AAIA's Conference "Zagora in Context" a great success

On Sunday May 20, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, Governor of New South Wales, Chancellor of the University of Sydney and President of the AAIA opened the Institute's conference "Zagora in Context: Settlements and Intercommunal Links in the Geometric Period (900-700BC)" at the premises of the co-host of the event, the Archaeological Society at Athens.

An excellent keynote lecture was given as part of the opening proceedings by Professor Catherine Morgan (Director of the British School at Athens, and our Institute's 2012 Visiting Professor). In addition to Her Excellency the Governor's opening speech, speeches were also given on the night by Professor Cambitoglou, the Provost of
the University of Sydney, and the Secretary General of the Archaeological Society, with a vote of thanks offered by Her Excellency the Australian Ambassador to Greece.

Papers were presented over the following Monday and Tuesday by a range of eminent scholars.

"Zagora in Context" proved to be a wonderful success that helped remind all who attended of the importance of the site of Zagora to international scholarship. It also was a very timely event given the recent award of an Australian Research Council Discovery Grant to a University of Sydney/AAIA and Archaeological Society at Athens project that hopes to revive the excavations at the site. The Institute would like to thank all those sponsors who helped make the event a success, and particularly our lead sponsor, The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney.

You can see a gallery of photographs from the conference opening on the AAIA's Flickr Feed, which you can reach by following this link.

A terribly sad occurrence during an otherwise happy event was the death of David Ridgway, who passed away after the opening reception of the conference. The conference proceedings, which will be published in the Institute's official journal, Mediterranean Archaeology, will be dedicated to the memory of this important scholar. The Institute offers condolences to all who knew him.

**Australian donors and supporters visit Greece**

![Image of Australian donors and supporters visiting Greece]

*Above: Members at the Athenian Agora. Photograph: Wayne Mullen*

It wasn't only academics who travelled to Greece. A delegation of AAIA members also took the time to come to Athens for the
conference. In addition to the opening and the academic papers, these guests had the opportunity to see the Institute’s work in Greece at first hand, visit our office and our Hostel, tour archaeological sites and visit the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

We are very grateful that so many of our members took the time to travel so far to show their support for the Institute and its activities.

The Institute would like to express its thanks to Her Excellency the Australian Ambassador to Greece for hosting a reception for delegates and guests at the Australian Residence and also to Professor Jack Davis (Director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens), Mr Craig Mauzy (Deputy Director, Ancient Agora Excavations) and Dr Jutta Stroszeck (Field Director, Kerameikos Excavations) all of whom generously agreed to guide our guests.

**Conference Delegates and AAIA Members pay a visit to the site of Zagora**

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*Above: The path to Zagora. Photograph: Wayne Mullen*

The conference in Athens also provided a wonderful opportunity to take a large group of academics and AAIA members from Australia to the island of Andros and the site of Zagora. The highlight of the trip was the long and picturesque walk out to the old excavations. It was particularly wonderful that Professor Diana Wood Conroy and Professor Alexander Cambitoglou, both of whom were part of the original Australian team, could revisit Zagora.

**Gallery of photos taken at the site of Zagora.**
"Phoenicians on Cyprus" A public lecture sponsored by the High Commission of the Republic of Cyprus, 6 July (in Sydney)

Friday 6 July  
6:00pm for 6:30pm  
CCANESA Theatrette, University of Sydney  
FREE

On 6 July the AAIA, The Australian Archaeological Mission to Paphos in Cyprus and the High Commission of the Republic of Cyprus will be co-hosting a lecture at the University of Sydney entitled "New evidence for the Phoenicians from excavations at the ancient Cypriot city of Kition". This lecture will be given by Dr Giorgos Georgiou who is a Senior Archaeological Officer in the Department of Antiquities of the Republic of Cyprus.

Dr Georgiou will give a number of lectures in Australia at the invitation of the High Commission. The event marks the important occasion of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the second semester of 2012.

Full details of this lecture can be found on the AAIA website.

The event is FREE but bookings are essential. You can RSVP here.

For residents of Canberra, Dr Georgiou will speak on Monday, July 9 at 8pm in the Aegean Room of the Hellenic Club. A flyer can be found here.
The ANU (Canberra) Friends of the AAIA and the Hellenic Club of Canberra offer a scholarship for travel to Greece

With generous support from the Hellenic Club of Canberra, the Canberra Friends of the AAIA award a scholarship, generally every 2 years, for a student or other scholar from the ACT to spend between 2 and 12 months working on a research project in Greece. The scholarship is currently open for applications for travel in 2013. Please note that the deadline for applications is 12 October 2012.

More information about this scholarship can be found on the AAIA Scholarships page.

Olwen Tudor Jones Scholarship for Archaeological Fieldwork in the Mediterranean - Extension of deadline

The deadline for the Olwen Tudor Jones Scholarship for Archaeological Fieldwork in the Mediterranean has been extended until 31 July. This scholarship is open to Undergraduates at the University of Sydney. More information can be found on the Scholarships page.

Above: Olwen Tudor Jones' first taste of archaeology. Photograph: Tudor Jones Family.
Zagora Appeal a Great Success

Members recently received a letter from Professor Margaret Miller who appealed for funds on behalf of the AAIA and the Zagora Project. This campaign has been successful, raising much needed money that will directly offset the needs of the team that seeks to revive the Australian excavations at the site. We are very grateful for the loyalty and generosity of our members. Donors will be thanked individually in the next paper Newsletter.

Without donations from its supporters the Institute's work promoting Hellenic culture in Australia and in Greece would cease. If you haven’t given a donation why not do so today? By doing so you help support a unique Australian institution that receives no government funding.

You can download a donation form here. Any donor who gives more than fifty dollars is recognised as an "Individual Member" of the AAIA.