



**LIA CONFERENCE - FINAL PROGRAMME**  
**"Environments and Societies in the Southern Caucasus  
*during the Holocene*"**  
Lyon, Maison de l'Orient, 28-29 November 2013

**Thursday, november 28**

8h30     Welcome

<b>Introduction</b>	
9h00	P. Avetisyan, P. Lombard, C. Chataigner <i>LIA France-Armenia ("Humans and Environments in Mountainous Habitats" - HEMHA): International Cooperation of Archaeologists and New Discoveries in Armenia.</i>
9h10	A. Mgelandze, E. Messager <i>LIA France-Georgia ("Georgian Ancient Transcaucasia: Environments and Societies" – GATES)</i>
9h20	E. Muradova, B. Lyonnet <i>LIA France-Azerbaijan ("Azerbaijan Archaeology and Archaeometry" – AzAr2)</i>

<b>Session 1. Vegetation and climate</b>	
9h30	S. Joannin, A. Ali <i>Vegetation, fire and climate history of the Lesser Caucasus: a new Holocene record from Zarishat mire (Armenia)</i>
10h00	C. Leroyer, D. Aoustin, A. Ali <i>Holocene vegetation, landscape, and human activity on Vanevan (Armenia)</i>

10h30     Café

11h00	F. Jude, D. Marguerie <i>Charcoals from Gegharot and Erebuni sites: witnesses of trees resource management - A first dendro-anthracological approach in western Armenia</i>
11h30	E. Messager et al. <i>Late Quaternary record of vegetation changes on the Javakheti plateau (Georgia)</i>
12h00	A. Decaix, E. Messager <i>Palaeoenvironments and agricultural practices in Azerbaijan during Neolithic, Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age periods</i>

12h30 Lunch

<b>Session 2. Tectonics, volcanism, landscape</b>	
14h00	A. Karakhanyan et al. <i>People and Faults: Archeoseismological Studies in Armenia</i>
14h30	J-F. Ritz et al. <i>Impact of active faulting and large earthquakes on the landscape of Syunik and Shirak regions</i>
15h00	S. Nomade et al. <i>Upper Pliocene to Lower Pleistocene volcanism in the Javakheti (Republic of Georgia): Impact on the landscape morphology and Human occupation</i>
15h30	V. Ollivier, M. Fontugne <i>Inland retroactive impact of climato-eustatic oscillations on Holocene Circumcasian landscape and societies</i>

16h00 Café

<b>Session 3. Environmental crises and cultural changes</b>	
16h30	J.-É. Brochier <i>Cultural changes, collapses and climato-environmental crisis</i>
17h00	M. Fontugne <i>Sedimentary archives of past environmental conditions and <sup>14</sup>C chronology uncertainties</i>
17h30	F. Magnin <i>From the domination of climate changes to the decline of dominating powers: ambivalence of data and epistemologic obstacles</i>

18h00	Discussion
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20h00 Dinner (*Brasserie Georges*)

## Friday, november 29

8h30 Welcome

<b>Session 4. Settlement patterns : socio-economic aspects and populations</b>	
9h00	M. Poumarc'h, F. Le Mort <i>Unsuspected diversity and complexity of funerary practices in the South Caucasus populations, from the Neolithic to the Early Bronze Age</i>
9h30	S. Haroutunian, R. Badalyan <i>A GIS analysis of Early Bronze Age settlement patterns in Armenia</i>
10h00	O. Barge, J-E. Brochier, A. Karakhanyan <i>Northernmost kites ?</i>

10h30 Café

**Session 5. Iron Age**

11h00	S. Deschamps <i>Erebuni in the context of Urartean fortresses in the Ararat plain: sources and problems.</i>
11h30	A. Rideaud, B. Helly <i>Ten years of archaeoseismological researches in Armenia.</i>
12h00	M. Casanova, C. Lorre <i>The Necropolises of Azerbaijan during the Bronze and Iron Ages in the Lenkoran and the Lerik Areas (NABIALLA)</i>

12h30 Lunch

**Session 6. Neolithic period**

14h00	M. Arimura <i>Directions for future research on the Neolithic transition</i>
14h30	C. Hamon, M. Jalabadze <i>Gadachrili Gora: a new neolithic excavation within the Shulaveri group (Chramis valley, Georgia)</i>
15h00	B. Lyonnet et al. <i>The Neolithic levels of Mentesh Tepe (Azerbaijan)</i>
15h30	R. Badalyan, A. Harutyunyan <i>Late Neolithic settlements of Ararat Valley (Armenia): the main results and prospects of the research</i>

16h00 Café

16h30	R. Hovsepyan <i>Neolithic agriculture in the Ararat valley (Armenia) and its comparison with the other territories of the South Caucasus</i>
17h00	N. Benecke <i>Domestication in Transcaucasia – Archaeozoological and Palaeogenetic Evidence</i>
17h30	A. Balasescu, E. Vila <i>The exploitation of animals by the Neolithic communities in the Ararat plain (Armenia)</i>

18h00	<b>Discussion</b>
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20h00 Dinner in the Old Lyon (*bouchon "Les Lyonnais"*)