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**A new site – A new archaeologist – old artifacts !**

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## BACKGROUND

On June 30th 1971 the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS was founded by: Mrs. J. D. Bradford, Mr. David J.A. Croft, Clyde C. Kennedy, Barry M. Mitchell, Mrs. Glenna Reid, Dr. Donald S. Robertson, Mr. Michael J. Shchepanek, Mr. and Mrs. Iain Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson, Dr. James V. Wright, Col. and Mrs. Lou H. Wylie.

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### Cover Photo :

A logging chain swivel  
Excavated at the Dickerson Site  
Photo By Rory MacKay

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



### **Happy Belated New Year Everyone!**

Here we are beginning our 41<sup>st</sup> year. New things have already begun to pop, and it seems to me that archaeology is gaining strength and interest in the community. There seem to be more articles in the papers, more letters to our web-site address, more students in archaeology at Carleton and U. Ottawa (mostly in classics), and more awareness at City Hall and on the part of other heritage organizations.

Most of you are aware of the passage by the Council of the City of Ottawa of the Renewed Action Plan for Arts, Heritage and Culture in Ottawa (2013-2018) on February 6. You probably don't know that archaeology has a strong ally in Councillor Wilkinson who dug at Sheguiandah as a teen-ager. The South March Highlands are also in her ward. How effective the recommendations on archaeology in the plan will be is still to be determined, but we hope that the chapter will have the opportunity to help fill in the details some time in the near future.

On May 5 we will be initiating a new kind of public activity for us. One of our new members, Harry Baker, president of the Russell Historic Society, is inviting members of his surrounding community to visit the Russell museum, and to bring for identification artifacts that may be in their possession. Several of our "experts" will be present to discuss these objects with a view to expanding knowledge of the pre-history of the area. All chapter members will be invited to come too, to visit the museum and bring a picnic lunch for the end of season party.

We are also involved in helping plan another type of initiative in the form of a video to be entitled "Ottawa Unearthed". A pilot production, "Toronto Unearthed" has already been made, and the producer hopes to make a series for different cities across Canada. OAS is lending its support – expertise and reputation, that is, not financial.

And don't forget the power of the internet. Have you checked out the archaeology section of Bytown or Bust yet? This is another approach to spreading the word, introduced to us by chapter member Jean-Claude Dubé. And don't forget about our own website, faithfully maintained by Yvon Riendeau, not to mention the OAS site which Jean-Luc Pilon masters. We regularly receive requests about volunteering from aspiring archaeologists at our Contact address.

So our new and slightly enlarged executive is enthusiastically preparing our program for the coming year. What sort of program would you like? Who would you like to hear speak at one of our meetings? **Please send me a message and let me know.**

Glenna

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 2011****Report of the President on the 40<sup>th</sup> Year, Ottawa Chapter OAS****Monthly events 2011:**

January: Who Owns What – the International Response to Illicit Traffic in Cultural Property, David Walden, Secretary-General Canadian Committee for UNESCO.

February: Manuel LaPensée-Paquette, A Regional Tradition of Ground Stone Tool Technology in the Ottawa Valley during the Late and Terminal Archaic

March: Jackie Fisher, Archaeology in the City, Ottawa and Beyond

April: Rory Mackay, Historical Archaeology of a Camboose Shanty in Algonquin Park

May - Celebration for Summer

September: Rudy Fecteau, Hands-on Work-shop on Archaeobotany

October: THE SYMPOSIUM

November: Jean-François Beaulieu, The Wilsons and the Tuckers, Pioneering Families

December – AGM and Seasonal Celebration

**Public Archaeology:**

Heritage Day, City Hall in February;

Colonel By Day at the Rideau Canal in August.

Mica Heritage Festival at Murphy's Point Provincial Park

Bonnechere Provincial Park Archaeology Day and camping weekend

Cornwall Public School Grade 6: Ben Mortimer, Parks, gave guest talk

**Ottawa Archaeologist:** March, May, September, November, thanks to, Marian Clark.

**Web Site:** [www.ottawaoas.ca](http://www.ottawaoas.ca), thanks to web-master Yvon Riendeau has resulted in a number of queries from the general public to the contact e-mail address. Take a look!

**Fund Raiser:** \$500 at Great Glebe Garage Sale. Save stuff now for next year!

**The Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award** was presented to the 2010 winners, Friends of Bonnechere Park and Brenda Kennett and Jeff Earl in February in Perth. The 2011 winner, Catherine MacDonald received her award at the Symposium banquet.

**The Gordon and Margaret Watson Bursary** is being administered by Trent University.

**Advocacy:** Several presentations were made to the Ottawa 20/20 Plan for Arts, Heritage and Culture. We continued to monitor archaeology in the South March Highlands.

**Outreach:** The President and Vice-President both spoke at the annual meeting of Archéo-Québec in October held at the Canadian Museum of Civilization

**The chapter's ambitious program could not have been accomplished without the efforts** of many members, the chapter executive and the strong team chaired by Stacey Girling-Christie for the highlight of our 40<sup>th</sup> year – **Waterways Through Time, The Annual Symposium of The Ontario Archaeological Society,**

### **Report of Vice-President**

André Miller stated that he is particularly interested in strengthening the chapter's French language content and relationship with archaeology in the province of Quebec. He is active with Archéo-Quebec. He is also interested in Franco-Ontario heritage and as February is heritage month for RPFQ (Réseau du Patrimoine Franco-Ontarien) we will try to participate. He will also work on translating Chapter documents into French. He will be attending the Canadian Archaeology Association meeting in Montreal in May at the University of Montreal. The agenda should be available in March.

### **Report of the Director of Public Archaeology for 2011 by Rory MacKay**

It is with mixed feelings of pride and regret that I deliver this report to our chapter President; pride at the many accomplishments we have collectively made as a chapter over the past year (and the past three years) and regret that circumstances of distance and the costs of travel to Ottawa prevent me from continuing as Director of Public Archaeology for the Ottawa Chapter. It is true that some interchange of ideas, and such tasks as answering questions e-mailed to the chapter web page do not require one's actual presence in Ottawa, but I consider that to do the job well requires boots on the ground.

The following is a summary of accomplishments in public archaeology made by chapter members this past year:

A Powerpoint copy has been made of the Ontario Archaeological Society Speakers Kit slides. That brings the kit up to modern projection standards.

**February 22, 2011, Heritage Day at Ottawa City Hall:** A Table was set with a display of materials and "real" artifacts explained by Paul Thibodeau. Glenna Roberts and Bill MacLennan were also in attendance.

**July 28, 2011, Algonquin Provincial Park Meet the Researcher Day:** As in the past three years, Bill Allen and Rory MacKay each presented displays of their individual archaeology work within the Park.

**August 1, 2011, Colonel By Day:** A Display at Lock 2 of the Rideau Canal was staffed by Glenna Roberts, Joyce Clarke, Michin Rossman, and Lois King in attendance.

**August 20, 2011, Bonnechere Provincial Park Archaeology Day:** Overnight campers included Glenna Roberts and Lois King. Also in attendance were chapter members, Rory MacKay, Bill MacLennan, Bob and Evelyn Abell. Other members and participants, from up the valley, included Ken Swayze, Don Webb, Susan Artymko, and (Mark Kelly occasional member). Park staff once again contributed to the event by staffing a simulated dig. For the second year, pots made by Mark Kelly were fired. An additional ceremony was held at noon, in which Glenna Roberts was presented the Friends of Bonnechere Park's Directors Award. It should be noted that the chapter itself is a past recipient of that award.

**August 27, 2011, Murphy's Point Provincial Park Mica Festival:** Marian Clark and Heather Stronach provided chapter representation

**October 13, 2011, Ontario Archaeological Society Symposium Public lecture:** "A World War II Underwater Time Capsule: The Discovery of an American Plane in the Gulf of St. Lawrence" by Marc-André Bernier at the Canada Aviation Space Museum

**October 14, 2011, Ontario Archaeological Society Symposium Public lecture:** "The History of Lebreton Flats: A Bifocal View," by Phil Jenkins and Hugh Daechsel at Ottawa City Hall.

The **Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award** was made this year to Catherine MacDonald, history teacher in Whitby, Ontario. Many thanks to long-time administrator of that award portfolio, Peggy Smyth, who has retired from that position. Her duties will be carried on by Lois King.

I look forward to making continued contributions as a chapter member. It has been an honour to represent you as your Director of Public Archaeology.

A personal comment: The opinion that follows is my own, and is not intended to represent a chapter opinion. When I first got involved with archaeology and wanted information about archaeology I could turn to the Regional Archaeologist. If a member of the public found an artifact and wanted to know what it was, or how it should be protected, they could turn to the Regional Archaeologist. If a site was discovered and needed to be salvaged or have work stopped, one could turn to the Regional Archaeologist. A Director of Public Archaeology could legitimately tell members of the public that there was someone to whom sites or individual finds could be reported: the Regional Archaeologist.

In Ontario we do have Consultant archaeologists, who have to scramble from contract to contract to make a living. In some cases, every hour must be weighed against financial survival. They cannot be expected to fulfill the role of the Regional Archaeologist. We have Avocational archaeologists, in both the avocational and research license capacities who can offer advice, but they cannot be expected to fulfill the role of the Regional Archaeologist. We have curators and professors of archaeology, but they have to abide by the same economic restrictions as the rest of us, and they cannot be expected to fulfill the role of the Regional Archaeologist. The Regional Archaeologists have gone the way of the Passenger Pigeon.

Today we have a people who check archaeological reports for completeness and compliance. We have Project information Forms which we are told must be filled out up to ten days in advance of any project being undertaken. We have site report forms that can only be filled out by licensed archaeologists. While those measures work for the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, they do not necessarily protect the resource. We have no means by which a member of the public can report a find or site and have it collected or protected immediately. A citizen certainly cannot map a site or photograph it or make a written description of it and send it to the Ministry; that can only be done by an archaeologist. While that provides jobs for archaeologists, it does not necessarily protect the resource.

Let us say someone found a feature and artifacts eroding out of a cut in the bank of a bike path. Artifacts are lying exposed on the ground. Immediate collection by the finder would be illegal under the Heritage Act and immediate collection by any archaeologist without a valid PIF would be a violation of Ministry rules. In deference to the rules, the proper approach would be to submit a PIF and wait up to ten days for approval for surface collecting. In the meantime, someone else might pick up the artifacts and valuable information would be lost. At the recent OAS conference meeting with Ministry officials I raised the issue as described. They had no answer, other than that permission for a PIF could be expedited. That makes it difficult for any member of the chapter (especially the Director of Public Archaeology) or the OAS to honestly say to a member of the public that they could or should immediately report a find to an archaeologist, as there really isn't anyone whose job it might be to immediately collect a find or protect a threatened site.

I have learned recently that an archaeologist can take out a PIF for general survey of a geographical area, which might enable such endangered sites as I described to be recorded (and artifacts collected) but once again that depends on individuals willing to donate time and expense to preserving the cultural record.

I believe the individual citizen must be able to have a more active role in reporting and protecting sites. Then it would make more sense for us to remind the public and individual of the value of archaeology.

### **Report of the Chair of the 2011 OAS Annual Symposium, Ottawa by Stacey Girling-Christie**

Between Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 the Ottawa Chapter, OAS hosted the annual symposium of the Ontario Archaeological Society as part of the Chapter's 40th anniversary celebrations. The symposium was well attended with 134 registrants. Most of the symposium events were held in Ottawa City Hall. Members from all over the province and adjoining Quebec came to hear about the latest archaeological work in the region with a focus on the Ottawa area. The symposium was privileged to have the City of Ottawa represented by Councillor Katherine Hobbs and local First Nations by Pikwàkanagàn Councillor Ron Bernard and Kitigan Zibi Chief Gilbert Whiteduck. The meetings were open to the general public and two evening talks of general interest were free and well attended. The heart of the meetings was research presentations, but that was complemented by tours of local conservation facilities, a Ministry session on new archaeological standards and guidelines, a banquet with dinner speaker, awards, the annual business meeting and a walking tour of archaeological points of interest in downtown Ottawa

Events began on Thursday evening with a public lecture at the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum sponsored by the Ottawa Chapter on "The Flying Catalina." Our guest speaker was the Parks Canada underwater archaeologist, Marc-André Bernier. Stephen Quick, Director General of CASM, and Marc-André give us a fantastic tour of an airport hangar and showed us CASM's own Flying Catalina. On Friday, we had bus tours to archaeological conservation facilities at the Canadian Conservation Institute and to the Parks Canada archaeology and conservation centre. Later in the afternoon, there was a session at City Hall organized by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, updating its archaeological programs and guidelines. On Friday evening the Chapter sponsored a free public lecture at Ottawa City Hall concerning the history and archaeology of Lebreton Flats. Guest speakers, historian, Phil Jenkins and archaeologist, Hugh Daecshel provided us with a very informative and entertaining presentation.

Saturday was reserved for regular scientific and poster presentations and the annual business meeting. A delicious lunch was catered by Café 111 Lisgar at City Hall. The banquet took place at nearby Cartier Place Suite Hotel, after which Dr. Jean-Luc Pilon gave a fascinating and humorous talk comparing his archaeological, historical and social observations at the two extremes of the Western Hemisphere – Patagonia and Northern Canada. The Sunday programme continued with scientific presentations in the morning and concluded in the afternoon with a guided walking tour highlighting underwater archaeology in the Rideau Canal and pre-contact archaeology in the central Ottawa-Gatineau area.

One notable feature of the scientific sessions was the involvement of local Aboriginal people as participants and discussants. Since relationships between First Nations people and archaeologists are sometimes difficult, this marked a further step toward mutual understanding and

appreciation. Another important feature was the participation of several Quebec archaeologists who broadened our view of recent archaeological developments. This was facilitated by translation of all symposium documents into bilingual formats.

A very special thank you is extended to the following: the extremely dedicated members of the Organizing Committee; symposium participants (a total of 134 registrants) and the many volunteers; Marian Clark and Ellen Blaubergs for organizing an excellent, profitable and entertaining Silent Auction; individuals and businesses who kindly donated items for the auction; all the very generous sponsors; Stephen Quick, Parks and CCI staff, Jean-Luc Pilon and Jonathan Moore who provided outstanding tours; poster session, display and book room participants; banquet speaker, Jean-Luc Pilon, who prevailed over technical and facility adversity; to the individuals who worked so hard to ensure we were well fed; City Hall staff; and the OAS Board for their support and guidance.

### **Election of Officers for 2012**

Jim Montgomery, Chair, Nominating Committee, reported that, except for the position of Director of Public Archaeology, all members had agreed to remain on the executive.. He proposed the following slate for 2012 which was subsequently unanimously adopted:

President: Glenna Roberts

Vice-President: André Miller

Treasurer: Bill Maclennan

Secretary: Elizabeth Imrie

Director Public Archaeology: Paul Thibaudeau

Directors at Large: Stacey Girling-Christie and Karen Lochhead

### **Certificates of Appreciation, Ottawa Chapter OAS**

In recognition of outstanding services, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to three members of the chapter:

**Stacey Girling-Christie** for outstanding service as chair of the Symposium Committee

**Rory Mackay** for his outstanding service as Director of Public Archaeology

**Peggy Smyth** for her long and faithful service as administrator of the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award. .

## **THE DICKERSON SITE AND “DON OF A NEW AGE”**

### **By Rory MacKay**

Members of the Ottawa Chapter who attended our magnificent week-long archaeological dig at Basin Depot in 2009 may recall an enthusiastic, bearded participant, other than me. Don Webb, and his partner Sandy Kingsmith reside in Barry's Bay, and frequently work as crew for archaeologist and Ottawa Chapter member Ken Swayze. Don is a Director of the Friends of Bonnechere Parks, and now a licensed avocational archaeologist. I consider myself fortunate to have been able to play a role in achieving the latter.

While I first met Don at the Basin Depot dig, it was not until we worked together on an excavation of my own that I really learned of his intense interest in history, geology and archaeology. Don was itching to get an archaeological license so he could begin to record and register the sites he was finding close to home, including those along the Bonnechere River about which he had read in *Spirits of the Little Bonnechere*. Don had found with dismay that even sites in danger or being actively disturbed could not be reported to the Ministry unless one had an archaeological license.

Some years ago, the Ministry of Culture made it a requirement that in order to get an avocational license a person had to work under the mentorship of an archaeologist for a year. Don did not want to impose on Ken Swayze, as he thought Ken was busy enough making a living at archaeology without having to take on a student, so I inquired of the Ministry what level of license one needed to be a mentor. It turned out that a professional license or a research license was required, and having the latter I decided to take Don on as a license-candidate. It was one of the best decisions I could have made.

Although some may say that “Those who can't do, teach”, as a professional teacher I had long ago found that if you want to really know a subject you should teach it. After thirty years of working with adolescents, teaching one-on-one with the right mature student was a joy. As a side benefit, working with Don in guiding him toward his avocational license made me focus on my own practices in archaeology. That came into play at the outset of the year, as the Ministry required approval of what activities would be undertaken during the mentorship, based on Don's previous experience. There was an expectation that the Standards and Guidelines and ethical issues would be discussed and understood as well.

For the fieldwork and report-writing component, Don was directed to a possible site in Bonnechere River Provincial Park. The reader may recall that back in 1847 James McNaughton had travelled the Bonnechere River, surveying the route of the watercourse. He had made note of certain locations and landmarks along the river. About mid-way between Couchain Lake and the Head of Canoe Navigation, on the west side of the river, he had marked a path leading away from it. It was labeled “The Indian Doctor Ignace's Landing and Path to his Sugar Bush.” Luke Dickerson, after whom the Dickerson Site was named, was in his final year working as Natural Heritage Education leader at Bonnechere Park. He had expressed interest in exploring Doctor Ignace's Landing for a number of years. Luke accompanied Don in search of the site, paddling upstream by canoe from Couchain Lake.

The landing was located on a small point of land touching the main course of the Bonnechere River and bordered by extensive marshy wetlands both upstream and downstream. The

meandering of the stream and overhanging silver maples almost make this section of the river reminiscent of bayou country farther south. However, there are pines and spruces there too, some of which form the forest cover across the point and as the point expands to the south. A brief climb up the bank of the river revealed a flat terrace.



A logging chain swivel



Dickerson Site approach  
From Bonnechere River



Prongs from a beaver or  
muskrat spear

As strange as it may seem, I had hoped that after one hundred and sixty years there would still be a path visible on the forest floor. While that was not the case, there was a logging road, not very far away, that followed a route southward toward what looked like higher ground and possibly maple forest. According to aerial photographs, there had been a cleared area near the river at the commencement of the logging road, but right at the landing place there was a fair amount of forest and undergrowth.

There had been much discussion about what might be found at the landing. Punctuation by McNaughton might have helped. Were we looking for one thing or two? In looking for Doctor Ignace's landing and path to his sugar bush were we looking for a place to land a canoe combined with a path into the woods, or were we looking for Doctor Ignace's landing place and permanent or semi-permanent campsite, as well as a separate path? Although McNaughton had not indicated a building there, perhaps it was a place at which the Indian Doctor had a shelter or tent on occasion. In a number of instances, over many years, timber limit records had used Doctor Ignace's Landing as a reference point. One wondered if a path alone would hold such significance.

Without stealing all of Don's thunder in a future article about the results of his archaeological work at the Dickerson Site, I can reveal that he found evidence of site use during the woodland (possibly), fur trade, logging, and modern periods. Since the site is accessible by gravel road (within 600 metres), it might just provide another opportunity for a future OAS - Friends of Bonnechere Park excavation, if funds can be raised to hire a professional archaeologist to lead us.

Don doesn't want a big deal made about his achievement, as it is "after all just an avocational license". It does, however, place on the doorstep of Bonnechere Park, an enthusiastic archaeologist, who is keen on providing new opportunities to fellow Ottawa Chapter members for continuing archaeological exploration of the Little Bonnechere River. Perhaps together with Don on the scene we can begin a new age in the life of the Bonnechere Cultural Heritage Project.

With the completion of Don's mentorship, although I have lost a student I have gained a respected colleague and friend.

We would like to thank Jason Mask, Acting Superintendent of Bonnechere Parks, and Sandy Dobbyn, Regional Ecologist, for their vision, and for permission to conduct archaeological work at the Dickerson Site.

## NEWS , NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Congratulations**

#### **January 12 – 2012 - Charles Garrad invested to the Order of Ontario**

Congratulations to Charlie – the first archaeologist to be invested to the Order of Ontario. As an internationally-recognized archaeologist, historian, and scholar, he is Ontario's longest serving licensed archaeologist, and with volunteers has located and registered over 90 archaeological sites across the province.

Charlie was Executive Director of the OAS for many, many years and ran the OAS out of his home before the Society could manage to have dedicated office arrangements. During my early years as Secretary with the Ottawa Chapter, Charlie was my mentor on establishing many of our administration procedures, our Chapter Constitution, and hosting many workshops and excavation opportunities in the Collingwood area for OAS and Ottawa Chapter members. We anxiously await his memoirs !!!

Marian Clark

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 22** 7: 30 Thursday, Routhier Centre, 172 Guigues

"Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl) Mariculture: Northwest Coast Clam Gardens and Traditional Resource Management."

Speaker: Terence Clark, Curator of Western Canadian Archaeology, CMC

**April 14 and 15** Saturday and Sunday, -- Museum of Science and Technology

*Focus on the Titanic* (and underwater archaeology)

**April 19** 7:30 Thursday, Routhier Centre, 172 Guigues

Challenges in Cultural Heritage Management,

Speaker, Ian Badgley, Archaeologist, National Capital Commission

**April 27-28**, 2012 Canadians Make Their Case at War of 1812 Symposium

Ogdensburg, New York - The Fort La Présentation Association's fourth annual War of 1812 Symposium in Ogdensburg, NY marks a milestone in local War of 1812 bicentennial

commemorations. Eight expert speakers, four from Canada and four from the United States, are confirmed. They are coming from Ottawa, Kingston, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Plattsburgh, Potsdam and Chicago to present seminars on campaigns and battles, Indian allies, archaeology, artifact conservation, medical practices, research challenges and more.

For information go to [www.fort1749.org](http://www.fort1749.org)

**May 5** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Russell Historic Society Museum, Russell, Ontario Archaeological Roadshow. The public is invited to bring items of archaeological interest for identification by "our experts" (Jean-Luc Pilon, Paul Thibaudeau and others). Members are invited to view this local museum and bring a picnic lunch. Maps and details to follow.

**May 16 - 20**, Canadian Archaeological Association and the Association d'archéologie de Québec joint conference & meetings, University of Montreal

**May 26** 8:00 - 12:30, Saturday, Great Glebe Garage Sale, 256 First Avenue. Please drop your donations on the verandah of above address from Monday - Friday the week preceding (May 21-25). Help on day of sale (early in the morning) Welcome.

**Other public archaeology over the summer: Assistance and in-put from members needed.**

**August 6**, Monday Colonel By Day at Rideau Lock # 2.

**August 12** Sunday, Riverfest at Pinhey's Point

**August 18** Saturday, Archaeology Day at Bonnechere Provincial Park.

## EXCAVATION OPPORTUNITIES

The **Balkan Heritage Field School (BHFS)** <http://www.bhfieldschool.org/> is currently accepting applications from students, scholars and volunteers for **eight** field school projects in 2012 including *four Archaeology Excavation Projects, Workshops on Ancient Greek and Roman Pottery, Workshop for Conservation of Roman Mosaics, and a "Fresco-hunting" Photo Expedition*, with a wide variety of periods from the **Early and Middle Balkan Neolithic (6200-5500 BC)** through the **Archaic Greek, Hellenistic, Roman and Early Byzantine** periods to the **Medieval and Late Medieval** ages. Thanks to the partnership with the **New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria**, **6 academic credits (for the two-week projects)** and **9 academic credits (for the four-week projects)** will be granted upon request to students who attend to these projects.

**Affiliated partner institutions/organizations:** New Bulgarian University, Blagoevgrad Regional Museum of History, Archaeological Museum of Sozopol (**Bulgaria**), Youth Cultural Center - Bitola, National Institute of Stobi, National Institute and Museum - Bitola (**Macedonia**), Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology, Nanterre (**France**), Queen's University (**Canada**).