

EX MARMORE.

Exploitation, trade and use of white marbles
in ancient Thrace and its neighbourhood



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Stara Zagora, 10 - 13 May 2023

PROGRAMME



Tuesday 09th May

Arrival of International participants in Sofia

Accommodation at Hotel Lion

17:30 – 19:00 Visit to the National Archaeological Museum

19:00 – 23:00 Welcome dinner on behalf of the Director of the National Archaeological Institute with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Wednesday 10th May

9:00 – 9:30 Departure to Stara Zagora / Organized bus transfer for all international guests and Bulgarian participants from Sofia

Departure from Hotel Lion, 60 Maria Luisa Blvd, Sofia

09:30 – 12:00 Transfer to Stara Zagora

Accommodation at Hotel Vereya

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

Conference venue: Stara Zagora Regional Museum of History (RMH)

13:00 Registration RMH Stara Zagora

Opening of the conference in the meeting hall of RMH Stara Zagora

14:00 – 14:30 Welcome addresses

Deputy mayor of the municipality of Stara Zagora, Milena Zheleva; Director of the OeAI-OeAW Sabine Ladstätter; Director of NAIM-BAS Hristo Popov; Director of RMH Stara Zagora Petar Kalchev

14:30 – 15:30 Sabine Ladstätter, Hristo Popov

The Project "Fingerprinting White Marbles. Quarries and Cities of Roman Thrace, 1st – 3rd century AD" (OFWF033042)

Discussion

Wednesday 10th May

SESSION 1 **GEOLOGY AND QUARRIES**

Chairperson: Bojan Djurić

15:30 – 15:50 **Radoslav Nakov**

Marble sources in Bulgaria

15:50 – 16:20 **Walter Prochaska**

White marble quarries in Thrace and their use in Antiquity

16:20 – 16:50 **Discussion**

Discussion Partners: Bojan Djurić, Ivan Ivanov, Donato Attanasio, Matthias Bruno

16:50 – 17:15 **Coffee Break**

17:15 – 18:15 **Keynote lecture by Georg Plattner**

The „Material Turn“: The Impact of Marble on Ancient Sculpture and Architecture

18:30 **Cocktail on behalf of the Municipality of Stara Zagora**

Thursday 11th May

SESSION 2 **QUARRIES AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE**

Chairperson: Walter Prochaska

9:00 – 9:30 **Hristo Popov**

Marble and quarries landscape: Archaeological prospection and field evaluation. State of research in present day Bulgaria

9:30 – 9:50 **Plamen Georgiev, Ivan Ivanov**

Field registration of the Ancient marble quarries in the area of Villa Armira, Ivaylovgad district. Results of the project “Fingerprinting White Marbles in Roman Thrace”

9:50 – 10:10 **Stelian Dimitrov, Martin Iliev**

UAV Airbourne Laser scanning of ancient queries in Asenovgrad region, Bulgaria

10:10 – 10:30 **Kalin Chakarov**

The limestone quarries of Nicopolis ad Istrum

10:30 – 10:50 **Discussion**

Discussion Partners: Walter Prochaska, Bojan Djurić, Ivan Ivanov, Donato Attanasio

10:50 – 11:10 **Coffee Break**

SESSION 3 **MARBLE AND URBANISM I**

Chairperson: Zdravko Dimitrov

11:10 – 11:40 **Vasiliki Anevlavi, Walter Prochaska**

Archaeometric Investigations of white marble architectural elements from Roman Philippopolis

11:40 – 12:00 **Plamena Dakasheva**

The curved entablature from Philippopolis and how it relates to the façade of the stadium

12:00 – 12:20 **Benjamin Frerix**

The marble routes to Philippopolis

12:20 – 12:40 **Discussion**

Discussion Partners: Alexander Sokolicek, Georg Plattner, Sergey Torbatov, Milena Raycheva, Petya Andreeva, Varbin Varbanov, Maria Kamisheva

12:40 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

SESSION 4 **MARBLE AND URBANISM II**

Chairperson: Sergey Torbatov

14:00 – 14:20 **Petya Andreeva**

Framing integration of Roman Thrace into marble networks.

14:20 – 14:40 **Svetla Petrova**

Extract, trade and import of marble in the Roman and Late Antique period in Parthicopolis and its territory

14:40 – 15:00 **Zdravko Dimitrov**

Marble raw materials and architectural decorations from the Auditorium of Augusta Traiana

15:00 – 15:20 **Discussion**

Discussion Partners: Alexander Sokolicek, Mustafa Sayar, Sergey Torbatov, Milena Raycheva, Varbin Varbanov, Maria Kamisheva, Plamena Dakasheva

15:20 – 15:40 **Coffee Break**

15:40 – 16:40 **Poster session: short 1 hour / max. 15 posters**

SESSION 5 **MARBLE AND URBANISM III**

Chairperson: Mustafa Sayar

16:40 – 17:10 **Sergey Torbatov**

The archaeological context of the marble finds from Roman Anchialus

17:10 – 17:30 **Milena Raycheva**

The statue of Minerva from Deultum. Fragmented tales of marble and cult

17:30 – 17:50 **Discussion**

Discussion Partners: Georg Plattner, Alexander Sokolicek, Petya Andreeva, Varbin Varbanov, Maria Kamisheva, Zdravko Dimitrov, Natalia Toma

17:50 – 19:00 **Keynote lecture by Nicolay Sharankov**

The making of inscriptions: Evidence for stone-cutters' work from monuments in Thrace

19:30

Official dinner on behalf of the Director of the Austrian Archaeological Institute (Restaurant Rambla, Stara Zagora, 64 Tsar Ivan Shishman Str.)

Friday 12th May

SESSION 6 **MARBLE IN PROFANE AND SACRED**

Chairperson: Emil Nankov

9:00 – 9:20 **Gergana Kabakchieva**

Ancient Villa Armira. Exploiting of the marble from the valley of Armira river

9:20 – 9:40 **Veselka Katsarova**

The new way of life. Roman decorum in the villa context in Thrace

9:40 – 10:00 **Mario Ivanov**

The use of marble in the funerary art of Thrace

10:00 – 10:30 **Vasiliki Anevlavi, Kalina Petkova, Walter Prochaska**

Archaeometric Investigations of white marble votive plates from Roman Thrace; Preliminary observations

10:30 - 10:50 **Discussion**

Discussion Partners: Natalia Toma, Dimitra Andrianou, Cristina Alexandrescu, Alexander Sokolicek, Maria Kamisheva

10:50 – 11:10 **Coffee Break**

SESSION 7 MARBLE IN PRE-ROMAN PERIODS**Chairperson: Cristina-Georgeta Alexandrescu**

- 11:10 – 11:30** **Daniela Stoyanova, Margarit Damyanov**
Late archaic/Early classical Marble Architecture in Apolonia Pontica and its Context in the West Pontic Colonies
- 11:30 – 11:50** **Emil Nankov, Alexey Gotzev, Tsvetelina Slavkova, Bilyana Kostova**
The use of marble in monumental architecture at Emporion Pistiros. New observations and future prospects
- 11:50 – 12:10** **Helmut Schwaiger**
The marble database - a research tool
- 12:10 – 12:30** **Discussion**
Discussion Partners: Natalia Toma, Dimitra Andrianou, Cristina-Georgeta Alexandrescu, Hristo Popov
- 12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 15:30** **Round Table Discussion**
Hristo Popov, Sabine Ladstätter Summary of the Conference and Presentation of the frame of the planned volume "White Marbles for Roman Thrace"
- 15:30 – 18:30** **Visit to RMH Stara Zagora, Ancient Forum complex of Augusta Traiana**
- 19:00** **Official dinner on behalf of the Director of NAIM-BAS (Restaurant Uniquato, Stara Zagora, 36 Sava Stoilov Str.)**

Saturday 13th May

- 9:00 – 9:30** **Departure to Plovdiv**
- 10:00 – 14:00** **Field trip Philippopolis**
Guided tour by Nicolay Sharankov
- 16:00** **Departure to Sofia**

Sunday 14th May**Departure of International participants from Sofia.**

Conference Information Venues and Restaurant Guide



Conference Venues



Restaurant Recommendations



Hotel Vereya



Regional Museum of History (RMH) – Stara Zagora



Restaurant Rambla, Stara Zagora,
64, Tsar Ivan Shishman Str.



Restaurant Uniquato, Stara Zagora,
36, Sava Stoilov Str.



Ancient Forum Augusta Traiana