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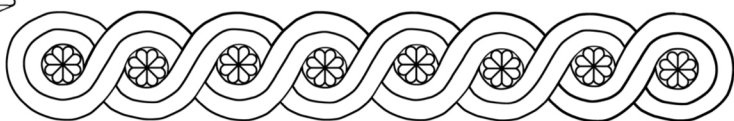
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## Foreword to the Section “Field Reports”

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and Eleonora Mariani

Field reports generally represent the largest relative share of papers at the ICAANE. Reassessments of old excavations fall in this category as well. In Bologna, 95 papers were presented in four parallel sessions and 49 of them are published here. They have been simply arranged according to the alphabetic order of first authors (with the exception of course of the keynote paper, opening this section). They attest to a diversity of agencies, methods, perspectives and urgencies which represent a singular asset of our field.

While new digital architectures of knowledge are about to deeply transform the ways of our scientific dissemination, these reports do supply in the meanwhile loads of new information on near eastern sites, as well as on neighbouring areas, which are all too often insufficiently considered in our discussions.



# Field Reports



## Foreword to the Section “Islamic Archaeology”

Mattia Guidetti

The section on Islamic archaeology collects 20 papers devoted to the archaeology of the Middle Ages and early modern times in the Near East (33 papers were presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> ICAANE). They reflect the current development of the field both in its scope and methodology. Within the geographical area of interest of the ICAANE, authors discuss the Islamic phases of ancient sites and ex-novo Islamic settlements. Methodologically, the studies included in this section are the result of surface surveys, archaeological excavations, and building archaeology. Human, animal and botanic remains, ceramics, metal artifacts, construction and decoration techniques, as well as buildings’ remains are the focus of discussion.

Papers have been here arranged chronologically, starting with the transition from Late Antiquity to early Islam (600-900 CE) and continuing with the middle period (900-1400 CE), represented by most contributions. The chronology stretches up to the Ottoman period, bridging the current natural, social, rural, and urban landscape with that of Antiquity, therefore innervating other ICAANE subfields with the evidence from later Islamic phases.

Though not separated from the rest of the section, some papers are part of one single project frame sharing specific scientific goals. It deals with the north-western Iranian area with a periodization from the Seljuk to the Ilkhanid period. This subgroup of papers highlights one more feature that Islamic archaeology shares with the rest of the ICAANE sections: the active participation of colleagues from different institutions and diverse academic backgrounds.

The following papers show the vitality of the field of Islamic archaeology. It shares intellectual challenges and academic goals with Islamic art history, history, and numismatics contributing to the reconstruction of the material and visual cultures of the Islamic world.



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