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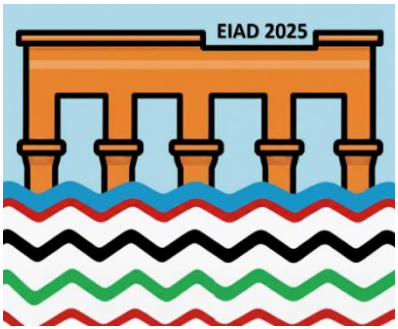

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Promoted by the **Embassy of Italy, the Italian Cultural Institute (IIC), and the Italian Archaeological Center (CAI-IIC)** in collaboration with the **Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA)**, the **Museums Department of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA)** and the **Egyptian Museum in Cairo (EMC).**
Initiative included in the European Commission Research and Innovation Days

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First Day ('Avant-premiere'), Saturday, November 22nd
Don Bosco Institute – Cairo, 09:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Project: "Archeologia nelle Scuole – Archaeology for the Youth"
Embassy of Italy (Economic Office, Education Office, Scientific-Space Office), Italian Cultural Institute (IIC), Italian Archaeological Center (CAI-IIC). **In collaboration with:** the Egyptian Museum of Cairo (**EMC**), Don Bosco Institute, Franciscan Cultural Center.
Opening Remarks: **Prof. Ramy Halim**, Director of the Don Bosco Institute; **Prof. Giuseppe Cecere**, Coordinator of the Italian Archaeological Centre **(CAI-IIC); Dr. Shereen Ameen**, Scientific Office, the Egyptian Museum in Cairo (EMC; on video).
Key lecture: "The adventure of restauration and archaeology as a dialogue between cultures". **Dr. Chiara Tomaini (IVBC), Dr. Anna Visentin (IBVC), Dr. Carloalberto Boux (CBA-S.A.S),**Veneto Institute of Cultural Heritage (IVBC).
Forum with: Prof. Ramy Halim, Director of the Don Bosco Institute; **Prof. Ralph Bodenstein,** Deputy Director of the DAI-KAI (German Archaeological Institute in Cairo)

Second Day, Sunday, November 30th, 2025
Italian Cultural Institute in Zamalek , 09:30 AM - 06:00 PM
COLLABORATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND ITALY IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND CULTURAL HERITAGE VALORIZATION: ARCHAEOLOGICAL MISSIONS, SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR
Hybrid Event , available both in person and online
For those who want to attend online: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86444073384
Meeting ID: 864 4407 3384

09:30-10:00 AM Registration of Guests and Attendees
10:00-10:10 *Welcome speech:*
Dr. Maurizio Guerra
Director of the Italian Cultural Institute
10:10-10:30 *Institutional Greetings and Opening Remarks:*
H.E. Dr. Agostino Palese
Ambassador of Italy to the Arab Republic of Egypt
H.E. Prof. Mohamed Ismail Khaled
Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, MoTA

10:35–10:45 AM: Introduction of the Workhsop:
Prof. Giuseppe Cecere, Coordinator of the Italian Archaeological Center (**CAI-ICC**), "Why EIAD? Past Experiences and New Approaches for Egyptian-Italian collaboration in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage"

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break 10:45 AM - 01:15 PM Session One.
The role of Archaeological Missions and Universities in the collaboration between Egypt and Italy for scientific research, heritage valorization, and sustainable development.
Forum with Italian Archaeological Missions supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) in 2025, Representatives of the Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA); Museum Directors; Egyptian and Italian Universities, Cultural Heritage Associations.
Key Speakers:
Prof. Antonio Curci (University of Bologna) and **Prof. Maria Carmela Gatto** (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)
Prof. Barbara Barich (ISMEO) and **Dr. Giulio Lucarini** (CNR)
Dr. Massimiliano Nuzzolo (University of Turin)
Prof. Andrea Manzo (University of Naples L'Orientale) and **Dr. Mahmoud Imam** (Cairo University)
Dr. Angelo Sesana (CEFB, Como) and **Arch. Elio Negri** (CEFB, Como)
Prof. Gianluca Miniaci (University of Pisa) and **Dr. Elena Tiribilli** (University of Pisa)
Dr. Andrea Angelini (CNR, Italian National Research Council)
Prof. Patrizia Piacentini (University of Milan La Statale)
Prof. Michele Asolati (University of Padova)
Prof. Paola Davoli (University of Salento, Lecce)
Prof. Francesca Maltomini (University of Florence);
Dr. Maria Rosaria Marchionibus (University of Naples L'Orientale);
Prof. Giuseppe Fanfoni (CFPR, Rome)
Dr. Cristina Mondin (University of Padova)

01:15-01:30 PM*: Inauguration of the Photographic Exhibition "The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and the Archaeological Missions in Egypt".*

02:30– 03:45 PM: Session Two.
Multilateral perspectives: the Italian contribution to collaboration between Egyptian, European, and International scientific institutions.
Dr. Ali Abdel Halim, Director of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo (**EMC**); **Dr. Shereen Ameen**, Scientific Office, the Egyptian Museum in Cairo (**EMC**); **Dr. Rania Ahmed Ali**, Director of the **Department of Mummy Restoration and Human Remains Conservation**, Projects Sector, Ministry Of Turism & Antiquities (**MoTA**); **Dr. Fatma Keshk** (**IFAO, DAI-KAI, AUC Press**), Scientific Director of "Exploring Egypt Seminar"; **Prof. Dietrich Raue**, Director of the **DAI-KAI** (German Archaeological Institute in Cairo); **Dr. Tomasz Kanya,** Director of the **PCMA** (Polish Centre for Mediterranean Archaeology) in Cairo; **Dr. Valentina Gasperini**, Researcher, **IFAO** (French Institute of Oriental Archaeology); **Dr. Ikhlas Abdel Latif**, Director of the Museums Sector, **NCAM** (National Corporation for Antiquities and Museums), Sudan; **Dr. Melinda Hartwig,** Director of the **ARCE** (American Research Center in Egypt).
Moderator: **Prof. Giuseppe Cecere**, Coordinator, CAI-IIC (Italian Archaeological Centre)

04:00– 5:30 PM: Session Three.
Scientific research and technological innovation for archaeology and cultural heritage: the role of public institutions and the private sector.
Forum with **Gen. Shaaban Abdel Gawad**, General Supervisor of the **Antiquities Repatriation Department**, Ministry Of Turism & Antiquities (**MoTA**); **Dr. Hassan**

Ibrahim Saleh, Head of the National Center for Radiation Research and Technology, **Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority (EAEA**); **Dr. Costanza Miliani**, Director of **ISPC-CNR**, Institute of **Cultural Heritage Sciences,** Italian National Research Council; **Dr. Anna Marzo**, Head of Laboratory Technologies for the Safeguard of Architectural and Cultural Heritage (**SPAC**) of **ENEA - Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development.**
Representatives from some leading companies in technological innovation will present case studies of successful knowledge transfer and application of industrial technologies to archaeological research and cultural heritage:
Dr. Gabriele Busanello (SLB Principal, Lead of Geophysics) will focus on "Geophysical Solutions for Archaeology: Knowledge Transfer from Industrial Applications"; **Dr. Massimiliano Romeo (CY4Gate S.p.A.)** will present the software-based system **SETH (Safeguarding Endangered Treasures and Heritage)**, helping police agencies identify and recover stolen artworks and artifacts.
Moderator: **Dr. Domenico De Martinis**, Scientific Attaché of the **Italian Embassy**

05:30 – 06:00 PM: *Closing Remarks.*

Egyptian Museum in Cairo (Tahrir Square), 07:00 PM
NEFERTARI AND ITALY: TALE OF A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP
Conference and Inauguration of the Exhibition "Nefertari: Reviving the Beauty of the Most Beautiful Lady: The Tomb and Its History"
In collaboration between the Egyptian Museum of Cairo, the Egyptian Museum of Turin, and the Archaeological Center of the Italian Cultural Institute
Free Admission, within the limits of the available seats.
Opening Remarks
Prof. Ali Abdel Halim Ali, Director of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo
Institutional Greetings
H.E. Dr. Agostino Palese
Italian Ambassador in Egypt
H.E. Prof. Mohamed Ismail Khaled
Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, MoTA
Dr. Ahmed Hemeda
Head of the Museums Sector, MoTA
Guest of Honor
H.E. Prof. Dr. Zahi Hawass, Archaeologist, Writer, former Minister of State for Antiquities, former Secretary General of the SCA.
Video Message
Prof. Christian Greco, Director of the Egyptian Museum in Turin

Conference
Dr. Francis Amin, Curator of the Exhibition and Italian Honorary Consul in Luxor
Dr. Cristina Vazio, Restorer, former Member of the Nefertari restoration team
Dr. Andrea Pillon, Egyptologist, University Lyon 2, Co-director of IFAO's research project "Theban Tomb (TT) 265 of Amenemipet" (Luxor)
Dr. Alberto Siliotti, Scientific Journalist, Author of "Nefertari: The Tomb and Its History"
Conference Moderator
Prof. Giuseppe Cecere, Coordinator of Italian Archaeological Centre (CAI-IIC).

The exhibition, joining photographic material and archaeological finds, will recall two key moments in the "special relationship" between Queen Nefertari and Italy: the discovery of her tomb by **Ernesto Schiaparelli** in 1904 and its restoration (1987-1992) by an Italian team led by **Paolo Mora** (1921-1998) and **Laura Sbordoni Mora** (1923-2015).
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