

**People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**  
**Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research**  
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Mohamed Lamine Debaghine, Sétif 2 University Is Organizing  
In Commemoration of Heritage Month and the National Day of Memory (May 8th)  
The 11th National Conference

In Coordination with: The Laboratory of Heritage and Archaeological Studies Department of  
History and Archaeology Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Entitled:

**Memory and Territory: Algerian Cultural Heritage Facing  
the Challenges of Digitization, Legislation, and Sustainable  
Development**

**Conference Supervising Body**

- Honorary Conference Chair: Prof. Dr. El Kheir Gueschi, Rector
- General Conference Coordinator: Prof. Dr. BenJeddou Boutalbi, Vice-Rector
- Conference Chair: Dr. Houcine Bellahreche
- Scientific Committee Chair: Dr. Said Khacha, Laboratory Director
- Organizing Committee Chair: Dr. Yougourta Boulkebache

**Scientific Rationale (Call for Papers):**

The geographical area extending from the southern shores of the Mediterranean Sea to the northern borders of the African Sahel constitutes an exceptional stage for continuous civilizational accumulation. In this context, Algeria, with its pivotal location and vast territory, acts as the environmental and cultural bridge where various human dynamics have merged, from prehistoric periods through the historical and Islamic eras.

Coinciding with the commemoration of "Heritage Month," this scientific conference aims to present a critical and update dreading of the current state of archaeological and heritage research, moving beyond classical descriptive approaches toward a multidisciplinary perspective. Understanding this cultural mosaic requires, first, questioning the reality of tangible and intangible heritage as the true vessel that preserves the collective memory in its diversity and richness. Second, it necessitates a moment of evaluation to provide a

comprehensive synthesis of the results of recent field archaeological research conducted across various regions.

Furthermore, this scientific gathering brings to the discussion table the legal, technical, and economic challenges facing our cultural legacy. In light of rapid urban expansion and major development projects, the role of Algerian legislation emerges as a protective shield, emphasizing the urgent need to activate the mechanisms of "preventive archaeology" as an indispensable strategic choice. This preventive approach can not succeed without direct reliance on modern technologies that have revolutionized the methods of documentation, prospection, and spatial analysis. All these scientific, legal, and technical efforts ultimately aim at an economic and societal goal: creating a sustainable approach that links heritage and tourism, turning archaeological monuments into a pillar of local development.

#### **Conference Axes:**

Based on the problematic outlined above, the conference sessions are divided into the following axes:

- **Axis 1: Tangible and Intangible Heritage** (Cultural diversity, collective memory, and the contribution of civilizational accumulation in shaping local heritage).
- **Axis 2: Synthesis of Field Archaeological Research** (Results of recent excavations and archaeological surveys, a reading of new discoveries, and the study of inscriptions and manuscripts as living witnesses to civilizational interaction).
- **Axis 3: The Role of Algerian Legislation in Preserving National Heritage (Preventive Archaeology)** (A critical reading of Law 98-04, challenges of field management, the issue of Permanent Preservation and Enhancement Plans PPMVSA, and the importance of integrating preventive archaeology into regional development projects).
- **Axis 4: Modern Technologies in the Service of Heritage** (Applications of Geographic Information Systems [GIS] in archaeological prediction, digital surveying, 3D modeling, and the construction of heritage databases).
- **Axis 5: Heritage and Tourism** (Economic enhancement of archaeological sites, cultural tourist routes, sustainable exploitation strategies, and the role of heritage in local development).

## **Conference Objectives:**

1. Provide an academic platform bringing together field researchers to present an updated synthesis of the latest archaeological discoveries in Algeria.
2. Stimulate discussion on the mechanisms of preventive archaeology and the necessity of updating the accompanying regulatory texts.
3. Encourage researchers and students to integrate digital technologies and geomatics into their research field.
4. Formulate practical recommendations linking governing bodies (Culture, Tourism, and the University) to promote cultural tourism.

## **Participation Guidelines**

All abstracts and full papers are subject to blind peer review by the Scientific Committee. Submissions must adhere to the following standards:

### **Conference Participation Guidelines**

1. **Originality and Integrity:** Research must possess academic originality and integrity, and must not have been previously published or presented in any other scientific venue (as an article or conference paper).
2. **Relevance to Axes:** Strict adherence to one of the conference axes is mandatory, with axis number and title clearly indicated on the cover page of the submission.
3. **Methodology:** Adoption of recognized academic methodologies in documentation and analysis is required, specifically regarding field archaeological research, artifact studies, and manuscript analysis.
4. **Conference Languages:** Submissions are accepted in Arabic, English, and French. (A mandatory English abstract must be included).
5. **Abstract Requirements:** The abstract (250-300 words) must include the problem statement, objectives, methodology, and expected preliminary results, along with 5 keywords.
6. **Full Paper Specifications:**
  - Papers should be between **12 and 20 pages** (including references and appendices).
  - **Formatting:** Margins (2.5 cm), Line spacing (1.15).

- **Fonts (Arabic):** Traditional Arabic (Size 16 for text, 14 for footnotes).
  - **Fonts (English/French):** Times New Roman (Size 12 for text, 10 for footnotes).
  - **Citation Style:** Footnote system is required. A bibliography must be included at the end.
  - **Figures:** Images and maps must be high resolution with proper captions.
7. **Time Limit:** Each presentation is allotted a maximum of 15 minutes.
8. **Presentation Aids:** Participants are required to prepare a concise and focused visual presentation (PowerPoint), which must be submitted to the technical committee before the start of the session.

### **Important Dates**

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: March 30, 2026**
- **Notification of Abstract Acceptance: April 05, 2026**
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline: April 25, 2026**
- **Conference Date: May 11, 2026**

### **Submission of Full Papers**

Submission via the University of Sétif 2 Digital Platform for Scientific Conferences. Papers and submissions should be sent to the Scientific Committee via the following link:

<https://form.univ-setif2.dz/index.php/134343?lang=ar>

### **Contact Information**

- **University of Sétif 2 Website:** <https://www.univ-setif2.dz/>

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