During the last years, Arabic papyrology has started to contribute significantly to Arabic and Islamic studies: we now dispose of a number of high standard editions of documents; scholars working on the Islamic World up to the 16th century counterbalance literary tradition with documentary evidence; and cooperation with Demotic, Greek, and Coptic papyrology has steadily improved.

The thematic framework of the "Sixth International Society for Arabic Papyrology (ISAP) Conference" in 2014 will be somewhat wider. We intend to bring together scholars using documentary evidence for the history of the Early Islamic world (including Arabic, Coptic, and Greek papyri, inscriptions and coins) with scholars working on Semitic languages and writing systems in general.

The conference will be hosted by the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the Ludwig Maximilian University, and the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation, and be organized by Prof. Dr. Andreas Kaplony and Dr. Daniel Potthast of the Munich Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, and by Dr. Kathrin Müller of the Academy’s Commission for Semitic Philology.

The conference will start on the morning of Tuesday, October 7, 2014, and continue through the afternoon of Friday, October 10, 2014. The programme will include 20-minute lectures, a public evening lecture, as well as a visit of the Bavarian State Library with its holdings in Oriental manuscripts (and Sabaic wooden sticks), organized by Dr. Helga Rebhan and Dr. Peter Stein.

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Tuesday, October 7th
Bayer. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Phil.-hist. Saal
9.00 h Registration
11.00 h Opening
Address of welcome by the BAdW and the ISAP
Manfred Krebernik (Jena)
New Perspectives and Problems
The Qur’ān and Semitic Studies
Hartmut Bobzin (Erlangen)
15.00 h Connections to the West – and the East – and the Future
Peter T. Daniels (New York)
Pahlavi Documents from Early Islamic Times
Networks of Dependency: Requests and Petitions on Papyrus
Petra M. Sijpesteijn (Leiden)
Response by Ursula Bsees
Discussion

Wednesday, October 8th
Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung Nymphenburg
9.30 h Session 1: Literature and Documents
Parallel Transmissions of Documents: On the Value of the Ishā’i’s Literature for Arabic Papyrology
Daniel Potthast (Munich)
Early Evidence for the Second Source of Islam: A Preliminary Study of four Hadith Papyri from the Austrian National Library
Ursula Bissex (Vienna)
Shahr Chargui et al.: Khall at Khatt by Ahi Baken
Abdulmalki Abd Eissa Shehwy (Riyadh)
Response by W. Matt Malczycki
Discussion
10.00 h Coffee break
11.30 h Session 2: Documents from Bilād al-Shām
The Non-Muslim Fragments from the Qubbat al-Sham of the Mamluk Mosque of Damascus
Ronny Vollandt (Berlin)
Marriage and Divorce Contracts from Marjul Jerusalem
Mohamed Nasr Abdelrahman (Cairo)
Response by Ahmad Al-Jallad
Discussion
12.15 h Lunch and visit to Nymphenburg Castle Park

Thursday, October 9th
Bayer. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Phil.-hist. Saal
9.30 h Session 7: Language and Formules
The Practice of Domestic Slavery in Medieval Egypt: an Analysis of Arabic and Judaeo-Arabic Bills of Sale from the Cairo Geniza
Craig Perry (Atlanta)
Words and Phrases of Arabic Papyri: Are they systematic?
Hassim Hussein Abbas Ali (Beni-Suef)
Arabic Papyri, Elite Migration, and the Per- sonisation of Egypt in the 9th Century
Lucian Reinfandt (Vienna)
Response by Andreas Kaplony
Discussion
10.30 h Coffee break
11.30 h Session 8: New Documents from Egypt
The Unpublished Arabic Papyri from the Dar al- Fouad Museum
Ahmed Nabil (Sadat City)
Three Arabic Letters
Alia Hanafi (Cairo)
Response by Daniel Potthast
Discussion
12.15 h Lunch

Friday, October 10th
Bayer. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Phil.-hist. Saal
9.30 h Session 9: MultiDisciplinarity, Arabization, and Cultural Transfer
The Archive of the Fayyum Papyri in the 8th Century
Luis Berruguete (Madrid)
The Coptic Papyri in the Egyptian Library and Archives
Maher Eissa (Fayyum), Anne Boudhors (Paris)
Treatment of Conjunctivitis in the Light of P. Grenf. I 52, P. Princ. III 155 and Arabic Manuscripts
Saied Maghawry Mohammed (Cairo)
Response by Jessica Goldberg
Discussion
11.00 h Coffee break
11.30 h General Meeting of the ISAP
13.30 h Lunch
15.00 h Excursion with dinner (optional)