11th session	Chair: Y. Elman
9.00-10.00	M. Macuch (Freie Universität, Berlin): Editing Pahlavi Legal Texts: Difficulties and Future Tasks
10.00-10.30	G. König (Freie Universität, Berlin): The Pahlavi-Translation of Yt 14
10.30-11.00	D. Sheffield (Harvard University): Manuscript evidence for a text with no manuscript: on the sources of the Pahlavi Wizirgerd i Denig
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30-12.00	M. Timus (Institut for the History of Religions, Bucharest): Changer les mots, altérer les idées. Sur la transmission du Shkand Gumanīg Wizar
12.00-12.30	J. Josephson (Göteborg): Progress report on Edition of Denkard III
12.30	Round table: Preserving and analyzing the Avestan written heritage: towards a new edition of the Avesta