

The Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies in Damascus (NIASD) And the Directorate General for Antiquities and Museums (DGAM) have the pleasure to invite you for the lecture:

“The Prehistory of Tell Sabi Abyad (Raqqqa Province)”

Lecture by Prof.Dr. Peter Akkermans

Prof.Dr. Peter Akkermans is Professor of Near Eastern Prehistory at Leiden University and Curator of the Department of the Ancient Near East at the Netherlands National Museum of Antiquities. He has participated in archaeological field projects in Syria for over 20 years and is director of the Tell Sabi Abyad Archaeological Project (Raqqqa Province). Together with Glenn M. Schwartz, he published *The Archaeology of Syria* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), the first book to present a comprehensive review of the archaeology of Syria from the end of the Palaeolithic period to ca. 300 BC.



Monday 20th April 2009, at DGAM at 17H00

Recent large-scale excavations at Tell Sabi Abyad (located ca. 80 km north of Raqqqa) have yielded a long and continuous sequence of well-preserved prehistoric villages dating at about 6900-6000 BC. The extensive exposure provides detailed insight in the changes and continuities in the organization of village settlement and architecture, as well as the associated material culture. Substantial change took place at the very end of the seventh millennium, possibly in association with environmental stress. A recently found Late Neolithic cemetery with over a hundred graves belongs to this period of change and transition.



Language: English with simultaneous translation into Arabic

Location: Al-Qaaá al Shamieh, DGAM, (Baramka)

Time : 17H00

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