Opening Conference of the LIA HAOMA CNRS Project:

Human adaptation to environmental constraints on the Iranian Plateau since the Late Glacial:

A view from the Zagros mountains in the past and present

12th October 2017 – Paris
Auditorium de la Grande Galerie de l’Evolution, Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle de Paris
36 Rue Geoffroy-Saint-Hilaire, 75005 Paris

10.00- 10.20 (20 minutes)- Morteza Djamali (IMBE), Marjan Mashkour (CNRS), Reza Mansouri (SIAS/Univ. Kashan) and Jebreil Nokandeh (NMI). Presentation of the LIA HAOMA project: Human Adaptation to Environmental Constraints on the Iranian Plateau since the Late Glacial: an Integrated Ecological and Archaeological Approach

10.20-10.40 (20 minutes)- Martine Regert (INÉE-CNRS) and Jean-Denis Vigne (MNHN). LIA-CNRS programs and their role in promoting international sustainable scientific cooperation.

10.40-11.00 (20 minutes)- Morteza Djamali (IMBE). Unique environmental setting of the Zagros in South West Eurasia.

11.00-11.20 (20 minutes)- Fereidoun Biglari (NMI). Lower and Middle Palaeolithic adaptations in the Central-Western Zagros.


11.40-12.00 (20 minutes)- Jebreil Nokandeh (NMI). Prehistoric occupation of the Zagros foothills; the case of the Mehran Plain.

12.00 to 14.15 (2,15 hour) Lunch break

14.15-14.45 (30 minutes)- Marjan Mashkour (CNRS) & Margareta Tengberg (MNHN). Bioarchaeological studies in the Zagros and their contribution to the Neolithic studies.

14.45-16.15 (1.30 hour)- Presentation and projection of the ethnographic film of Grass (Merian Cooper-1925) on the spectacular transhumance of the Bakhtiari nomads (Zagros, Iran).

16.15-16.35 (20 minutes) Oriental Refreshment Break

16.40-17.05 (25 minutes)- Soheila Shahshahani (Shahid Beheshti University). The human dimension of life in the Zagros Mountains.

17.05-17.30 (25 minutes) Michael Thevenin (Paris 7- Jussieu/IFPO). On the other side of the Zagros: Transhumance of semi-nomadic herders in the Kurdistan Regional Governomrate (KRG) in Irak.

17.30- Marjan Mashkour (CNRS) and Morteza Djamali (IMBE). Closing of the Conference.