

Summary Curriculum vitae

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I. Synopsis

1. General Information

A. Identity and Personal Details

Surname: FARES

Name : Saba

Nationality : French

Place and Date of Birth: Syria, 30/JUL/1961

Family Situation: divorced, 3 children (26, 24 and 21)

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<http://www.kiwa-arabie.com>

B. Present Positions and Establishments :

- Lecturer at Nancy 2, Faculty of Literature and Human Sciences, Department of Arabic Language and Civilisation.
- *Address :* Université Nancy 2, Présidence Secrétariat Général, 25 rue Baron Louis 54000 Nancy

C. Qualifications of the CNU (National University Centre)

21/JAN/2002 renewed on 17/JAN/2006 15th section, Arabic Language and Literatures;
26/JAN/2001 renewed on 03/FEB/2006 21st section, History, Civilisation, Archaeology and Art of
Ancient and Medieval Worlds.

D. Membership of Scientific Associations

- American Society for Oriental Research, USA;
- Société Asiatique, Paris;
- Society for Arabian Studies, London.

E. Involvement in Research Teams

- UMR 5981 (HiSOMA)
Address: Lyon, 5-7 rue Raulin, 69007, Lyon
Website: <http://www.hisoma.mom.fr/>
Head : Jean-Claude Decourt
- EA 1132 (HISCANT), Nancy
Address : Centre Édouard Will - Le Monde Méditerranéen Antique 23, boulevard Albert 1er -
B.P.3397 - 54015 Nancy Cedex
Website : http://www.univ-nancy2.fr/EQUIPES_RECHERCHE/apercuEquipe.php?idEq=31
Head : Guy Vottéro

F. Fields of Research

- Early period of Islamic history;
- Pastoral nomadic groups in Near Eastern societies;
- Arabic Linguistics;
- Christians in early Islam World;
- Semitic Epigraphy.

G. Research Themes

- Sanctuaries and Political Power in the Arabian Peninsula in Pre-Islamic Times and at the Beginning of Islam;
- The Pre-Islamic Arabian Peninsula during the transitional period between the Achaemenid Empire and the Hellenistic Empire;
- Urban Space and Nomadic Space: Study of a Political Geography of Pre-Islamic Arabia;
- Syntax and Semantics of Pre-Islamic Languages.

H. Management of Scientific Projects and Organisation of Scientific Meetings

- **Since 1995**, Head of the Franco-Jordanian Epigraphic and Archaeological Project in Wadi-Ramm (Jordan). Mission financed by the Sub-Department of Human Sciences and of Archaeology within the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Since 2007**, Head of the Franco-Saudi Project in Kilwa.
- **2007-2008** : Co-organisation of a series of Study Days: *Women, Culture and Society in Past and Present Mediterranean Civilisations*, with the UMR 5189 HiSOMA-Lyon, the Arabic Department at Nancy 2, the Department of History and Archaeology of Ancient and Medieval Worlds at Nancy 2, the UMR 8167 Eastern and Mediterranean Worlds, and the UMR 7041 Archaeologies and Sciences of Antiquity (ArScAn).
- **2006**, Elaboration and Responsibility for the Project of Prospection and Excavations in Kilwa (Saudi Arabia). This project was accepted by the Deputy Ministry of Antiquities and the Museums of Riyadh. A loan by the CNRS (French National Research Centre) was granted to launch the project. The first campaign was planned in April 2007.
- **2005** : Conference at the UMR 5189 (HiSOMA) of Hatoon AL-FASSI (University of King Saoud-Riyad) : *Women in the Nabataean World*;
- **2000** : Organisation of the Conference: *North-Arabic Languages : Definition and Terminology*, at the IFPO, Jordan-Amman ;

I. Financing granted upon Presentation of Scientific Projects

Since 2000, yearly : Sub-Department of Human Sciences and of Archaeology within the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the project : *Wadi Ramm : Civilisations of Desert Arabia, from their historical Beginnings up until Islam*.

2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 : CNRS, Department of the Sciences of Mankind and of the Society, Franco-Jordanian Cooperation.

2008 Application An application has been presented to the Sub-Department of Human Sciences and of Archaeology within the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the opening of a mission for the project: Kilwa (Saudi Arabia) : *Civilisations of Desert Arabia, from their historical Beginnings up until Islam*.

2007 : Additional Grant due to Quality Research: University of Lyon 2 for the organisation of a Research Day in Lyon on Women.

2007 :Rhône-Alpes Region : for the publication of the Minutes of the Meetings on Women, organised

in Lyon, Paris and Nanterre.

2. Scientific Career

2006-2007	Temporary Teaching and Research Attaché, Arabic Department, Nancy2 ;
Since 1999	Post-Doctorand and Associate Researcher in the UMR 5189 of the CNRS (HiSOMA), House of the Orient;
2005-2006	Temporary Teaching and Research Attaché, Arabic Department, Aix-Marseille 1 ;
2003-2005	Temporary Lecturer Department of Applied Foreign Languages, Faculty of Languages, University Lumière-Lyon 2 ;
2003-2004	Temporary Lecturer, Vocational Training, University Lumière-Lyon 2 ;
2000-2001	Temporary Lecturer, Institute of Political Studies-Lyon 2 ;
2001-2003	Researcher and Post-Doctorand, Institute of History and Origins of the Ancient World, UMR 5189 of the CNRS (HiSOMA), Maison de l'Orient;
1993-2000	Doctorand under Scholarship at the French Institute of The Near-East.

3. Coordination of Collective Works

2008	<i>Women, Family and Society: Women in the Mediterranean Basin and in the Near-East, from Antiquity to the Present</i> , publication of the Research Days in Lyon, Paris and Nanterre, in collaboration with Cécile Michel, Brigitte Lion and Françoise Briquel-Chatonnet, <i>Topoi</i> , under publication
2008	<i>Women, Family and Society : Women in the Mediterranean Basin and in the Near-East, from Antiquity to the Present</i> , publication of the two Research Days in Nancy, in collaboration with Laurence Denooz, published by the Maison de l'Orient, under publication.

4. Publications

Works

2005	<i>History of the Arabs on the Confines of Persian and Hellenistic Powers (IV-II centuries BC)</i> , Lyon (TMO, 42, Maison de l'Orient), 325 pages.
Under publication	Wadi Ramm, Preliminary Reports 1996-2004 (Volume I).

Chapter in a Work

2006	« Reflexion on Hunting Symbols in Rupestrian Engravings in Ramm (Southern Jordan) », in the <i>Minutes of the 2nd Conference at the Maison René Ginouvès : Hunting: Social and Symbolic Practices</i> . Available on line : http://halshs.archives-ouvertes.fr/halshs-00129107
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Translation

2004	Translation from French into Arabic: <i>Archaeological Mission in Arabia</i> , by Jaussen and Savignac, Tome I, Foundation of King Abd al-Azîz, Riyad.
2009	Translation of French into Arabic: <i>Archaeological Mission in Arabia</i> , by Jaussen and Savignac, Tome II, suppl. 1, Foundation of King Abd al-Azîz, Riyad (under

publication).

- 2009** Translation from French into Arabic: *Archaeological Mission in Arabia*, by Jaussen and Savignac, Tome II, Suppl. 2, Foundation of King Abd al-Azîz, Riyad (under publication).
- 2009** Translation from French into Arabic: *Archaeological Mission in Arabia*, by Jaussen and Savignac, Tome III, Foundation of King Abd al-Azîz, Riyad (under publication).

Articles with Reading Committee

- Under publication** « Priestesses in North-Western Arabia (al-Ula/Dedan) », *Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Creative Women*, under the direction of Béatrice Didier.
- Under publication** « Business Women of Maiden-Saleh (Arabic Peninsula), 1st Century BC », *Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Creative Women*, under the direction of Béatrice Didier.
- Under publication** « Babatha, a Jewish Documentalist of the Roman Times », *Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Creative Women*, under the direction of Béatrice Didier.
- 2004** « A Preliminary Report on the Sixth Season of the Wâdi Iram Epigraphic, Geographical and Archaeological Survey », *ADAJ* 45, p. 350-375.
- 2004** « Report of the 2004 Franco-Jordanian Mission », in *Munjazat*, Department of Antiquities of Jordan.
- 2003** « Notes on Human Occupation in Wadi Ramm », in *Topoi* 2003, suppl. 4, p. 427-429.
- 2001** « A Preliminary Report on the fourth Season of the Wâdi Iram Epigraphic, Geographical and Archaeological Survey », in *ADAJ* (45), pp. 205-216.
- 2000** Report of the Symposium *Julius Euting (1839-1913) und die Erforschung arabiens*, *Topoi* (9), 1999, p. 479-481.
- 2000** « Report of RR. PP. A. Jaussen and R. Savignac – Archaeological Mission in Arabia », in REMMM (n°89-90), p. 325-329. Available on line : <http://remmm.revues.org/document2681.html>
- 1998** « Two North-Arabian Inscriptions from the Temple of Lât at Wady Iram », *ADAJ* (42), 1998, p. 255-258.
- 1997** « Epigraphic Propection in Wady Iram, 1996 (in Arabic) », *ADAJ* (41), 1997, p. 37-44 (Arabic Section).
- 1997** « Wadi Ramm Epigraphic Survey », *American Journal of Archaeology* (10), 1997, p. 496-497.
- 1995** « The Dedanite-Type Inscription of Abu al-Dibâ'/Wady Ramm, a new Reading », *ADAJ* (39), 1995, p. 493-497.

Conferences with Reading Committees and Published Minutes

- 2003** «The Chronology of the Dedanite and Lihyânites Inscriptions of al-'Ulâ : a Survey », *Topoi* 2003, suppl. 4, p. 379-405.
- 2000** « The Divinity *h-KTBY/hn-'KTB* in North-Western Arabia and Southern Jordan », *Topoi* (9), 1999, p. 201-208.
- 1996** « Wady Iram : a Place of Worship and Meeting of Arab Tribes in Antiquity. The first Results of the 1997 Epigraphic Mission », *ARAM* (8 : 1&2), 1996, p. 269-283.

A summary is available on line

http://poj.peeters-leuven.be/content.php?url=article&id=2002199&journal_code=ARAM

Conferences without publication of the Minutes

- 2002** « Cultural Heritage and the Protection of Rock Art in Southern Jordan » 7TH International Seminary UNESCO Forum, University and Heritage, organised in Amman, Jordan :
- 2006** « Survey and Excavations at Hudayb al-Rih in Wadi Ramm », *ASOR* Annual Meeting, Washington D. C., USA.

Organisations of Conferences

- 2000** Organisation of a Conference: *Northern-Arabic Inscriptions : Definition and Terminology*. Conference organised at the French Archaeological Institute of the Near-East, Amman (Jordan).
- 2006-2008** Co-organisation of a series of Study Days : *Women, Culture and Society in the Past and Present Mediterranean Civilisations*, with the UMR 5189 HiSOMA-Lyon, the Arabic Department at Nancy 2, the Department of History and Archaeology of Ancient and Medieval Worlds at Nancy 2, the UMR 8167 Eastern and Mediterranean Worlds, and the UMR 7041 Archaeologies and Sciences of Antiquity (ArScAn).

Exhibitions

- 2001** Scientific Head of the Exhibition: « Research in Wadi Ramm », during Science Week ;
- 2002** Scientific Head of the Exhibition: « A Desert and Men » presented by the Service of Cooperation and Cultural Action in Amman, Jordan and at the Museum of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia.

II. Academic Career

1. Diplomas

<i>Certificate in Hebrew Language, University of Provence</i>	1988
<i>Two-year Pre-Graduate Diploma of Foreign Literature and Civilisations : Arabic, University of Provence</i>	1991
<i>Honours Degree in Foreign Literature and Civilisations : Arabic, University of Provence</i>	1992

Masters in Arabic, University of Provence

Title	<i>The First Proto-Arabic Inscriptions</i>
Date	September 1992
Research Team	Institute of Research and Studies on the Arab and Muslim World, Aix-en-Provence (CNRS)
Heads	Christian ROBIN, Head Researcher at the CNRS and Solange ORY, Emeritus Professor at the University of Provence ;
Grade	<i>With Honours 2.1</i>

Masters in the Sciences of Language, major : linguistics

Title	<i>Material for a Lihyanite Corpus</i>
Date	September 1993
Research Team	Institute of Research and Studies on the Arab and Muslim World (CNRS)
Heads	Christian TOURATIER, Professor of Universities and Christian ROBIN, Head Researcher at the CNRS ;
Grade	<i>With Honours 2.1</i>

Ph. D in Literature and Human Sciences.

Discipline	Language and Speech.
Major	Linguistics
Title	<i>Dedan and its Inscriptions. Research on an Oasis in North-Western Arabia during the Persian and Hellenistic Times</i>
Date	September 10 th , 1999
Research Team	Institute of Research and Studies on the Arab and Muslim World, Aix-en-Provence (CNRS).
Heads	Christian TOURATIER and Christian ROBIN
Jury president	Jean-François SALLES, Head Researcher, CNRS, Lyon
Rapporteurs	François BRON, Head Researcher, CNRS, Paris André LEMAIRE, Collège de France, Paris
Examiners	Abd al-Rahman AL-ANSARY, Emeritus Professor, University of King Saud, Saudi Arabia
Grade	<i>Highest Praise with Unanimous Felicitations</i>

The thesis was published, see the bibliography.

2. Studies Abroad

- 1993-1999 French Institute of the Near-East, Beirut (Lebanon) ;
 1999-2000 French Institute of the Near-East, Amman (Jordan) ;

3. University Scientific Missions

- 1994 **Saudi Arabia, Riyad**. Collaboration with Mr al-Ansary, one of the members of the jury for my thesis. This mission enabled me to prepare the following mission to visit the al-'Ulâ site, the subject of my thesis. At this time, foreigners had no access to archaeological sites, but I could not have completed my work without a study of the site and the verification of the inscriptions *in situ*.
- 1994 **Jordan, al-Dîsseh Village**. Verification of a Northern Arabic inscription published by D. Graf, mentioning a Minean God (Southern Arabic) : *WDD*. If the presence of this god was confirmed, this was of interest in terms of the spreading of Southern Arabic religions along South-North trade routes. The chapter on Northern Arabic religion being central to my thesis, it was vital to check whether or not it was this god. After examining the inscription *in situ*, it turned out that it made no reference whatsoever to any god; however, my study demonstrated its considerable importance: it was in fact an essential inscription to understand water control and distribution throughout the region.
- 1996 **Saudi Arabia, al-'Ulâ** : Photographing and examining the inscriptions *in situ*, theses being the subject of my thesis and studying the geographical and archaeological context of the texts. ***This was the first time that a foreigner went for a scientific visit to the Saudi Arabian territory.***
- 1999 **Syria, Zabad** : Work within the framework of the Mission « Arid Margins » directed by Mr Bernard Geyer (Maison de l'Orient). I wanted to find the original site of one of the first four Proto-Arabic inscriptions which is now in the Musée du Cinquantaire, in Brussels. It was important to study the archaeological context of the inscription to interpret the text.
- 1999 **Syria, Harrân** : Work with Mr Christian Robin and Mr François Villeneuve. Our mission was to research, find then record and stamp the famous bilingual Greek and Proto-Arabic inscription belonging to the four Proto-Arabic inscriptions. This inscription was published in the XIX century. We found it in use as a door lintel in a private house in Harrân. The stamp is preserved today at the Maison de l'Orient.

4. Academic Scholarship

- Academic Scholarship.....1992-1993
 Ministry of Research and Techniques, financing of Masters, Speech and Language Laboratory, University of Provence, Aix-en-Provence.
- Ph. D. Scholarship at the University Lyon 21993-1999
Three scholarships of the Doctoral School of the University Lyon 2 and the French Institute of Near-East (Beirut-Lebanon).