

# Electronic Journal of Mithraic Studies

## Objectives

The Electronic Journal of Mithraic Studies (EJMS) is a revival of the Journal of Mithraic Studies edited by Dr. Richard Gordon between 1975 and 1981, continuing with his participation as one of the Editors.

The EJMS considers all aspects of the mysteries of Mithras in the Roman Empire, including history, archaeology, theology, sociology, etc. Its span includes relevant research on related religions and cults of the ancient world, such as Iranian religion and other Mystery cults in the Roman Empire.

The EJMS is directed at the academic community and works in the same way as a peer-reviewed, hardcopy journal. As an electronic journal, the EJMS has no subscription costs, and allows the prompt and free availability of research to scholars of Mithraism. The quality of the material published in the EJMS is excellent, as guaranteed by an Editorial Board composed of scholars of Mithraism with international prestige (see below).

## Organisation

The EJMS is managed by the chief editor, Alison Griffith, with the assistance of an editorial board composed of scholars of Mithraism and Roman Religion:

- Prof. Jaime Alvar (University of Huelva)
- Prof. Roger Beck (emeritus, University of Toronto at Erindale)
- Prof. José d'Encarnação (University of Coimbra)
- Dr. Richard Gordon (formerly UEA, Norwich)
- Dr. Alison Griffith (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)
- Dr. Andreas Hensen (Kurpfälzisches Museum, Heidelberg)

The mirror site is managed by Eng. António Grilo, a computer engineer with experience on webpage development and management.

In order to keep the high quality of the material published on the EJMS, submitted material is subject to peer review, either by members of the Editorial Board or external scholars appointed by the Chief Editor.

As to the organisation publication itself, the EJMS comprises the following sections:

### 1. EJMS Papers

This section includes full papers on Roman Mithraism, as well as book and paper review notes. It follows a policy of “yearly-open“ volumes, which means that the currently volume is gradually filled during the year. In the end of the year, the current volume is closed and archived, remaining available on the EJMS Archive (see Section 3 below). This policy was chosen as the most suitable for electronic publication, as it makes published material immediately available for downloading, while allowing more flexible submission deadlines.

## **2. EJMS Archaeological Reports**

This section is for publication of Archaeological Reports on Mithraic excavation sites. It will be indexed by the name of the archaeological site. It also follows the policy of “yearly-open” volumes, being archived in the end of the year (see Section 3 below).

## **3. EJMS Archive**

This section keeps past EJMS volumes available for downloading. It is the result of the archived material included in sections 1 and 2 above.

## **4. CIMRM**

Special section where a revision of the CIMRM will be available online.

## **5. Out-of-Print Publications**

This section is for electronic publication of out-of-print and difficult to find publications not protected by copyright law. One of these publications is the old JMS.

## **6. Notice Board**

This section is reserved for announcement of upcoming scientific events such as Conferences, Meetings, Calls for Papers, etc. This will also comprise informal reports on MA and PhD thesis in progress, and abstracts of recent approved dissertations including the contents, main conclusions, members of the jury (if applicable), where will it be published, whatever other information in 2 or 3 pages submitted by the author.

## **7. Links**

This section provides links to other useful sites relevant to the study of Mithraism.

## **8. FAQs**

This section gives answers to frequently asked questions about the Mithraic Mysteries.

## **Host servers of the EJMS**

From its inception in 2000 until 2005, the University of Huelva hosted the EJMS on its server. With the appointment of Alison Griffith as Chief Editor, the main host site shifted to the University of Canterbury in 2006. The EJMS has the full endorsement and support of the academic staff of the Department of Classics, and the technical support of the University webmaster, Greg Albertson, and his staff.

As far as possible a mirror site will be maintained at the University of Huelva, which is already pre-eminent in the study of ancient religions. The *Seminario Permanente de Historia de las Religiones* maintains the relationship between students and scholars, and *ARYS* is the only specialised journal in ancient religions in Spain and one of the very few in the world. Several important books on ancient religions have been published by the University of Huelva such as those by Leveque, and Martinez Maza, making Huelva an increasingly well-known reference site in the study of ancient religions.