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GLOBAL MOMENTS IN THE LEVANT

Four ASOR archaeologists, Bert deVries (Calvin College), Øystein S. LaBianca (Andrews University), Thomas Levy (UCSD) and Bethany Walker (Grand Valley State University) will be joining an international team of anthropologists, archaeologists, geographers, historians and sociologists in a study of "Global Moments in the Levant." The team of 16 researchers will be headed by Leif Manger, Professor of Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway, to study "breakthrough events that change people's lives and their futures." The team was informed in February 2005 by the Norwegian Research Council that their application "Global Moments in the Levant: Towards an Understanding of a Contact Zone between Peoples, Cultures and States" had been approved for funding over the next four years in the amount of 16 million Norwegian Kroner or ca. \$2.6 million USD. The team was one of seventeen successful applicants out of 263 in an annual competition for 250 million Norwegian kroner of NRC funding for basic research in all fields.

According to Øystein LaBianca, Visiting Researcher at the University of Bergen, who co-authored the proposal with Leif Manger last spring, global moments are "developments that typically call for significant adaptation leading to new forms of cooperation or conflict. Few places on earth can rival the Levant (Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria) when it comes to both incubating global moments and having to cope with their consequences. What has made this region a virtual cauldron of global moments is its strategic location astride a vital intercontinental land bridge connecting the continents of Africa, Asia, and Europe. This location has made it a crossroads of cultures and civilizations, a corridor of communication and commerce, and a highway of military movement and intrigue since the dawn of settled life."

The proposal mentions as examples of global moments the Neolithic revolution that produced the first settled farmers; the Chalcolithic revolution that produced crafts specialization and long distance trade; the Early Bronze urban revolution that culminated with the rise of the first cities and states;

the rise of monotheism during the Late Bronze and Iron Age; the global moments that led to the rise of the Greco-Roman, Byzantine-, Islamic- and Modern Capitalist 'great traditions,' and various political developments, for instance the fact that, from the earliest empire states in Egypt and Mesopotamia, the Levant has been of strategic importance to a long succession of superpowers, starting with the ancient Egyptians and ending with the United States.

A major objective of the collaboration is to advance understanding of how global moments alter the lives of local groups and communities. This is especially where the contribution of archaeology will be important, for it provides the best window on how the daily lives of ordinary men and women have changed in response to successive global moments. At the same time, it also offers subtle clues to the processes by which such changes were transmitted and adopted. The work of LaBianca and other Madaba Plains archaeologists on long-term food system cycles and settlement changes in Central Jordan will play a prominent role as a source of archaeological data on global moments and their impact on local populations. To their perspective from Central Jordan deVries and Walker will add views from the north with their work at Umm el-Jimal and Umm Qays respectively, and Levy a view from the south with his project in the Faynan district. Norwegian archaeologists on the team include Randi Haaland whose research deals with the Neolithic in Palestine and the Nile Valley and Nils Anfinset who is studying the Late Neolithic-Chalcolithic in Palestine.

According to Manger, theory development is going to be a central part of the Global Moments project. "It is not the details in the historical development lines that are in focus here, but broad comparisons in time and space. Such comparisons will advance theory about long-term culture change and conflict as a foundation for understanding contemporary events in the region. The present globalization is of course special and there are many elements in it that we haven't seen before.

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David Detrich

David A. Detrich, president of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI), died at a hospital near his home on Long Island, New York, on March 7 after a short illness. He was 66 years old.

During the four years of his leadership, CAARI grew and undertook several new initiatives. Mr. Detrich was especially interested in encouraging the study of Cyprus among students and to that end established a "President's Award" for the best student paper on Cyprus presented at either the ASOR or the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) annual meeting. He strove to expand CAARI's use of electronic resources, improving its website and overseeing its full participation in the Digital Library of International Research. He also recognized the importance of CAARI's newsletter for communication with its constituency and closely monitored and contributed to its content. In 2003 he oversaw the search and transition to CAARI's new director, Tom Davis.

A high school social studies teacher for thirty-three years, Mr. Detrich's main subject was World History, an interest that he brought with him into retirement in 1994. His passion for antiquity was broad, extending from the native Americans of his neighborhood to Egypt. His interest in Cyprus grew out of a fascination with the nineteenth century diplomat and collector, Louis



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ASOR Journals Now Available in JSTOR!



Recent Newsletter issues have announced our new partnership with JSTOR, the not-for-profit digital archive, to provide searchable online back issues of the three ASOR journals, the *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*, *Near Eastern Archaeology*, and the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*. We are very excited to announce that the *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* has now been released in JSTOR. The back issues of the journal, from the historic Volume 1, Issue 1, published in 1947, up until the most recent three years, are now available in the archive. All content (including articles, reviews, front and back matter, and the index and table of contents) have been digitized as full-text PDF files and can be searched, browsed, downloaded, and printed through the JSTOR website.

To access the back issues of the *JCS*, please visit www.jstor.org. Please note that only ASOR members who are at institutions that participate in JSTOR's Arts & Sciences Complement Collection are currently able to view the back issues through the JSTOR website.

ASOR's other journals, *Near Eastern Archaeology* and the *Bulletin of ASOR*, are scheduled to be released in JSTOR this summer. Once all three journals are available in JSTOR, we will be implementing a program to provide members with direct access to the three ASOR journals' back issues, even if they are not at an institution that participates in JSTOR. ASOR members at the professional (including student/retired), life, or sustaining levels will have the opportunity to sign up for this program when it becomes available. More information and details to follow

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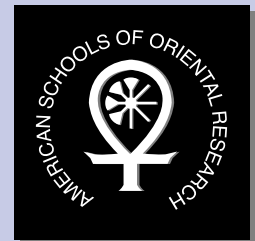
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Report on the Executive Committee Meeting, February 12-13, Washington, D.C.

The winter meeting of the ASOR Executive Committee and related committees took place in Washington, D.C. 12-13 February. Events included meetings of the Finance Committee, the Development Committee and the Executive Committee, surrounding an evening social event with a few local friends of ASOR at the home of David (ASOR Trustee) and Lisa Rosenstein.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee grappled with the reality that, while we have a well-organized and clear picture of ASOR's finances due to the work of Finance Committee chair B. W. Ruffner, we are hugely dependent on donations to maintain operations at the administrative headquarters. The cash flow crunch that confronts us each year at this time is especially problematic in 2005 because of diminished donations. The ASOR administrative functions are dependent for seventy percent of the budget on donations from members, Trustees and other outside sources. Our emerging Development program promises to help immensely, but that will be down the road a couple of years from now. It is the gulf between now and then that has us most concerned, in fact extremely concerned, from the perspective of operations.

Development Committee

The Development Committee, newly re-formed and beginning its work in earnest, is endeavoring to provide for ASOR the best possible fund- and friend-raising program to enhance this venerable organization's fundraising capacity. This will allow us to operate well in the present, to enlarge our vision of the possibilities and to secure ASOR's financial wellbeing for the long term. Funding for this development expansion comes from a separate effort that

we hope will support the program for two years. Initially, we had considered hiring a person to direct our development efforts but, with further study, have decided to work with a team of expert professionals. One full-time person would bring a set of strengths, but a team could enlarge the potential and may even reduce costs in the process.

In the month since the Executive meeting in Boston, David Rosenstein, Dick Ballou, members of the Development Committee and the Boston Office staff have been hard at work to review scores of websites, narrow these down to a group(s) we feel will serve ASOR best, and have interviewed several promising firms. We hope to locate the best combination of services that will provide ASOR with the major fundraising functions, including donor research, major donors, board development, foundations, grants, corporations, government, planned giving, and direct/internet marketing. We hope to have things in place by the April meeting of the ASOR Board of Trustees in Boston.

Executive Committee

The committee not only reviewed decisions coming from the Finance and Development committees, voting to follow the Development Committee recommendation to work with a team rather than an individual for fundraising expertise, but also discussed and dealt with the following items:

Joe Seger presented a report from the newly reconstituted Membership Committee, laying out progress to this point. The work of this committee is especially significant because of the process of clarifying membership categories and benefits, as well as the potential advantages to ASOR of expanding our membership in both the Individual and Institutional sectors, thereby enlarging ASOR's influence and capacity to realize its mission.

The operating committees (COP, CAMP, CAP) all gave glowing reports of successful endeavors and future plans in the arenas of publications, the

ASOR President's Report

ASOR is a vital organization that is on the move. It is amazing to me how much is accomplished and for how little--the latter being the perennial problem of non-profit organizations dependent on volunteer support! I would like to start this brief status report by saying how impressed I am with ASOR's great staff in both Boston and Atlanta; they keep the wheels turning on schedule, working with CAP (Burton MacDonald recently wrote to all the top administrators of institutions sponsoring CAP-approved projects), COP (the journals keep getting better!), and CAMP (working on great plans for Philadelphia!)--thus implementing the very first of ASOR's agreed top five priorities: Continuing to enhance ASOR's academic mission and research accomplishments.

Our second priority is to put in place a development director for the organization. Our job description was advertised and the search committee sifted through the applicants. Not satisfied with the applications and beginning to enlarge their vision of how best to achieve ASOR's development objectives, the development committee decided to try and accomplish what we hoped a development director would do for ASOR by using the funds committed for this initiative to hire one or more experienced development consultant firms to either do the work or guide our staff in doing the work. The hope is that ASOR might even accomplish more in development this way. Clearly this is ASOR's greatest immediate need and we are most indebted to David Rosenstein, our development committee chair, for rolling with the punches and guiding in this process funded by the trustees.

Our third priority is to continue working to build the ASOR Board of Trustees. We are pleased with the three new trustees who have come aboard (one other who was elected and agreed to serve has since decided he must wait a year for his membership to be acti-

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Annual Meeting and ASOR-affiliated archaeological projects.

ASOR's Bylaws are undergoing updating and renovation. A committee has been appointed and will likely have some suggestions to make to the 30 April Board meeting.

Discussions about ASOR and the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) arose that came about from conversations over the past several months on how best to serve all of ASOR's members, including those who also have ties to SBL or interests in the Bible and ancient Near Eastern texts. Meeting in the same city and at nearly the same time has long been the practice. Are there ways to maintain what we have come to appreciate in the ASOR Annual Meetings while at the same time benefitting ASOR and SBL members who share common research interests? Several options are under consideration.

The committee approved a new initiative, suggested and structured by Sy Gitin, to create a four-year exchange lecture program among the three ASOR-affiliated overseas centers as well as the American School of Classical Studies at Athens and The American Research Center in Egypt. Funded by P. E. Mac Allister and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, the program will provide a means of information exchange which should benefit participants and audiences around the eastern Mediterranean.

ASOR Needs Your Help!

While we have high hopes for the new fundraising efforts now getting underway in ASOR, this is a *future* expectation—a future that is one to two years away, however aggressive we are about it. What we need in the *present* is the generous support of all members of ASOR. Please take a minute *right now* to visit the "Give to ASOR" page on the ASOR website (<https://www.bu.edu/asor/gift.html>) and make a secure, tax-deductible contribution to the mission and vision of ASOR.

ASOR Statement of Financial Position Year Ended June 30, 2004

ASSETS	2004	2003
Cash and cash equivalents	\$242,387	\$415,066
Investments	610,948	93,334
Accounts receivable:		
Memberships and subscriptions, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$31,856 and \$13,490 at June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively	90,981	78,030
Book sales	32,226	49,702
Contributions receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$9,000 and \$0 at June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively	164,710	36,073
Other receivables	5,584	6,800
Inventory and capitalized costs, less allowance for inventory obsolescence of \$13,805 and \$0 at June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively	83,183	86,125
Prepaid expenses and other assets	8,691	13,581
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	19,169	22,309
Long-term-cash equivalents	3,503	420,534
Total Assets	\$1,261,382	\$1,221,554
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES:		
Note payable	\$ -	\$6,650
Accrued expenses	68,985	92,349
Deferred revenue	299,971	330,979
Other liabilities	14,467	15,530
Due to affiliates	150,000	-
Total Liabilities	533,423	445,508
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Operations	(125,662)	(127,301)
Board designated	71,725	-
Property and equipment	19,169	22,309
	(34,768)	(104,992)
Temporarily Restricted	337,479	437,285
Permanently Restricted	425,248	443,753
Total Net Assets	727,959	776,046
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,261,382	\$1,221,554

COMING SOON FROM ASOR PUBLICATIONS!

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Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:				
Contributions	\$197,677	\$115,869	\$1,825	\$315,371
Publication income	331,157	-	-	331,157
Institutional memberships	84,435	-	-	84,435
Individual memberships	121,022	-	-	121,022
Annual meeting	55,965	-	-	55,965
In-kind contributions	26,109	-	-	26,109
Royalty income	5,276	-	-	5,276
Investment income	2,103	(6,170)	1,792	(2,275)
Net realized loss on sales of investments	(1,027)	(19,292)	-	(20,319)
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(45)	36,177	(1,619)	34,513
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Purpose restrictions satisfied	130,572	(130,572)	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	953,244	(3,988)	1,998	951,254
EXPENSES AND LOSSES:				
Program services	718,282	-	-	718,282
General and administrative	125,874	-	-	125,874
Fundraising and nonprogram	77,978	-	-	77,978
Total Expenses	922,134	-	-	922,134
Provision for doubtful accounts	63,402	-	-	63,402
Provision for obsolete inventory	13,805	-	-	13,805
Total Expenses and Losses	999,341	-	-	999,341
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(46,097)	(3,988)	1,998	(48,087)
NET ASSETS - beginning of year	(104,992)	437,285	443,753	776,046
RECLASSIFICATIONS (see Note N)	116,321	(95,818)	(20,503)	-
NET ASSETS - end of year	(\$34,768)	\$337,479	\$425,248	\$727,959

Key to Statement of Activities: The auditors at Parent, McLaughlin and Nangle report that while donations went up significantly in 2004 from 2003, the total net worth of the organization went down. This is owing in part to the release of temporarily restricted funds. (Revenue) "Publication income" includes only journal subscriptions and book sales. In-kind contributions refers to the donation of the Boston offices by Boston University. Royalty income is generated primarily by the electronic distribution of ASOR journals and books. (Expense) Provision for doubtful accounts anticipate write-offs in 2005 of monies owed to ASOR that are deemed uncollectable.

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vated). Doug Clark and I are continuing to cultivate several more potential trustees. This priority is crucial to the success of our mission so we continue to invite you to provide us with leads. Thank you for taking the time to think of acquaintances you may suspect would make good ASOR trustees and getting their contact information to us.

Our fourth priority was to enlarge and enable ASOR's individual and institutional memberships. I'm very pleased to say that our committee reorganiza-

tion in general is well under way but that our membership committee specifically is well along in its work, thanks to the leadership of Joe Seger, Martha Joukowsky, and Steve Ortiz. Clearly this effort holds promise for institutional and revenue growth.

Our fifth priority was to increase ASOR's financial stability and longevity. A couple of our trustees have been to the Boston office several times recently working on this: B. W. Ruffner, chair of our finance committee, and David Rosenstein, chair of our development committee; we owe them a lot in this re-

gard. Recently Ed Gilbert guided in the transfer of our investments into a superbly-performing fund. I have personally written to every trustee, reminding each of his/her responsibility to ASOR before the end of the fiscal year. We won't give up. This may be our most important agenda item right now. P.E. MacAllister, Doug Clark, Holly Andrews, and I have been having weekly telephone conferences to pool ideas and make sure things are on track with our priorities. Blessings on our trustees and members for their support and assistance.

ASOR would like to thank the following Institutional Members for their continuing support which makes it possible to fulfill our mission of promoting research into the peoples and cultures of the Near East.

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Mary Louise Mussell (1959–2005)

Mary-Louise Mussell died after a long illness on Sunday, January 23 in a hospital near her home in Oxford Mills, Ontario. She was 45 years old.

Mary-Louise earned both her B.A. (1981) and M.A. (1983) at Wilfrid Laurier University, studying archaeology with Lawrence Toombs. She earned a second M.A. (1988) and Ph.D. (1993) in Biblical Studies from Drew University. Her dissertation, under the supervision of H.B. Huffmon, was *An Archaeological Evaluation of the Social Revolution Model of the Israelite Settlement of Canaan*. She worked on several archaeological excavations during these years, including Tell el-Hesi, Caesarea Maritima, Abila, and Khirbet Iskander.

But Mary-Louise will certainly be best remembered for her work as an original member of the Roman Aqaba Project in Jordan. She served on all six field seasons of the project from 1994 to 2002, which uncovered major portions of the ancient city of Aila. Throughout these years she was the supervisor of a major excavation area which included the first exposed segment of the Byzantine city wall and, above all, the mudbrick

structure interpreted as an early Christian church. She also recruited many fine students to the staff from her teaching positions at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa, both in Ontario.

Mary-Louise was quite ill during the 2002 campaign but insisted on remaining until the season's end. She was diagnosed with cancer soon after her return to Canada. She fought back bravely and continued



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W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem 2006–2007 Fellowships in Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Fellowships are open to those in Ancient Near Eastern studies, including the fields of archaeology, anthropology, art history, Bible, epigraphy, historical geography, history, language, literature, philology and religion or related disciplines from Prehistory, through the early Islamic period. The research period should be continuous, without frequent trips outside the country. Residence at the Albright is required except where indicated.

Annual Professorship: \$30,000 award for 10 months. Open to post-doctoral scholars, who are US citizens. Non-US citizens are eligible for half of the award. Deadline: October 15, 2005.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowships: Maximum grant of \$40,000 for 12 months and \$20,000 for 6 months (up to four awards from 4-12 months). Open to post-doctoral scholars who are U.S. citizens (or alien residents for at least three years). Residence at the Albright is preferred. Deadline: October 15, 2005.

Ernest S. Frerichs Fellow and Program Coordinator: \$19,000 for 10 months. Open to doctoral and post-doctoral scholars. Recipient is expected to assist the Albright's Director in planning and implementing the Ernest S. Frerichs Program for Albright Fellows. Deadline: October 15, 2005.

George A. Barton Fellowship*: \$7,000 for 5 months. Open to all doctoral students and recent Ph.D. recipients. Deadline: October 15, 2005.

Educational and Cultural Affairs Fellowships (ECA)*: Junior Research Fellowships: \$48,000 for three awards of \$16,000 each for 10 months. Open to doctoral students and recent Ph.D. recipients who are U.S. citizens. Associate Fellowships: 13 administrative fee awards for senior and junior fellows (for one or two semesters). Deadline: October 15, 2005.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowships: \$34,500 for three awards of

\$11,500 each for three months. Open to Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, and Slovak scholars. Candidates should not be permanently resident outside the nine countries concerned, and should have obtained a doctorate by the time the fellowship is awarded. Deadline: April 2, 2006.

W. F. Albright Associate Fellowships: No stipend. Open to senior, post-doctoral, and doctoral researchers. Administrative fee required. Deadline: October 15, 2005.

Samuel H. Kress Fellowships: Samuel H. Kress Fellowship: \$9,000 award for six months. Doctoral dissertation research fellowship for students specializing in architecture, art history, archaeology and classical studies. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or students studying at U.S. universities. Deadline: October 15, 2005.

Samuel H. Kress Traveling Fellowship: \$18,500 award for ten months. Five months at the Albright and five

months at one of the following schools: the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute in Nicosia, and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. A doctoral dissertation research fellowship for students specializing in architecture, art history, archaeology and classical studies. Applicants must demonstrate the necessity of being resident at the Albright and at one of the other three institutions mentioned above in order to complete their research. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or students studying at U.S. universities. Deadline: October 15, 2005.

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Fellowships for Advanced Multi-country Research*: Eight awards for up to \$9,000 each. Open to scholars pursuing research on broad questions of multi-country significance in the fields of humanities, social sciences, and related natural sciences in

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Senior Scholar in Residence Program - Nicosia, Cyprus

CAARI is pleased to announce the commencement of the annual Senior Scholar in Residence (SSR) program. The SSR program is designed to further the development of young scholars and students through daily, informal contact with an established scholar. The presence of a senior scholar in residence at the CAARI hostel provides many opportunities for meeting and working with other residents. In this program, the SSR would commit to stay at least 30 days in succession and to be available in the evenings and during the weekends of their stay at CAARI. In return, the SSR would receive a 50% discount for those 30 days from the normal hostel cost. To be eligible, the SSR must have a Ph.D in archaeology or an ancillary field for at least five years

prior to the visit; be fluent in English (but may be of any nationality); and be committed to mentoring students. This could not be used in combination with a Fulbright Fellowship. The SSR may be take up residence anytime between May 1, 2006 and April 30, 2007. Ideally this would occur in the summer when more students are in residence. Travel to Cyprus and any other expenses would be the responsibility of the SSR. A letter of application detailing the proposed schedule of the SSR and a summary cv should be sent by September 30, 2005 to the Director at director@caari.org.cy, or by mail to CAARI, 11 Andreas Demetriou St. 1066 Nicosia, Cyprus. The award will be announced by November 15, 2005 and posted at the ASOR annual meeting.

R E G I O N A L A S O R

Pacific Southwest

Thanks to the work of ASOR representative, Beth Alpert-Nakhai, the ASOR-Pacific SW region (formerly Pacific West Coast), is now an official partner of WESCOR (SBL/AAR West Coast). Beth reports that ASOR-Pacific Southwest met on March 14th, 2005 in conjunction with The Western Commission for the Study of Religion. The meeting was held at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. ASOR held two sessions, under the general title "Archaeology and the Ancient Near East." One session focused on the 4th-3rd millennia, the other on the 2nd-1st millennia. In addition, ASOR member Nancy Serwint gave the SBL Plenary Address, which was entitled "Gender Issues in Ancient Cyprus: The Evolution of Aphrodite." ASOR-PSW offered a prize to the best graduate student paper presented at the conference. This year's recipient was Jeffrey Szuchman of UCLA, for his paper entitled "Ahlamu-Aramaeans in the Middle Assyrian Kingdom."

Rocky Mountains and Central Plains

ASOR representative, Rami Arav, set up the following program for the meeting of the SBL/AAR/ASOR region on April 8-9, 2005, to be held in Denver, CO.

"The Language of Jesus - Can Archaeology Provide a Clue?," Rami Arav, *University of Nebraska-Omaha*

"Ancient Israelite Religion: The Evidence from Names in the Archives," Richard Hess, *Denver Seminary*

"Divine Election and King Hammurabi," David Pike, *Brigham Young University*

"The Tools of the Roman Imperial Cult: Three Sets in Comparison," Christian Haunton, *University of Iowa*

Central States

ASOR representative, Victor Matthews reports that the Central States SBL/ASOR regional meeting was held at the Holiday Inn-Six Flags in Eureka, Missouri on April 3-4, 2005. There were three ASOR sessions. One session, titled Interpretation of Archaeological Data,

included papers on Iron Age materials by LaMoine DeVries (incense altars), Mark Jenkins (silos), and James Bennett (four-room house); and papers by Vic Matthews and James Moyer on legal and social issues in Mesopotamia and in the Bible, respectively. A second session on the Archaeology of the New Testament Period included studies by Patrick Scott Smith (Herod's Harbor), Mark Apold (Bethsaida), and Ted Caruth (Early Christian Funerary Meals). The third session, Culture Studies: Ancient Near East, included Sharon Henslee (Sex and Gender in Sargonic Texts), Chris Jones (Hazor and trade), Jeannette Heifner (Sea Peoples), Christine Tibbs (Burial Customs)

Southeast

John Laughlin, ASOR representative, reports that the joint meeting of ASOR with SECSOR was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, in Winston-Salem, NC on March 11-13, 2005. There were four sessions dealing with subjects as varied as death and burial in the ancient world to texts and scribes. The Presidential address by Jim Pace, Elon University, was entitled "What we can learn from pottery," with responses by Joe Seger and Jimmy Hardin, both of Mississippi State University. The sessions were well attended with as many as 40-45 present. The Callaway Prize (\$250) in archaeology was won by Christopher B. Hays, Emory University, for his paper, "Chirps from the Dust: The Affliction of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:30 in its ANE Context."

Eastern Great Lakes

ASOR representative, Suzanne Richard, reports that the SBL/ASOR/CBA region met in Wheeling, WV at Oglebay Resort on April 7-8, 2005. This year there was one ASOR session on excavation reports. Ron Tappy's paper was entitled, "Exploring a Biblical Village on the Border of Judah: Four Seasons of Excavation at Tel Zayit." Leigh-Ann Bedal spoke on "The Petra Garden and Pool Complex, 2004," and Suzanne Richard's paper will be on "The Khirbet

Iskander Excavations, 2004." This year's plenary speaker is Lawrence Schiffman, who spoke on "Text and Exegesis: Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in the Dead Sea Scrolls, the New Testament and Rabbinic Literature."

Pacific Northwest

ASOR representative, Gloria London, reports on upcoming programs in the Pacific Northwest region, including a Teachers Outreach Program held in conjunction with the regional meeting, which will take place from April 20 to May 1, 2005 at Seattle University. Papers included Gary Rollefson (PPN Ancestor Cult), Kent Bramlett ('Umayri LBA temple), Jeffery Hudon (Beth-hakerem), Karen Borstad (Sacred Places), Joel Walker (Late Antique Iraq shrine), and Konstantine Politic (early monasteries). The Plenary Speaker was Robert Bull on the topic of "Excavations at Mt. Gerizim: A Samaritan Altar?" The Teachers Workshop on April 23 and 30 included talks by Gloria London, Ellen Bedell, and Karen Borstad.

Southwest

ASOR representative, Michael Homan, reports that the 2005 Southwest Regional ASOR meeting was held March 12-13 in Irving Texas. A total of fourteen papers were presented by scholars representing nine separate institutions. Highlights included a paper by Jane Cahill, which systematically refuted revisionist claims about Iron Age Jerusalem, and Steve Ortiz's analysis of recent debates regarding Qumran. Other papers covered a wide array of topics, from biological warfare in antiquity, to pedagogy, to more standard analyses of excavations, fortifications, and Near Eastern archaeologists.

Midwest

K. Lawson Younger reports that on February 18-20, the ASOR/AOS/SBL Midwest regional was held at Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL). This year's theme was "Ugarit at Seventy-five, its Environs and the Bible." A special plenary session featured Mark

Smith ("Recent Study of Israelite Religion in Light of Ugaritic Texts"), Dennis Pardee ("RIH 98/02: A Preliminary Presentation of a New Song to Athtartu"), and Nicholas Wyatt ("The Religious Role of the King: the Ritual Tradition"). A session centered on the archaeology of Ugarit and its environs featured David Schloen ("Domestic Architecture at Ugarit and Alalakh"), Yves Calvet ("The Urban Structural Features of Ugarit"), K. Lawson Younger, Jr. ("The Late Bronze Age / Iron Age Transition and the Origins of the Arameans"), and Richard S. Hess ("Arrowheads from Iron Age I: Personal Names and Authenticity"). Finally, a session on Ugarit and the Bible included papers by Wayne T. Pitard ("Just How Many Monsters Did Anat Fight (KTU 1.3 III 38-47?"), Pierre Bordreuil ("Ugarit and the Bible: New Data from the House of Urtenu"), and Bruce Zuckerman ("Images from the Past: the InscriptiFact Project of the University of Southern California").

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But at the same time there are many elements that have been important in former examples for "globalization," with travel, with diaspora, with trade and financial assets, and many other factors that have previously also shaped local life. Despite such contact, the relationship among groups has not always been full of conflicts."

The team plans to meet in Bergen, Norway, for their first organizing meeting in May. Cooperating departments and institutes at the University of Bergen (UiB) include anthropology, archaeology, history, the Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies and the Center for Development Studies—the latter also serves as the administrative center for the project. Other universities and research centers in Norway will also be involved, as well researchers from Birzeit University—UiB's institutional partner in Palestine. The team hopes to be able to organize at least one of its workshops at future meetings of AAA, ASOR and MESA.

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Palma di Cesnola, whom he had discovered while collecting stamps. At his death, Mr. Detrich was undoubtedly one of the foremost authorities on Cesnola, having carried out extensive research on him for at least a decade. Regrettably this research remained unpublished at the time of his premature death.

Mr. Detrich joined CAARI's board of trustees in 1998, following participation in an AIA tour to Cyprus led by Ellen Herscher. He was also an active member of the AIA, serving on the Tour Committee and filling numerous positions for the Long Island Society of the AIA. He served as secretary of the Long Island chapter of the New York State Archaeology Association and Southold Indian Museum from 1977 until his death.

Born and raised in Chicago, Mr. Detrich was a graduate of Brown University. He is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth Detrich, of San Francisco.

CAARI's staff, trustees and friends mourn David's passing and will greatly miss his strong, quiet leadership, humor, and unflinching generosity.

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working, since publication of her area remained an important personal goal. In fact, she lived more than a year longer than her doctors predicted in late 2003. She was scheduled to present a paper on the church in the RAP Staff workshop during the ASOR meeting in Atlanta in November of 2003, but in the end was too ill to write the paper or even to attend. Therefore I presented her interpretations at that session, joined by David Clark. The respondent, Professor L. Michael White (a leading scholar in the origins of Christian churches and who had reviewed the evidence in advance of the meeting), stated unequivocally that he was convinced that the structure was an early church. Mary-Louise was naturally delighted when I conveyed the news afterwards to her by telephone, as she was the first to advance the church hypothesis.

Although Mary-Louise leaves other professional accomplishments beyond the Aqaba project (such as directing a small excavation at Tell el-Kheleifeh in 1999), the church will be her main scholarly legacy. Although she unfortunately did not live to see the final report, David Clark and I (ably assisted by Ross Thomas) will see her work through to definitive publication. Given her enormous contribution, she was pleased to learn before her death that she will be a co-author of the chapter on the church in the RAP final report.

Although her premature death is indeed a tragedy, Mary-Louise made a significant contribution to the archaeology of Jordan. She will live on in all our hearts.

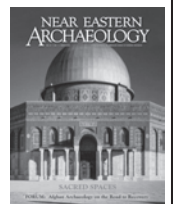
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James Muhly (University of Pennsylvania, emeritus)
*The Mesopotamian Metals Project:
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Cultural Preservation in the Middle East

Also of note:

- Over coffee and croissants, the inaugural meeting of the ASOR Student Association will bring students and recent Ph.D.s together to discuss the future direction of this interest group. Recent graduates and current students will have an opportunity to chat about the intricacies of applying and searching for jobs and funding, interview techniques, and other issues associated with a post-graduate career.
- A dinner and lecture on Friday evening in the University of Pennsylvania Museum. Details to follow soon!

See you in Philadelphia!

For more information and updates, visit our website at www.asor.org/AM/am.htm

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May 10–13, 2005

“Mediterranean Crossroads Conference (MCC): New directions in the study of the Mediterranean and its history at the onset of the 21st century.” The aim of this conference is to bring together researchers working on different aspects of the Mediterranean region (past and present) and to encourage the sharing and examination of a wide spectrum of themes and problems. Moreover, it will provide an excellent opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration and will hopefully help to forge and identify new methodologies for dealing with the now widely acknowledged complexity of Mediterranean history. The conference will take place in Athens in the large Conference Complex of “ATHINAIIS,” a modern “multi-purpose” venue in the historic district of Votanikos in Athens, Greece (<http://www.athinaiis.com.gr>). Contact: Despina Catapoti either by email (pierides1@athinaiis.com.gr) or by phone (00302103480000).

May 19–21, 2005

Religious Pluralism in Ancient Anatolia: From the Post-Hittite Era to the Beginning of the Hellenistic Period. Religionswissenschaftliches Seminar, University of Bonn, Germany. This conference will focus mainly on texts in Hieroglyphic Luwian, Lycian, Lydian and Carian as well as on Phrygian and Urartaean. Central themes to be covered by the papers will be religious continuity since the Hittite Empire, but also religious change to new cults or beliefs, and exchange of religious ideas between different areas of Anatolia before the advance of Hellenism. Contact: Manfred Hutter (mhutter@uni-bonn.de).

June 3–4, 2005

Iconography without Texts. Organized by Paul Taylor (paul.taylor@sas.ac.uk). This colloquium is supported by grants from the British Academy and the British School of Archaeology in Iraq. For further information please contact Elizabeth Witchell at the Warburg Institute. Tel: (020) 7862 8909 - email: Elizabeth.Witchell@sas.ac.uk

June 26–July 1, 2005

The **2005 SBL International Meeting** will be held at the Meritus Mandarin Hotel in Singapore. The host institution will be Trinity Theological College of Singapore. Contact: www.sbl-site.org.

September 5–9, 2005

Sixth International Congress of Hittitology. Università di Roma - La Sapienza. Contact: rita.francia@tin.it.

November 15–19, 2005

The 9th Conference of the International Committee for the Conservation of Mosaics (ICCM) will be held in Tunisia. Deadline for submission of abstracts is Nov. 15, 2004. Contact: Demetrios Michaelides, Archaeological Research Unit, University of Cyprus, Kallipoleos 75, NICOSIA 1678. Email: dmichael@spidernet.com.cy

November 16–19, 2005

ASOR Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Penn's Landing, Philadelphia, PA.

November 19–22, 2005

Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, PA. Contact: www.sbl-site.org/congresses/.

November 19–21, 2005

Arms and Armour through the Ages (from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity). The Institute of Classical Archaeology of Trnava University and Institute of Archaeology of the Selcuk University at Konya <http://>

klasarch.truni.sk or klasarch@truni.sk. The symposium will focus on political, religious and technical aspects of weapons and warfare as well as on topics concerning militaria in the cult, in the literary sources and in the arts. All papers will be published in our journal *Anodos* 4/2005. Modra-Harmónia (ca. 25 km from Bratislava, Slovakia). Symposium languages: English, German, French. The Symposium is jointly organised by the Institute of Classical Archaeology of Trnava University and the Institute of Archaeology of the Selcuk University at Konya (Turkey). Contact: Pavol Hnila, pavol.hnila@student.uni-tuebingen.de.

November 30–December 4, 2005

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: www.aaanet.org/mtgs/mtgs.htm.

January 5–8, 2006

The **107th Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America** will take place in Montréal, Quebec. A preliminary version of the program will be available online in late May. Any additional questions concerning submissions should be directed to 2006annualmeeting@aia.bu.edu.

March 17–20, 2006

American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Red Lion Hotel, Seattle, WA. Fifth Avenue, 1415 5th Avenue Seattle, WA 98101. Contact: <http://www.umich.edu/~aos/>.

March 26–30, 2006

A symposium entitled **Archaeological Chemistry: Analytical Techniques and Archaeological Interpretation** is being organized by members of the Archaeometry Lab at MURR. The symposium will be held at the American Chemical Society meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. In the past, most of these archaeological chemistry symposia have resulted in a very high quality symposium volume. We plan to produce the same. And, we hope that many of our colleagues in Archaeological Chemistry will choose to participate by describing their most up to date research in the symposium. We are currently applying to different funding sources to assist students and faculty cover a portion of their travel costs. If you are interested in participating and would like to be added to our mailing list, please send your contact information (email address and potential research topic) to: Michael D. Glascock (glascockm@missouri.edu), Robert J. Speakman (speakmanr@missouri.edu) or Rachel S. Popelka (rsp89f@mizzou.edu).

March 31–April 1, 2006

You are warmly invited to submit a paper proposal for an international conference to be held at the British Museum on the theme of **Trans-anatolia: Connecting East with West in the Archaeology of Ancient Anatolia**. This conference seeks to bring together academics to explore the similarity and diversity of cultures across Anatolia in the Neolithic through to the Bronze Age and examine Anatolia's position as the physical and cultural bridge between continents. Papers are invited on the following subjects: Geography and trade routes across Anatolia; Recent research and excavations in Central Anatolia; Inter-regional relationships and exchange patterns; Cultural and theoretical divides between East and West Anatolia. It is expected that the proceedings of this conference will be published. Please send proposals for papers, in the form of a 200 word abstract, to the organisers: Dr Alan M. Greaves (greaves@liv.ac.uk); Dr Alexandra Fletcher (airving@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk). Note: This conference is scheduled to compliment ICAANE in Madrid (03-08.04.06).

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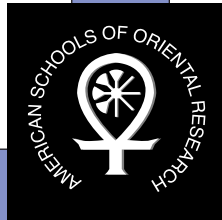
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