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La conférence de Gainesville a réuni les archéologues africanistes membres ou non de la Society of Africanist Archaeologists (SAFA) du 22 au 25 Mars 1990 à Gainesville aux Etats-Unis.

Le Département d'Archéologie du CICIBA devait à l'occasion de cette grande réunion mondiale organiser un symposium sur la transition Age de la Pierre / Néolithique en Afrique Centrale avec la participation de tous les collègues ayant travaillé sur le terrain sur le sujet et dans cette région.

Le CICIBA n'a pu débloqué les sommes nécessaires aux deux voyages des éditeurs de Nsi. Cependant grâce à la collaboration efficace de Pierre de Maret nous pouvons présenter le compte-rendu des séances. Nous l'en remercions vivement.

22 Mars 1990

Les travaux se sont ouverts le 22 Mars par le discours inaugural de P.Schmidt président de la SAFA et directeur du Centre d'Etudes Africaines de l'Université de Floride où se tenaient les réunions.

Deux symposiums et une session générale ont eu lieu ce jour là:

1. Symposium "The evolution of african pastoralism".

Organisé par A.B.Smith.

- M.A.McDonald, Adaptations of mid-Holocene pastoralists in Dakhleh oasis, south central Egypt.
- R.Haaland, Specialized pastoralism and the use of secondary products in the neolithic Sudan.
- P.Robertshaw, Power in prehistoric pastoral societies in east Africa.
- S.H.Ambrose, Hunter-gatherer / herder interactions in highland east Africa.
- Th.Huffman, Broderstroom and the origins of cattle-keeping in southern Africa.
- A.B.Smith, The origin and development of pastoralism in the Cape, South Africa.

2. General session "Proto-historic and historic archaeology".

- A.B.Stahl, The protohistoric archaeology of Banda, Ghana.
- K.W.Wesler, The introduction of imported ceramics in Nigeria.
- A.Broberg, New aspects of medieval Mogadishu.
- A.La Violette, Archaeology at Pujini: a Swahili fortification, Pemba island, Tanzania.
- J.Silsbee, Voyaging in a favorable season.
- C.Schrire, Excavations at Oudepost I, a dutch East Indies Company outpost, Cape, South Africa.

3. Symposium "Archaeology and actualistic studies bearing on the behavior of early hominids".

Organisé par J.Harris et J.D. Clark.

- S.Semaw, Pliocene archaeology at Hadar.
- M.Kibunjia et H.Roche, Pliocene archaeology west of Lake Turkana, Kenya.
- M.Tappen, P.Morris, P.Williamson, G.Laden, R.Bellomo, T.Spang et J.Harris, A reassessment of site formation processes at the Sen-ga 5a site, Zaïre.
- R.J.Blumenschine et F.T.Masao, Littered landscapes: preliminary observations on the distribution of hominid activities within the basal bed II marshland of Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania.
- C.Saanane et R.J.Blumenschine, Reevaluation of the FLK Zinj fauna from bed I Olduvai Gorge and its implications for early hominid behavior.
- J.A.J.Gowlett, Acheulian sites in the central Rift Valley: questions of palaeogeography, artifact transport and occupation density.
- K.Schick, Site context and content in the Acheulian.
- J.Harris, J.Maiers et O.Orao, Changing patterns of early hominid land use and ranging patterns in the Koobi Fora sedimentary basin.
- S.Kamenya, Community ecology and early hominid behavior.
- J.Sept, Chimpanzee studies and their implications for understanding early hominid ranging behavior.
- C.Sussman, Actualistic studies using quartz and chert from Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania.
- R.V.Bellomo, Actualistic studies of fire and their implications for reconstructing early hominid behavior.
- K.Stewart, Fish as palaeoecological indicators and their application to palaeoecological reconstruction in the western Rift.
- C.W.Marean et C.L.Ehrhardt, Palaeoecology of extinct carnivores and implications for actualistic models.
- N.Isaacson, The construction of gender in human origins: a critical appraisal.
- H.T.Bunn, Archaeological implications of Hadza hunting, scavenging and carcass processing.
- M.M.Selvaggio, Scavenging from carnivores on the Seregenti: implications for early hominid behavior.
- S.D.Capaldo, Differential treatment of axial and appendicular elements by scavenging carnivores at simulated archaeological sites.

23 Mars 1990.

Le 23 Mars une session générale, une conférence et un symposium ont été organisés.

4. General session: archaeological methodology and science.

- C.Bollong, Intensive surface collection of Ruchera cave: implications for cave taphonomy and the detection of cultural behavior utilizing computer-aided analysis.
- B.Asfaw, Palaeoanthropological survey in Ethiopia.
- S.Whitney, A data base for the analysis of pottery use in Somalia.

- N.E.Sikes et S.H.Ambrose, Soil carbon isotope evidence for Holocene habitat change in the Kenya Rift Valley.

- T.S.Dalbey, Digitizing as an analytical tool for prehistory.

5. Conference theme: What is the future of archaeology in Africa?

- S.Mudenda, Archaeological research in the Kafue basin of Zambia: its potential and problems of development.

- J.Bower, Prehistoric land use and the "relevance" of african archaeology.

- S.T.Childs, Do archaeological sciences have a future in Africa?

- N.J.Karoma, Alternative strategies for training archaeologists in eastern Africa.

- G.J.Armelagos, Bioarchaeology and african prehistory.

- D.Whitley, Conservation and management of southern african rock art.

- S.Brandt, African reservoir projects and cultural resource management.

- C.M.Kusimba, Demystifying the Swahili.

- P.R.Schmidt, Ideology and the practice of archaeology: the case of funding for archaeology in Africa.

- M.Posnansky, The archaeologist and the african community.

- E.N.Wilmsen, Subjective politics, political realities: the practice of ethnoarchaeology in the Kalahari.

- B.Mapunda, Archaeology is in our hands now: can we do it better?

- A.B.A.Adande et O.O.Bagodo, Urgence d'une archéologie de sauvetage dans le Golfe du Bénin: cas de la prospection dans les vallées du Mono et de l'Oueme.

6. Symposium: Ecology, archaeology and actualistic studies in Central Africa.

Organisé par A.S.Brooks et J.W.K. Harris.

- J.Verniers, R.Wood, C.Landuyt, C.de Goytor et G.Stoops, State of research on the palaeoenvironment of the Lusso beds, upper Semliki area, Zaïre.

- J.de Heinzelin, New data on the geological history of Lake Edward and upper Semliki basin.

- N.T.Boaz et P.Pavlakakis, Palaeoecology of the western rift and implications for hominid evolution.

- P.G.Williamson et P.J.Morris, Molluscan paleoecology of the Plio-Pleistocene Edward-Albert rift.

- T.W.Spang et R.V.Bellomo, The nature of the artifact assemblages from the Lusso beds.

- A.S.Brooks, J.Keating et C.C. Smith, Survey and excavation of Middle and Later Pleistocene sites in the Semliki valley (Zaïre).

- J.E.Yellen, The archaeology of Katanda 9: a Middle Stone Age site in the Semliki valley, Zaïre.

- N.Toth et K.Schick, Recent palaeolithic investigations in Zambia.

- J.D.Clark, Approaches to identifying behavioral patterns in later Quaternary central african cultural assemblages.

- M.J.Tappen, Excavation of a bone accumulation under a large shade

tree in the Parc National des Virunga, Zaïre.

- G.T.Laden, Land-use and ecology of the Efe of the Ituri forest, Zaïre.

- G.Haynes, Actualistic studies of elephants in Zimbabwe.

24 Mars 1990.

Le 24 mars deux symposiums et deux sessions générales ont cloturés les travaux de la conférence.

7. Symposium: Archaeology and environmental contexts of early Homo sapiens.

Organisé par S.MacBrearty.

- A.Kelly, A comparison of land-use and paleoenvironments in the upper Acheulian and early Middle Stone Age of eastern Africa.

- S.McBrearty, Sangoan environment and technology at Simbi, western Kenya.

- M.J.Mehlman, "Sangoan" and later assemblages at Lake Eyasi: some implications of their contexts.

- T.P.Volman, Origins of modern humans: the view from southern Africa.

- P.R.Willoughby, The Acheulian-Middle Stone Age transition in East Africa and the question of modern human origins.

- A.Z.P.Mabulla, An archaeological survey of the Ndotu beds, Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania.

- P.M.Vermeersch et E.Paulissen, Middle Palaeolithic chert quarrying and upper palaeolithic chert mining in Egypt.

- D.Wallsmith, Driekoppen: a Middle Stone Age rockshelter.

8. Symposium: Archaeology, art and the art market.

Organisé par H.J.Drewal.

- P.Ravenhill, Surfaced finds: the international art trade and west african archaeology.

- B.Gado, Archaeology, protection of cultural heritage, tourism and development in Niger.

- R.J.McIntosh, This way out of chaos: prehistorians and art historians look at each other anew.

9. Workshop: archaeology, art and the art market.

Organisé par K.Ezra.

- M.Posnansky, Archaeology, museums, and conservation in tropical Africa.

- S.T.Childs, A cooperative project in african art history and archaeology.

- A.LaViolette, Archaeological conservation efforts in Zanzibar and the tanzanian mainland.

- P.Ravenhill, The west african museums project (WAMP) and archaeology.

10. General session: ethnoarchaeology and visual anthropology.

- N.David, Videography as a field ethnoarchaeological technique.

- A.S.MacEachern, Ethnoarchaeology by argument: the Mandara archaeological project.

- J.Sterner, "Montage", sacred pots and "symbolic reservoirs" in the Mandara highlands of north Cameroon.

- T.Belkin, The potters of Buur Heybe, Somalia (video).

- J.G.Ellison, An ethnoarchaeological reconnaissance at Xawal Dhe-ri, Somalia.

- N.B.Mbae, Pastoral Masai site types, function and refuse organization.

- S.Kent, Seasonal changes in a recently sedentary Kalahari community and implications for archaeology.

- E.K.Agorsah, Objectivity in the ethnoarchaeology of Africa.

11. General session: The Later Stone Age, Pre-dynastic and Iron Age.

- L.Robbins, 1989 fieldwork at the White paintings rockshelter, Tsodilo Hills, Botswana.

- J.O.Mills, Predynastic astronomy at Hierakonpolis.

- C.L.Awasom, The state and future of archaeology in the Ndop plain of the Cameroon grassfields.

- M.S.Bisson, A reevaluation of the origins of pottery found in Late Stone Age sites of the zambian Copperbelt.

- P.de Maret et O.Gosselain, Later Stone Age in west central Africa: an overview of the latest dates.

- J.Denbow, The Early Iron Age along the Congo coast: new data from reconnaissance and excavations.

- D.A.Kuevi, Recherches archéologiques récentes dans le sud-ouest de la République togolaise.