

SEVENTH CONFERENCE IN THE CONFERENCE SERIES 'PAPYRI IN A CHANGING WORLD'

WRITING NUMBERS IN PAPYRI: SCRIBAL TRAINING, REPRESENTATION AND USE (4-6 NOVEMBER 2026)

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4

15:00-15:30 Arrival

15:30-16:15 TAZUKO VAN BERKEL: *t.b.a.*

16:15-17:00 PANAGIOTA SARISCHOULI: *Use, Representation, and Symbolic Value of Numbers in Graeco-Egyptian Magical Papyri*

17:15-18:00 Drinks

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5

SESSION 1: LEARNING NUMBERS AND SCRIBAL TRAINING

09:00-09:30 JULIA LOUGOVAYA: *Numeracy Skills Acquisition in Greco-Roman Egypt: Mathematical Problems in the Papyrological Evidence*

09:30-10:00 SANDRA LIPPERT: *Writing Numbers, Fractions and Dates in the Demotic Ostraca from Hut-Repit*

10:00-10:30 THOMAS KELLY: *Numerals in Context: Notation and Scribal Training in Greek Geometrical Papyri*

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 LEIA JIMÉNEZ TORRES & GIULIA TONON: *Numerals as Evidence for Multilingual Education in Egypt: from the Graeco-Roman to the Islamic Period*

12:00-12:30 LAJOS BERKES: *From Right to Left and Back Again: Writing Numbers and Scribal Training in 8th–9th Century Arabic Documents*

12:30-13:30 Lunch

SESSION 2: USING NUMBERS IN A CHANGING WORLD

13:30-14:00 MILAD ABEDI: *Writing 1000 in the Pahlavi Papyri: A Reassessment of the Numeral System in the Middle Persian Documents from Egypt*

14:00-14:30 KHALED YOUNES: *t.b.a.*

14:30-15:00 GIULIO IOVINE: *Numeri Innumeri. Roman numbers in Latin and Latin-Greek Papyri (I BC–VII AD)*

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:00 BEN HARING: *Pseudo-Script and Numbers in the Egyptian New Kingdom*

16:00-16:30 STEFAN WIMMER: *Levantine Numbers: Which Numerals did the Phoenicians, Hebrews and their Neighbours use - and why?*

16:30-17:00 LISA CLEATH: *Achaemenid Aramaic Numeral Graphemes in Comparative Context*

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

SESSION 3: WRITING AND CORRECTING NUMBERS IN DOCUMENTS

09:00-09:30 PETRA SIJPESTEIJN: *Safeguarding Amounts: Measures to Prevent Fraud in Islamic-Era Papyri*

09:30-10:00 JOANNE STOLK & DESPINA BORCEA: *Corrections of numbers in Greek contracts from Egypt: revision in progress or signs of fraude?*

10:00-10:30 MARGARETHA FOLMER: *The Notation of Numbers in Aramaic Documentary Texts from Egypt (5th c. BCE)*

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 GIULIA MIRANTE: *The Registers of the Archive of Eutychides son of Sarapion: Palaeographical Features and Layout*

11:30-12:00 MARIE LEGENDRE: *Spelling out Numbers or Using Figures in Arabic Documents (7th-10th Century)*

12:00-12:30 SERENA CAUSO: *Counting, Recording, Communicating: Numeracy in the Early Islamic Archive of Basileios*

12:30-13:30 Lunch

SESSION 4: SHAPES AND FORMS OF NUMERALS

13:30-14:00 LAVINIA FERETTI: *The Shape of the Letter Sigma Used for Numerals in Ptolemaic Times*

14:00-14:30 LIANE FELDMAN: *Numerical Notation in the Qumran Scrolls*

14:30-15:00 THOMAS PEETERS: *Fractions in Greco-Roman Mathematical Astronomy*

15:00-15:30 ALEXANDER JONES: *Numerals and Fractions in Greek Astronomical Papyri*

15:30 Closing and end