

**A colloquium on the history of the “ship of desert »  
Lyon (France)  
15-16 September 2016**

This meeting has gathered Egyptologists, papyrologists, linguists and archeologists on the topic *“Presence and use of the camel (Camelus dromedarius) between the Tigre River and the Nile from the middle of the first millennium BC to Roman times”*.

Based on papyrus and clay tablets found in archeological sites in Egypt and Middle-East, the introduction of dromedary camel in Egypt since the Vth century BC is attested. The use of camel was not limited to transport of goods and military, but also for milk purpose. The exchanges between the different disciplines, especially with camelologists from ISOCARD allow enlightening some interpretations of the ancient text based on the current knowledge regarding camel farming.

It is expected that prehistorians, historians and archeologists interested by camel history could participate significantly to the future conferences of ISOCARD.

