

Magical Gems in their Contexts

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Budapest 16 – 18 February 2012

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BAROQUE HALL

16 FEBRUARY

14.30 Opening and welcome remarks

ÁRPÁD M. NAGY
LÁSZLÓ TÖRÖK
ISABELLE VEILLARD

15.00 Setting up contexts for magical gems CHAIR: L. TÖRÖK

ERIKA ZWIERLEIN-DIEHL (BONN): Dating magical gems
RICHARD GORDON (ERFURT): The Origins of the 'Magical Amulets': Some Speculations

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Setting up contexts for magical gems CHAIR: J. QUACK

VÉRONIQUE DASEN (FRIBOURG): Jeux d'images, jeux de mots sur les gemmes magiques
ATTILIO MASTROCINQUE (VERONA): The iconography of Ialdabaoth

17.30 Challenge day: Problematic magical gems and close viewing of some magical gems in the Museum CHAIR: I. CSEPREGI

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09.00 Magical gems in archaeological context CHAIR: E. ZWIERLEIN-DIEHL

SIMONE MICHEL-VON DUNGERN (MARKTBREIT): "Abracadabra Abraxas. Magie und Zauberei in der Heilkunde der römischen Zeit" – An exhibition with magical gems in the Malerwinkelhaus Museum, Marktbreit
SHUA AMORAI-STARK (BEER-SHEBA): Selected unpublished magical stones and rings from Caesarea Maritima, Israel
DESPINA IGNATIADOU (THESSALONIKI): Two magical gems from the Roman cemetery in Thessaloniki

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 The Jewish and Christian context CHAIR: SH. AMORAI-STARK

GIDEON BOHAK (TEL-AVIV): The Use of Engraved Gems in Ancient Jewish Magic
JEFFREY SPIER (ARIZONA): Solomon and Asmodeus on Graeco-Roman magical amulets and rings
ÁRPÁD M. NAGY (BUDAPEST): Gemmes magiques judaïques

12.30 Lunch break

14.00 Magical gems and Egypt CHAIR: CH. FARAONE

JOACHIM QUACK (HEIDELBERG): From Egyptian traditions to magical gems. Possibilities and pitfalls in scholarly analysis
MARIA NILSSON AND JOHN WARD (GOTHENBURG): Mason or priest?
A comparison between Graeco-Roman signs on magical amulets and symbols in Egyptian quarries
KIRSTEN DZWIZA (HEIDELBERG): The writing of characteres on magical gems – decoration patterns, contexts and techniques

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Magical gems as protective objects CHAIR: V. DASEN

CHRISTOPHER FARAONE (CHICAGO): Magical gems as miniature statues
VALÉRIE MARTINI (FRIBOURG): Gemmes magiques et pouvoirs thérapeutiques: les compétences guérisseuses d'Isis et Sérapis
ELENI TSATSOU (THESSALONIKI): Uterine amulets: amulets that protect the uterus or that reinforce erotic desire?

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9.00 Magical gems and literature CHAIR: A. MASTROCINQUE

GYÖRGY NÉMETH (BUDAPEST): The discovery of a god: Heliorus
SONIA MACRÌ (ENNA): Lo statuto immateriale delle gemme nella letteratura greco-romana
PAOLO VITELLOZZI (PERUGIA): La spada di Dardano: nuove riflessioni su una gemma magica di Perugia

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Magical gems in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages CHAIR: J. SPIER

FELICITY HARLEY-MCGOWAN (MELBOURNE): Jesus the magician? Engraved gems and the representation of crucifixion in Late Antiquity
GENEVRA KORNBLUTH (MARYLAND): Pilulae and bound pendants: Roman and Merovingian amulets
JENNIFER WYNNE HELLWARTH (PENNSYLVANIA): "For glysteryng of the ryche ston":
Near East magical gems and the sexual body in the Middle English romance Emaré

12.30 KATA ENDREFFY (BUDAPEST): The Campbell Bonner Magical Gems database

12.50 Closing remarks

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