Seminar by Professor Bob Milns

Emeritus Professor Bob Milns (University of Queensland), who will be familiar to many readers, will be visiting from Brisbane to give a seminar.

The Literary Tastes of Alexander the Great

In his Life of Alexander, ch. 8, Plutarch says that Alexander was philanagostes, a lover of reading. The talk looks at the evidence for the authors that Alexander read or is said to have read, both as an interesting exercise in itself and because what a person enjoys reading may be an indicator of that person’s character.

Friday 27 September, 2:00pm
CCANESA Boardroom
Level 4, Madsen Building
University of Sydney

Prof. Milns’ seminar will be followed by a short treatise on "What
made the Ancient Greeks laugh?"

**About the speaker:** Since moving to Australia in 1964, Professor Milns has held academic appointments at UNE & at the University of Queensland, where he was Professor of Classics and Ancient History for over 33 years. His academic interests concern mainly the language, literature, history, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1997 in recognition of his services to education and to the community and in 2003 he received a “Niki” award for Philhellenism from the Australian Hellenic Council. The University of Queensland awarded him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters in December 2012.

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**Zagora Team leaves for Greece**

Members and supporters will be pleased to hear that the second season of the Zagora Archaeological Project is about to start. This year will be the first of full excavations and the season will run from September 23 until November 4. An expanded team of fifty archaeologists, specialists and volunteers will be involved.

The project is helping demonstrate the power of new technologies on how archaeologists undertake their work. Excavators are using tablet computers in the trenches to store data about the ancient town as it is excavated and uploading that information into a cutting edge database.

Blogs and social media are also being used to keep the wider community informed about progress, particularly students of school age. As was the case last year staff from the Powerhouse Museum will also be key part of the public outreach component of the project. Keep
an eye on the Museum's blog at www.powerhousemuseum.com.au/zagora/ to keep up to date with what is happening on Andros!

The Zagora Archaeological Project is a synergasia (collaboration) between the Archaeological Society at Athens and the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens. The project is funded via an Australian Research Council grant awarded to a partnership consisting of the AAIA, the Department of Archaeology at the University of Sydney and the Powerhouse Museum.

Successful visit to Australia by the 2013 Visiting Professor

Image: The Director of the AAIA presenting Professor Chaniotis with a small gift in thanks for his efforts on the Institute's behalf.

Professor Angelos Chaniotis (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton) has just left the country after a highly successful lecture tour of Australia as the AAIA's 2013 Annual Visiting Professor. During his visit Prof. Chaniotis visited every Australian capital (except for Darwin), Newcastle and Armidale and gave lectures to school students, staff and students at Universities, as well as members of the general public.

The 2014 Annual Visiting Professor will be Professor Stefan Schmid from the Alexander Humboldt University in Berlin. Before Professor Schmid's visit the AAIA will welcome Professor Irene Lemos (Oxford) as its third Professorial Visiting Fellow.

Record Year for Donations
The Institute has received a record sum in donations and bequest income in 2013, with over $200,000 collected to date! We’re very grateful for the generosity shown by our donors and supporters. The AAIA is not supported by any recurrent grant from Government, therefore every dollar we spend has to be raised from members of the public just like you.

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