

*In Memory of*

ERNIE HAERINCK

*Ernie Haerinck studied and taught his entire career in his alma mater, Ghent University. Assistant of Prof. L. Vanden Berghe since 1977, he succeeded to his mentor in 1991, and then was full professor of Near Eastern Art and Archaeology from 2006 until his retirement in 2014. We became close colleagues and friends from our very beginnings in archaeology in 1971 in Iran when we both worked on the late Preislamic periods, Ernie preparing his PhD on the pottery of the Parthian period. For more than four decades we exchanged so frequently, and co-published a lot. His untimely death of my dear friend in 2016 at 67, while he was still producing a lot, was a great loss for all of us: one of the foremost specialists in the archaeology of Iran of every periods and in study of the late Preislamic periods of the Persian Gulf.*

Remy Boucharlat

MAURIZIO TOSI

*Maurizio Tosi possessed a truly extraordinary and rare gift: that of being in tune with whoever he had dealings with, from emeritus of academics to the humblest of humans. Maurizio always wanted to share the joys and pains of his existence and that of others – often to the point of sidestepping the categories of good and evil, which many were never able to forgive him. Unfortunately, the last chapters of Maurizio's life were marked by extremely painful difficulties. We now know how, in many of the last moments of his life, his strength of spirit and his faith in life prevailed over the internal demons that so often beset him. Farewell, Maurizio, wherever you might be.*

Bruno Genito