The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, in the middle of the twentieth century, has brought to light ancient biblical and related manuscripts that exhibit variant readings previously unknown — except for the Samaritan Pentateuch. These affinities raise the issue of the Samaritan Pentateuch’s origins and relationships with other textual traditions of the Hebrew Bible. The Strasbourg conference will explore various aspects in which the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Samaritan Pentateuch shed light on each other: history of religions, linguistics, material philology, textual criticism, exegesis, etc. Please join us on May 26–27 for this international research conference.

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THURSDAY, MAY 26

14:00-14:15 Introduction

14:15-15:05 Magnar Kartveit (VID Specialized University, Norway)
“Scholars’ Evaluations of the Characteristics of the Pre-Samaritan Manuscripts.”

15:05-15:55 Michaël van der Meer (Netherlands)
“Exclusion and Expansion: Harmonisations in the Samaritan Pentateuch, Pre-Samaritan Pentateuchal Manuscripts and Non-Pentateuchal Manuscripts.”

15:55-16:10 Break

16:10-17:00 Stefan Schorch (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany)
“The (So-Called) Garizim Commandment of the Samaritan Pentateuch.”

17:00-17:50 Gary Knoppers (University of Notre Dame, United States of America)
“Altared States: The First Altar in the Land in the Jewish Pentateuch, the Samaritan Pentateuch, and 4QJoshua’.”

17:50-18:05 Break

18:05-18:55 Innocent Himbaza (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
“Looking at the Samaritan Pentateuch from Qumran: Legal Material in Leviticus and Deuteronomy.”
FRIDAY, MAY 27

09:00-09:50 Abraham Tal (Tel-Aviv University, Israel)
"Do the Samaritan Pentateuch and the Isaiah Scroll Follow the Same Model?"

09:50-10:40 Jan Joosten (University of Oxford, United Kingdom)
"Biblical Interpretation in the Samareitikon."

10:40-10:55 Break

10:55-11:45 Benjamin Ziemeer (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany)
"Related or Not? 4QDeut[b], 4QDeut[c], 4QpaleoDeut[c] and the Textual Families of MT, SP and LXX."

11:45-12:35 Christian Stadel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)
"Parallel Developments, Shared Traits, and Variegation in the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Samaritan Tradition."

12:35-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:50 Jonathan Ben-Dov (University of Haifa, Israel)
"Excavating the Pre-Samaritan Torah: The Case of Numbers 21."

14:50-15:40 Michael Langlois (University of Strasbourg, France)
"Dead Sea Scrolls Palaeography and the Samaritan Pentateuch."

15:40-15:55 Break

15:55-16:45 Emanuel Tov (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)
"From a Popular Jewish LXX-SP Text to Separate Sectarian Texts: Insights from the Dead Sea Scrolls."

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