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**The White Ware from Palmyra. Preliminary data from the new excavations in the
South-West Quarter**

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The excavations of the Peristyle Building, conducted by the Italian-Syrian joint mission (PAL.M.A.I.S) since 2008, have yielded a large amount of ceramic material from contexts dating back to the VI-VII centuries.

Among this material seems to be predominant a ware of local production, characterized by sandy clay of variable colour, between pale pink and white, which can present a white slip on its external and internal surfaces. The conventional name adopted for its identification, "White Ware", is based on its light colour, which is its main characteristic even if this is not homogeneous in all the pottery. The study has permitted to define several groups of this ware, different in colours, slips and forms.

It is presented here a preliminary classification and a chronological framework of the most frequent forms of the "White Ware" from Palmyra.