The Zagora Conference Looms!

Preparations for the Institute's forthcoming conference in Athens "Zagora in Context" are well underway. This event is not only for academics and we've been very pleased with the response from our membership. In addition to the academic speakers, over thirty Australians, including students, individual members as well as some of our Governors, are travelling to Greece to be part of the proceedings. The conference will be opened by the Governor of New South Wales, Chancellor of the University of Sydney and President of the Institute, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC CVO. Most of our visitors will also be coming on the eagerly anticipated tour to the site of Zagora itself.
The AAIA is deeply grateful for the sponsorship it has received for this conference from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of the University of Sydney as well as for the generous donations it has received from its members.

**Successful Lecture by Hermann Kienast in Melbourne**

Professor Hermann Kienast visited Melbourne on March 7th and delivered a superb illustrated lecture on The Tower of the Winds at Athens. Professor Kienast's visit was sponsored by the Classical Association of Victoria (CAV) and the lecture was held at the University of Melbourne. It was advertised widely and drew an audience of well over 100, among them senior members of staff and many students from the School of Architecture. Indeed all the seats in the medium-sized lecture theatre were occupied, leaving late-comers standing at the sides.
The audience was left in no doubt that they were in the hands of the world’s leading authority on the Tower of the Winds and the lecture was extremely well received. Afterwards members of the CAV Council joined Professor Kienast to continue the conversation over a very pleasant dinner at a local Italian restaurant. The Classical Association of Victoria is very grateful to Professor Kienast and the AAIA for making this very successful event possible.

Dr Jennifer Webb

We keenly await our next visitor...

With Professor Hermann Kienast's recent departure after a successful stint as the Institute's Professorial Fellow, we are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of our next academic Visitor. Professor Catherine Morgan, Director of the British School at Athens (whose wonderful library is shown) will arrive in July to undertake a six-week national lecture tour.

Professor Morgan's lecture and seminar topics include:

Byzantium and British architects: recording Thessaloniki, 1890-1912
From Odysseus to Augustus: the work of the British School on Ithaca, 1930-2012
Nothing to do with Odysseus: archaeology in the central Ionian Islands
Why did early Greeks build temples?
Worshipping at Panhellenic sanctuaries (high school seminar)
Pindar and Corinth (seminar)
Paphos team acknowledged by Cypriot House of Representatives

Any supporter of the Institute who lives in Sydney will recognize Dr Craig Barker, who is co-Director of the Australian Archaeological Mission to Paphos in Cyprus. However, many of our followers would have missed the fact that in late 2011 Craig and his team were the recipients of a major award.

The President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Yiannakis Omirou, paid tribute to the team for its contribution to the understanding of the ancient history of Cyprus with the presentation of a plaque (pictured).

“The House of Representatives of Cyprus expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to the University of Sydney for the discovery of this theatre, which is testimony to the presence of ancient Greek culture in Cyprus,” Mr Omirou said as part of his presentation speech.
Dr Amelia Brown from the University of Queensland recently wrote to tell us of the success of her study tour to Greece and to thank the AAIA for its help.

"The Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens gave scholarships to three academically high-achieving students to fully offset the cost of the course, and I appreciate the assistance I was given in Sydney and Athens by the Director of the Institute, Professor Alexander Cambitoglou, its Deputy Director, Dr Stavros Paspalas, Chief Operating Officer, Dr Wayne Mullen and Administrative Officer, Ms Anthoulla Vassiliades."

The Institute organized an official Greek Ministry of Culture Guiding Permit, passes for free entry to sites and museums, as well as classroom, exam space, and hostel accommodation in Athens.

The study tour included 22 students enrolled in the UQ Classics & Ancient History summer course ANCH2050: Ancient World Study Tour (Sites & Museums of Greece). The course was taught over 3 weeks in Greece in January-February 2012 by Dr Brown and the students all received credit toward their degrees.