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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presidents inherit the good works of their predecessors. Such is the case with ARIT's newest success story, the post-doctoral ARIT-NEH fellowships that were awarded for the first time this year. In June word came that the grant had been renewed for 1993-94, with the expectation that ARIT could continue to apply for it in future years. Thanks to Machteld Mellink, who set the whole process in motion, and to the NEH, ARIT is now able to offer substantial awards for periods of up to a year for research in Turkey.

I had many enjoyable experiences involving ARIT in Turkey this past summer. ARIT-Ankara continues to thrive under the expert direction of Toni Cross. During Kurban Bayramı, I had the pleasure of leading the Ankara Friends on a tour of the Phrygian Highlands. The trip was great fun (even, the Friends insisted, when I got us lost in search of an elusive Phrygian rock monument), and it gave me the opportunity to get to know a number of ARIT supporters.

It was a special treat to be able to pay three visits to ARIT-Istanbul and to witness the operations so deftly coordinated by Antony Greenwood. One of the visits was to attend the biennial meeting of the Dernek, ARIT's official counterpart in Turkey. A number of the distinguished members were already known to me, primarily the archaeologists, and it was a pleasure to meet Aptullah Kuran, President of the Executive Committee and a strong supporter of ARIT. Welcome opportunities to meet Istanbul Friends also arose. Over a fast-paced weekend in July, I went with several of them on a trip back to the Phrygian Highlands. As none of us can do too often, I was sure to remind the Friends in both Istanbul and Ankara of ARIT's deep gratitude for their many benefactions. To the best of my knowledge, they are unique among the Friends of U.S. research centers abroad.

On the home front, ARIT Administrator Mary Jane Rein and Treasurer Maria Ellis have been excellent in introducing me to the intricacies of ARIT Headquarters. Mary Jane moved to the Boston area over the summer. She left with the warm thanks of all who worked with her, and who came to know and appreciate her cheerful, efficient manner. In her place, we are happy to have Dr. Nancy Leinwand, a Bryn Mawr graduate in Classical Archaeology and a past ARIT Fellow.

Linda Darling single-handedly revived and revitalized the ARIT Newsletter, and for this ARIT owes her a great debt. The spring, 1992 issue was Linda's last as Editor. In her place, I would like to offer a warm welcome to Charlene Longnecker, known to many of you as the first ARIT Administrator after the Headquarters returned to Philadelphia. She is a close friend of ARIT, and I am sure that you join me in wishing her much success as she continues the fine tradition set by Linda. Ellen Kohler, a long-time and generous friend of ARIT will be the Assistant Editor. (Be sure to send them news for the newsletter.)

I look forward to working in a new capacity with the ARIT family and all its fine, dedicated people.

ARIT-ISTANBUL BRANCH NEWS

Antony Greenwood reports:

This has been a good year at ARIT's Istanbul branch. In almost every aspect the quality of the facilities here continue to improve and their use to intensify. The support of local and NAFA Friends, of the Istanbul academic community, and especially our Dernek members, of American and Turkish official institutions, have all been vital to the continued success of our operations.

Good news for scholars is that the computerization of our library holdings proceeds apace. About one fourth of the collection has been input so far; with a little luck the process should be finished some time next spring. In the first stage we will produce regularly updated alphabetic lists of our holdings by author and title; later we will be producing subject listings. This should be a boon for the many patient scholars who have had to spend time struggling in the past to try to make some sense of the combined subject/author organization of our card catalogue, never knowing if they couldn't find something because it wasn't here or because they were looking in the wrong place.

The library received a major boost with a donation by Prof. Serif Mardin of some 500 titles this summer. This is the largest single donation the library has had in the past ten years! Although the subject areas covered varied widely, the donation was especially strong in Turkish titles related to 19th and 20th century political and social history, contemporary religious tracts, and general English language social science on the Middle East.

The response to our plea for "most wanted books" in the last newsletter has been most gratifying—four out of the ten books listed have since been donated. Still needed are:

Hasluck, F. W., *Christianity and Islam under the Sultans*
Ibn Battuta, *The Travels*
Inalcik, H., *The Ottoman Empire: The Classical Age*
Iorga, N., *Byzance àprez Byzance*
Mathews, Thomas, *The Early Churches of Constantinople*
Minorsky, V., *Tazkirat al-Muluk*

The Spring is always the highpoint of our year for lectures. This year the Friends of ARIT sponsored an extremely well-attended five lecture series on "Women in Turkey." In addition the following lectures on current research were given:

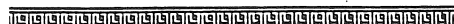
Nenad Moacanin: "The Historical Fate of Croatia and Turco-Croatian Relations in the Past."
Daniel Bates: "Current Research on the Turkish Minority in Bulgaria."
Hadı Ozbal: "Bronze Age Tin Production at Göltepe."

In mid-June the Institute was pleased to host for four intensive days a Harvard workshop with about 20

participants on comparative perspectives on Ottoman-Safavid-Moghul History. This is the first time the facilities had been used for more than a one day conference; by all reports the workshop was a success and the Institute's environment much appreciated. I wish to encourage other scholarly groups to consider using our facilities in this manner in the future.

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ARIT-ANKARA BRANCH NEWS

Toni Cross reports:

Almost 100 students and scholars use the library each month during the academic year, while from May through September it is a vital resource for visiting researchers. Maintaining the library is thus one of our most important contributions to scholarship on Turkey. In this past year (FY 91-92), only 22 books could be purchased. Thankfully, an additional 68 books were received as donations, raising the total of new acquisitions to a respectable 90. Thirty of these books, plus 102 journal volumes, were the gift of Ellen Kohler of the University Museum. Other donors presented 38 books, 50 journal volumes and 21 offprints during the year. Our sincere thanks to all these loyal friends of the library. We now have the happy problem of finding space for all the new acquisitions...if only someone would donate larger quarters!

Our first Most Wanted List appeared in the spring 1992 NAFA Newsletter. To date, the library has been offered two of the ten items on the List—Halide Edip's *Memoirs*, by Thomas Goodrich, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Bieber's *History of the Greek and Roman Theater*, by Ellen Kohler. Goldman's *Excavations at Gözlü Küle, Tarsus Vol. 3: The Iron Age* still heads the Wanted List, to which library users have requested that the following be added:

Braidwood and Braidwood, *Excavations in the Plain of Antioch I*, OIP No. 61 (Chicago, 1960)
Gunter, Ann. *Investigating Artistic Environments in the Ancient Near East*, Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, (Washington DC, 1990)
Iakovidis, S. *Excavations of the Necropolis at Perati*, Occasional Paper 8, Institute of Archaeology (UCLA, 1980) and/or the 3-volume excavation report published in Greek (not in any library in Ankara)
Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium 3 vols. (OUP, 1991)
Paléorient (we have only vol. 1, 1973).

For the 12th consecutive year, USIS and the Turkish-American Association kindly co-sponsored the Annual Lecture Series on Archaeology in Turkey. The 1992 lectures were:

"An Archaeological Survey in Adiyaman Province" by Dr. Geoff Summers (British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara)

"The Temple of Apollo Smintheus at Chryse" by Prof. Dr. Coşkun Özgünel (Ankara University)

"Minoans and Mycenaeans in Anatolia" by Dr. Charles Gates (Bilkent University).

In June, several hundred people attended the Annual Mini-Symposium in the TAA theater, where reports were presented on these archaeological projects:

"Aphrodisias" by R.R.R. Smith

"Dendrochronology Project" by Peter Kuniholm

"Göltepe" by Aslıhan Yener

"Gordion" by G. Kenneth Sams

"Hallan Çemi" by Michael Rosenberg

"Muş Survey" by Mitchell Rothman

"Sardis" by Crawford H. Greenewalt, Jr.

"Titriş Höyük" by Guillermo Algaze

"Troy" by Machteld Mellink

"Ulu Burun Ship" by Cemal Pulak

That same evening all archaeologists working in Turkey were honored at a reception hosted by US Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Marc Grossman and his wife Mildred Patterson, and co-sponsored by the Ankara Friends and USIS.

The Turkey-Greece Scholar Exchange, sponsored by ARIT and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, had already arranged the successful visits of two Turkish archaeologists to Athens. This year ARIT was pleased to host Dimitris Matsas of the Greek Archaeological Service, who lectured on his current excavations on the island of Samothrace.

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**ISTANBUL FRIENDS OF ARIT
ACTIVITIES**

In the academic year 1991-92 the Istanbul Friends of ARIT, whose membership this year ranges between 160 and 180, sponsored two stimulating lecture series. The fall series' theme was "Current Turkish Issues" with lectures given by professors from Bosphorus University and Istanbul University. Two trips were included in this series; one being to Antalya with Ankara Friends, led by Charles Gates and another tour of the Armenian churches in Istanbul, led by the Bishop Mesrob Mutafyan, Bishop of the Princess Isles.

In the spring semester the lectures focused on "Women in Turkey." A series of five lectures was given by a variety of speakers knowledgeable in this field. Both of these series were popular with an average of 40 persons attending each talk. At the end of July our new ARIT president, Ken Sams, Director of the Gordion Excavations led a tour of Gordion and the Phrygian Highlands.

Several trips were offered, among them a tour of Ankara and the Hittite sites of Boğazköy and Yazılıkaya led by Toni Cross and Peter Neve, Director of Boğazköy Excavations. Toni Cross devoted a full day to the culinary as well as historic highlights of Ankara. In late November, Dernek President Aptullah Kuran directed a tour of the Seljuk monuments of Konya and Beyşehir.

In reply to ARIT's expression of concern with its financial situation this past year, the Friends have responded with a level of donation greatly increased over the previous year. The total of their donations directly towards scholarship was \$12,600 of which \$9,300 went to fellowships, with an increase in the number of FARIT Fellowships from one to two and the sponsorship of one of the post-doctoral level Dernek fellowships; another \$3,300 went towards the cost of library purchases. Contributions towards operating costs included \$1,500 emergency payment for the rent on our premises, and \$1,000 for Director's travel to the annual meeting in Philadelphia and to a meeting of Overseas Research Center Directors in Athens. Of critical importance to scholars living and working in Istanbul have been the Friends' support of improvements in our Istanbul quarters, including the purchase of a new bed, a microwave oven, a white board for the library, a drip coffee machine, three used wardrobes and sheer curtains, wall paper for four rooms, and a ceiling and standing fan for the living room and library respectively. All told, FARIT donations over the Fiscal year 1991-92 have totaled in the range of \$16,000.

ANKARA FRIENDS OF ARIT ACTIVITIES

The Ankara Friends had a busy and successful year, with Mrs. Nina Barkley serving as Honorary President and the Steering Committee under the expert guidance of Beverly Bridgers. Highlights were trips to: Sardis and Manisa, with a very special day at Sardis with Crawford Greenewalt and his team; ancient sites of Cilicia, Antalya, and the Aegean Coast, all three led by our own Charles Gates; Jordan; Cappadocia with Ankara Friend Ann Robbins; and the Phrygian Highlands with ARIT president Ken Sams.

Other activities included a fall Members' Reception at the Residence of DCM Marc Grossman and Mildred Patterson, the annual Carpet, Copper and Kilim Show & Tell, and a fund-raising dinner at the Sheraton Hotel, plus lectures on modern Turkish politics (by Fulbright grad student David Waldner) and on Middle Eastern textiles, both ancient (by Marie-Henriette Gates) and relatively modern (by Ron Marchese).

By again covering the rent and utilities of the hostel, the Friends ensured comfortable, and affordable, quarters for 35 visiting students and researchers, particularly Fulbright grantees who stayed for several months. Individual Friends also provided the hostel with sheets and towels, curtains, a desk and bookshelf, kitchenware, and stacks of paperbacks and current magazines—all much appreciated by archaeologists in from the field and researchers home from the archives.

The Friends also contributed toward the branch director's airfare to Athens for the US Overseas Center Directors symposium and to Philadelphia for the annual ARIT meeting; made donations to two American excavations; provided a monthly supplement to the ARIT Assistant's salary, and co-sponsored the annual reception for archaeologists. Total donations by the Friends during the 1991-92 FY came to an impressive \$12,703.37 and TL 2,075,000.

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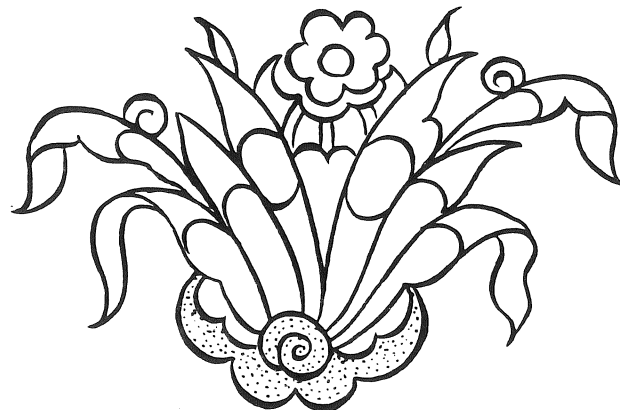
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REPORTS FROM ARIT FELLOWS

LINDA T. DARLING, teaches at the University of Arizona, but is currently at The University of Chicago writing a book with a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies.

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She reports:

During the summer of 1991 I spent eight weeks in the Ottoman archives in Istanbul with the help of a research grant from ARIT. My project, "Taxation and Fiscal Crisis in the Ottoman Empire, 1560-1660," was designed to complete the archival research necessary to turn my doctoral dissertation into a book.

The primary aim of my research was to obtain photocopies of documents I hope to include in my book, most of which I had initially looked at when I did my dissertation research several years ago. This time, I was fortunate to obtain copies of all the documents I thought I might use. I was also able to get copies of some documents that I had not been able to decipher in that first research trip, so that I could study them at greater length.

My second goal was to look at the new catalogues that have been issued since my initial research trip. In these catalogues I located numerous documents that were relevant to my topic, though most of them were similar to what I had seen before. Still, these new documents mean that my coverage in terms of time and place is more complete.

The third purpose of my trip was to fill some gaps in my original research. I was happy to find a number of documents that I had either missed or passed over earlier that provided the information I needed. A sadder note was that a few of the documents that I had seen before were now unavailable due to their poor condition. However, this aspect of my work held a bonus: I examined the original of a document about which information was published by Uzunçarşılı in 1948 and was able to correct not only Uzunçarşılı's reading of the document but also my own understanding of the finance department's development during the second half of the sixteenth century.

A bonus of the trip was spending the summer at ARIT's Istanbul hostel. I found the quarters there comfortable, the library helpful, the company engaging, and the view magnificent. There were only two drawbacks; one was the notorious climb up the hill, and the other that the light in the stairwell often refused to work, leaving us to fumble for key and keyhole in the pitch dark. Next time you go take a pocket flash.

MOLLY GREENE, is completing her doctoral research for her degree at Princeton University.

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May and part of June I spent in Istanbul and Ankara doing some final research for my PhD Thesis, which I expect to defend in November 1992. My thesis is on the first fifty years of Ottoman rule in Crete, with special emphasis on the formation of the merchant class in the capital city of Candia. Thus I spent most of my time at the Prime Ministry Archives in Istanbul (the Başbakanlık Arşivi). This was my second time at the Başbakanlık and I was able to start work very quickly. After filling out a one-page application form I was able immediately to consult the various indexes. A few days later I ordered my first documents, before I had even received my Başbakanlık identity card. In my experience, the entry into the Başbakanlık is very easy and happily free of bureaucracy. Unfortunately, other conditions at the archive seem to have worsened slightly since my last visit there two summers ago. I was told that a number of documents which I had requested had disintegrated; other people I spoke to in the archives had frequently been told the same thing. The staff also seemed slower at bringing requested documents; according to the published rules, documents requested before noon are supposed to be delivered on the following morning. Often, however, they did not arrive until the afternoon. In addition, I learned that a record is kept of all photocopies made on previous trips (such as mine two years ago), so that additional photocopies of a particular register (defter) cannot be made on subsequent trips. In short, working at the Başbakanlık had its difficult moments.

I also worked at the Cadastral Survey Office (Tapu ve Kadastro Genel Müdürlüğü) in Ankara. An application to work there must be made in advance to the Turkish Embassy here in the United States. As long as that is done, however, access is very easy. They located my name on a list and I had a register in my hands within ten minutes. No photocopies are allowed at the Cadastral Survey Office. I didn't actually see a list of the holdings of this office since you simply tell them what it is you want (in my case a Tahrir, or survey, of the province of Crete) and they bring it to you.

The purpose of my trip this time was to fill in the holes in my thesis, most of which was already written. This I was able to do quite successfully. The bulk of my thesis is based on religious court records (Kadı sicilleri) from Crete, but I still lacked some basic information such as the population of Crete, trends in agricultural revenues, the number of Janissaries stationed on the island and how the tax revenue of the island was apportioned. The types of sources available at the Başbakanlık and at the General Survey Office are ideally suited to answer these types of macro questions. On the subject of merchants, I believe that the religious court

records are more appropriate.

I would like to thank ARIT in the United States for making this trip possible, as well as ARIT in Istanbul for providing such a congenial place to live and work. I believe that the Ottoman archives in Turkey are the richest archives in the Middle East and the continuing support of ARIT allows Ottoman scholars from the United States to take advantage of them. Scholarship on the Ottoman Empire would truly be impoverished without the opportunity to work in these archives.

MATTHEW W. STOLPER is a 1991 fellow from the Oriental Institute at The University of Chicago.

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I arrived in Istanbul on 11 August. The weather had been dreadful for weeks, but it began to improve immediately, and for the rest of August and September, except for a rainy week, it was unseasonably cool, bright and mostly fair, making the views from ARIT and the ferry trip to the Archaeological Museums and back unmitigated pleasures.

The project that I was there to work on is a publication, in collaboration with Dr. Veysel Donbaz, of texts from the Murašû Archive. The Archive is a group of about 830 clay tablets and fragments excavated by the Pennsylvania expedition at Nippur in 1893, and later distributed among the University Museum, the University of Jena, and the Istanbul Archaeological Museums. It comprises the surviving records of a Babylonian business house that flourished in the last half of the fourth century B.C. It is the largest and richest source on social, economic and political conditions in Babylonia at the height of Achaemenid imperial rule, a source with surprising connections of detail not only to other, less well kept archival texts from elsewhere in Babylonia, but also with some of the Classical accounts of Achaemenid history.

Many of the Murašû texts were published between 1898 and 1933, and more were published in the 1980s. The last remaining unpublished components of the archive are about 160 tablets and fragments in Istanbul. Donbaz and I had done a preliminary inventory of these documents in 1975, and now we were returning to them, aiming to complete the publication of the Archive just a century after it came out of the ground.

The work to be done during my stay in Istanbul was straightforward. Donbaz and I were to make autograph copies of as many of the best-preserved and/or most useful texts as time allowed. Donbaz had already copied eight of them before I arrived, and during August and September, I copied another thirty-six and Donbaz, dividing his time with other duties, copied another thirteen. I collated our transliterations of the remaining unpublished pieces, finding

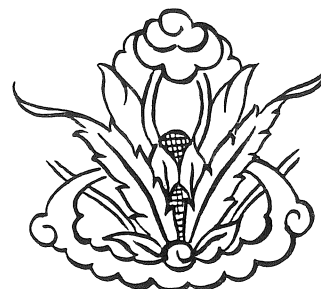
a gratifying number of improvements and a correspondingly annoying number of corrections. I also made notes on all the seal impressions that appear on the unpublished pieces, and on many seal impressions on previously published tablets.

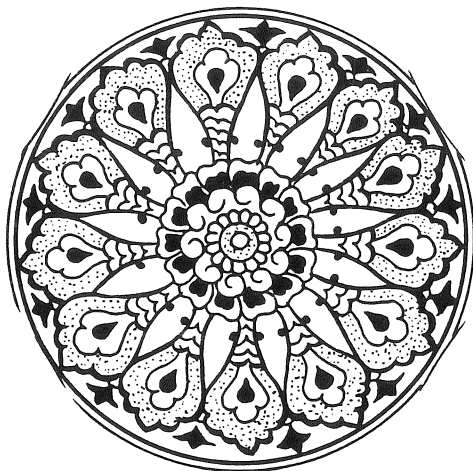
My recording of the seal impressions was made easy by Linda Bregstein, who is writing a dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania precisely on seals and sealing practice in the Murašû texts. She supplied me with notes and indexes that made it a simple matter to distinguish those seals that needed to be drawn from those that were already adequately documented, with the result that the eventual publication will include a reasonably complete account of the seals and so serve a somewhat larger non-Assyriological audience than it would otherwise have done.

The copying went more slowly than I had anticipated, simply because many of the texts were much larger than I remembered. We estimate that about thirty more pieces—mostly smaller fragments—are to be copied, the rest of the fragments to be documented in the form of an annotated catalogue. We anticipate a publication that also includes annotated transliterations and indexes.

I was able to begin work quickly and continue steadily. I arrived on Sunday, Aug. 11, went to the museum on Monday, Aug. 12, received my supporting letter from the museum administration and began the formalities of applying for my research and residence permits on the same day. By the afternoon of the next day I could begin work. I simply continued copying during the museum's open hours for the balance of my stay. I have only sincere praise for the courtesy, hospitality, frankness and efficiency of the staff of the Istanbul Archaeological Museums and the unflinching support of my colleague Donbaz.

The ARIT hostel was full when I arrived and again when I left, and never more than half-empty in between. I had expected the pleasure of sharing quarters with academics who were outside my field, but I had anticipated that most of them would be workers in the Ottoman Archives. In fact, I was delighted to encounter an extraordinary environment populated by a much larger variety of researchers than I had anticipated, and to get from them an immense amount of information, stimulating conversation, and expert touristic guidance.





NEWS FROM CAORC

The Council of American Overseas Research Centers' major achievement during the past year was to obtain authorization in the Higher Education Act for overseas research centers to apply for operating funds from the United States Education Department. CAORC will be coordinating another effort this year to secure an appropriation to supply the funds.

The proceedings from the "state of archaeology" workshop jointly sponsored by CAORC and the National Endowment for the Humanities will soon be ready for publication. The text presents an overview of archaeology in countries which host American research centers and discusses intellectual trends and forecasts. The workshop was part of the second biannual CAORC overseas center directors meeting held in Athens at the American School of Classical Studies in September, 1991. Both Toni Cross and Antony Greenwood attended. The section in the publication on archaeology in Turkey was written by Toni Cross.

In December of this year, CAORC is sponsoring its first workshop for the U.S.-based directors/administrators of member centers. The workshop is partially funded by USIA. Center representatives have assembled an agenda which deals with major management and financial questions. ARIT will be represented by Nancy Leinwand and Maria Ellis.

In June, CAORC received a grant for \$650,000 from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to enable Czech, Hungarian, Polish, and Slovak humanities scholars to carry out research at one of eight participating institutes in France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, and the Netherlands. Participating institutes with membership in CAORC are the American Academy in Rome and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

ARIT's representative to CAORC is C. Lee Striker.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF AFFILIATES

ARIT invites ARIT officers, delegates, fellows, friends—affiliates in general, past and present—to send their current bibliographies of publications on Anatolian subjects to ARIT central office for announcement in the *Newsletter*. It is also essential that ARIT's general reference files be kept up to date for its scholarly pride's sake; complete bibliographies of ARIT fellows should be kept current if possible.

Following is a list of recent publications.

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