



Rock Art Research: the second Ifpo and PCMA Post-doc Scholarship



For the second time the PCMA Research Centre in Cairo and Institut français d'archéologie orientale have offered a joint post-doctoral fellowship. It has been awarded to Dr. Paweł Polkowski of the Archaeological Museum in Poznań.



Dr P. Polkowski during documentation work in the Dakhla Oasis
(Photo Ewa Kuciewicz)

His scholarly interests center around the rock art of North Africa, with a focus on the eastern Sahara

region. For the past few years he has been working with the Polish team of the Petroglyph Unit of the Dakhleh Oasis Project, becoming the team's director in 2016. His work in Dakhleh involves rock art that dates from the middle Holocene Era (c.7000 BC), through ancient and medieval periods, to modern times. Such a wide chronological span necessitates an interdisciplinary approach, combining archaeology, Egyptology and epigraphy.

As the Post-Doc Fellow, Dr. Polkowski is now in Cairo, where he will organize an international conference [*Stone Canvas: Towards a Better Integration of Rock Art and Graffiti Studies in Egypt and Sudan*](#) on rock art and graffiti in Egypt and Sudan. It has been scheduled for 10–11 November 2019. He will also be in charge of the preparation of conference proceedings. The conference will offer a forum for a dialogue between representatives of different, if related, disciplines aimed at establishing common research perspectives.

The [first edition](#) of the Ifao-PCMA Post-Doc was organized in 2017 to mark the 80th anniversary of Polish-French archaeological cooperation in Egypt. It was granted to Dr. Mennet-Allah el-Dorry who specializes in archaeobotanical analyses and the question of ancient diet.

Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology, University of Warsaw coordinates Polish archaeological research in the Eastern Mediterranean since 1959 (since 1990 under the present name). In recent years it broadened its scope of interest into the Arabian Peninsula and the Caucasus. Currently about 30 projects in Egypt, Sudan, Cyprus, Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Armenia and Tunisia. The PCMA also runs a Research Centre in Cairo and the Polish Archaeological Unit in Khartoum.

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