A Letter from the President

In April 1989 ARIT accomplished the move of its office back to the hospitable quarters of the University Museum in Philadelphia, where we were welcomed as old friends and made to feel at home as we had been before during the presidency of Lee Striker. Linda Darling, our administrative assistant and editor, drove from Chicago to Philadelphia with the computer and the most active files and worked with her successor Charlene Longnecker for several weeks to make the transition smooth and efficient. We wish Linda well in her new capacity as Assistant Professor of History at the University of Arizona, where she is now the institutional representative of ARIT and also continues as editor of the ARIT Newsletter. We encourage readers to send communications for the Newsletter directly to Linda Darling (Department of History, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721) or to the ARIT headquarters.

After the organization of the new office, I undertook two archaeological trips to Turkey, in May-June and August-September, keeping in touch with the branch offices in Istanbul and Ankara through several visits.

I first flew to Antalya for the Annual Excavators' Symposium on May 18-23, 1989. ARIT was well represented by excavators of Sardis (C. H. Greenewalt, Jr., and N. Cahill), Gordonia (G. K. Sams, M. Voigt), Aphrodisias (Kenan Erim), the shipwreck near Kas (Cemal Pulak), and Elmali (M. J. Mellink); also by reports on explorations along the Tigris for new rescue projects (G. Algaze, 1989 ARIT Fellow) and dendrochronology (P. Kuniholm). Our ARIT-Ankara Branch Director Toni Cross attended some of the meetings as well. Several of the excavators travelled to ARIT-Ankara to present brief versions of their papers at the now traditional mini-symposium, which was followed by a great reception for U.S., Canadian, and Turkish archaeologists at the home of DCM and Mrs. William Rope.

ARIT-Ankara is a center of archaeologists. The roster of 1988-89 guests lists excavators, restorers, and specialists from Gordion, Elmali, the Tigris survey, the Smithsonian Institution, the Oriental Institute of Chicago, Bryn Mawr College, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Turkish archaeologists guided several tours for the Ankara Friends of ARIT: Sevin Bulcu took a group to her excavations of a Phrygian tumulus in Ankara and to the METU-Museum; Suna Güven gave a tour of Roman Ankara. A third tour, around Islamic Ankara, was guided by Patricia Leiser, who with her husband Gary Leiser offered leadership and inspiration for cultural exploration to the Friends in Ankara until their departure for the U.S. in mid-summer of 1989.

More U.S. archaeologists with ARIT affiliations are annually joining the ranks of excavators in Turkey. The new excavations at Troy, which officially started in 1988 under the direction of Manfred Korffmann of Tübingen University, have received the addition of a team from the University of Cincinnati under Stella Miller and Brian Rose which is concentrating on the excavation, recording, and study of the Greek and Roman remains of Troy-Novum Ilium, a venerable city. The Istanbul Friends of ARIT visited the Troad in August 1989 and were guided through the site by Brian Rose. In the southeastern part of Turkey, Elizabeth Carter of UCLA has begun a cooperative venture with Engin Öğen of Haticepe University, excavating the prehistoric mound of Oylum in the Gaziantep area. As I stayed at ARIT-Istanbul en route to Troy in June, Branch Director Antony Greenwood was hosting a full house of Ottoman historians plus one anthropologist-prehistorian, Clark Howell of Berkeley, who was working for a second season in the Palaeolithic cave of Yarimburgaz with Öven Arsebuk of Istanbul University, a member of the ARIT Dernek.

I am looking forward to the annual meeting in January 1990 for further discussion and planning of ARIT's growth on several fronts. Both Branch Directors will attend the meeting and will report in person on the activities in Istanbul and Ankara. We need the input of ideas at all levels, and encourage the North American Friends to be in touch with their academic Delegates as well as the central office. We wish you and all of ARIT a happy and prosperous New Year! Yeni yılınız kutlu olsun!

Nachteld J. Mellink
Reports from ARIT Fellows

To the many of you who have indicated that this is your favorite section of the ARIT Newsletter, apologies are due for its brevity in this issue. The research reports of the 1988-89 Fellows have not all come in, since all travel has not yet been completed; we hope to be able to continue the reports in the next issue.

Mark H. Nathan is a graduate student in Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. During 1988-89, as an ARIT Fellow without stipend, she conducted dissertation research in the archives of Istanbul.

"From the end of October, 1988, through the end of June, 1989, I conducted historical research in Istanbul. My work was funded by a Fulbright-IE research fellowship. The topic of my research was the relations between the Ottoman government and Egypt's local elite of Mamluk emirs during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The data I gathered will be the basis of my doctoral dissertation.

"I conducted the bulk of my research at the Başbakanlık Arşivi. From October through March, I read six volumes of the Mühimme-i Misir, which consists of orders from the sultan to the governor of Egypt and various other officials. Perhaps the most striking thing I discovered in these documents was the enormous power in Egypt of the imperial chief black eunuch, or Kızlar Ağası. An examination of the influence of this official will form one chapter of my dissertation.

"In May and June, I turned to the Başbakanlık's Hâlileyden Müdevver collection and began reading a combination of muğata'a registers and military pay lists. My goal was to obtain a clearer picture of the wealth of various emirs and of the makeup of the Mamluk households at different periods in my period of study. Most interesting were two lengthy pay lists (1685 and 1737-8) that I read toward the end of my research. The information on geographical origins and household affiliations that I gathered from these lists could, I think, alter prevailing conceptions of the social structure in "post-classical" Ottoman Egypt.

"This was a particularly interesting year to be working at the Başbakanlık Arşivi, given the sweeping procedural changes adopted in April. Most researchers applauded the archive's efforts drastically to shorten the time in which research permission can be obtained. . . . The new order has manifested itself in a separate Başbakanlık application enclosed with the usual forms.

"The most problematic of the Başbakanlık's changes have been the new policies on the use of original documents and on photocopying. . . . As far as personal photocopies are concerned, we were all relieved when the archive lifted the 100-pose photocopy limit. However, the archive has kept the limit of 10-15 nonsequential pages per defter. . . . Meanwhile, the price of photocopies has increased astronomically. . . .

"As to my work in other collections shortly after starting work at the Başbakanlık Arşivi, I began reading an Ottoman Turkish chronicle in the Istanbul University library: Mehmet B. Yusuf al-Hallaq's Tarih-i Misir-i Kâhirî (c. 1715). I was surprised to find that this chronicle overlapped the well-known Arabic chronicle of the Egyptian historian al-Jabarti (1753-1825). This discovery eventually led to a comparison of several Arabic and Turkish chronicles dealing with events in Egypt. During December and January, I read the brief, anonymous Akhbar al-nawâb fî jawlat Al-Uthmân in the Topkapı Sarayı library. I found this chronicle by accident and was astonished to find that it matched al-Jabarti's first section virtually word-for-word. I obtained a microfilm of this work for more detailed analysis. A brief look at 'Abdulkarîm's Tarih-i Misir (c. 1705) in the Süleymaniye library confirmed that it, too, belonged to the Hallaq/al-Jabarti tradition. I suspect that the ultimate sources for these narratives are official documents, perhaps including muhimmes. In any case, the major studies of Ottoman Egyptian historiography—by now 30 years old—say nothing about this overlapping Turkish/Arabic narrative tradition. I hope to return to Istanbul next year to review these chronicles in finer detail.

"While at the Süleymaniye Library in April, I also read two widely divergent Turkish chronicles: Yusuf Efendi's Tarih-i Misir (c. 1631), concerned largely with the Ottoman conquest of Egypt, and Kelâni Efendi's Vekâ'î-i 'Ali Pâsa (c. 1605), a paean to one Ottoman governor.

"Toward the end of my research year, my search for more information about the Kızlar Ağası led me to mine the Topkapı Sarayı archives. During May and June, I read a variety of documents relating to the ağa's holdings in Egypt and to the office of Kızlar Ağası in general: income and expenditure accounts, inventories of property, vakıfiyes, court records, ferms, etc. In summary, during eight months of research, I gathered a large quantity of data from a variety of sources. These data will form the backbone of my dissertation and will no doubt furnish the seed for many post-dissertation research projects. In the course of my research, I used all the collections for which I was granted research permission: namely, the Başbakanlık Arşivi, Topkapı Sarayı library and archives, Süleymaniye library, and Istanbul University library. The staffs of all these collections were courteous and helpful. . . ."
DOUGLAS HOWARD is an assistant professor of history at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He had been awarded an ARIT fellowship in 1987-88 but was unable to work on his research at that time. He reapplied in 1989-90 and this time was able to pursue a project he has had in mind for some time.

"During the summer of 1989 I spent five weeks in Istanbul, absorbed in the early stages of research which will eventually lead to a critical edition of 'Ayn 'Ali Efendi's Qavavel-i Ali-i 'Osman der Hulasa-i Mezamin-i Defter-i Divan, an early seventeenth-century treatise on Ottoman law and the timar system. The boundless enthusiasm of the summer coterie of archaeologists, paleontologists, sociologists, historians, et cetera, at the ARIT hostel in Beşiktaş made my stay there a thoroughly enjoyable one. They helped in overcoming my virtual paralysis from loneliness, brought on by the absence of my wife and children, so that I was actually able to accomplish my goals.

"I had set for myself two broad objectives for my stay: first, to identify and microfilm all manuscript copies of the work in Turkey; second, to attempt to ascertain the documentary sources used by the author in writing the work.

"In preparation for the trip, I had perused the published catalogues of several Turkish libraries. From these and other published sources, I compiled a list of sixteen copies of the work in Istanbul. Working at the Süleymaniya, Topkapı Palace, Istanbul University and Bayezit State Libraries, I was able to verify thirteen of these and eliminate three as erroneous. Moreover, Istanbul University library card catalogues revealed eight copies of the work previously unknown to me. With the addition of a manuscript in the Koyunoğlu Museum collection in Konya, the number of copies in Turkey reached twenty-two. (My search of published catalogues of European manuscript collections has yielded nineteen known copies of the work, and one recently identified manuscript in Princeton brings the total of known copies of the work, from which I will prepare the edition, to forty-two.)
ARIT/BU Language Program

Every year ARIT awards fellowships to students in the advanced level of Bogazici University's Summer Intensive Turkish Language Program. Funding for the fellowship program this year comes from the United States Department of Education and the Mellon Foundation. Dr. Antony Greenwood, Director of ARIT's Istanbul Branch, serves as liaison with the Bogazici University staff. The 1989 ARIT/BU Program Fellows were:

Murat Akalin, Johns Hopkins University
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Nancy Rafako, Brown University
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Lynne Thornton, Indiana University
Andrew Wigginton, University of Texas

As in prior years, students in the program submitted evaluations of the course of study and other aspects of their experience. As before, the instruction has been rated very highly, and the staff and student assistants have been extensively praised. Every year students offer suggestions for improvement, which this year centered around the conversation and grammar sessions and conditions in the dorm. The incorporation of suggestions from past years' evaluations has significantly strengthened the program in various areas, and in students' opinion it continues to rank above other summer language programs in which they have participated. The following comments are excerpted from student evaluations.

"The value of studying a language while being immersed in its culture should never be discounted. My understanding, pronunciation and improved readiness of response is a testimony to that. Although I still have a long way to go, my reading and comprehension have also improved. Being able to tape conversations with native speakers and from Turkish radio, as suggested by my professor, . . . was incredibly valuable for on-going reference and study."

"The staff was wonderful. This summer I developed a love of Turkish literature and an appreciation of the social implications of literature in general as well as an appreciation of the current Turkish culture and future trends to which the conferences, both those in Turkish and in English, contributed."

"The teaching assistants and "house fathers" were especially helpful; in fact, I would say indispensable to the success of this type of program. They were always available to us and compensated for the lack of sufficient laboratory time by spending additional time with us on this and other materials both in groups and individually. We were sad to leave each other."

"I think at this point the only thing I would have preferred was more time. More time to stay in Turkey and continue my studies. More time given to practice in reading reference materials. More time to haunt libraries and archives. . . . More time to "be Turkish."

"Overall I found the academic program stimulating and useful. I enjoyed the weekly lectures whose subject matter was always interesting although the amount that the students understood was sometimes small. We were lucky in my class to have Cem Taylan for our instructor. His patience and kindness contributed to the learning process in the classroom. . . . The emphasis in the course was very much on Turkish literature. Given the research interests of many of the participants in the program some short examples of scholarly writing would have been useful."

"I found that whenever I was able to work individually with a teaching assistant it was very useful. . . . The materials that were distributed at the conversation sessions were usually very useful both in terms of vocabulary and sentence patterns."

"In conclusion, the summer program at Bosphorus University was both useful in terms of learning Turkish and very enjoyable. The opportunity to live in Istanbul and see many of its historic sites as well as travel to other areas of Turkey was an experience that I enjoyed and appreciated. I found many of my fellow students to be both interesting and good travel companions. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to participate this past summer."

"Overall, I have the highest praise for the program. My spoken Turkish and my knowledge of Turkish life and culture increased dramatically. I am very grateful to ARIT for having made this wonderful opportunity possible."

"The course provided the right mixture of speaking, reading, and writing, namely that speaking was emphasized by far. . . . Some problems appeared with the grammar lessons and the language laboratory. . . . The dorm was perfectly acceptable from the facilities point of view, but detrimental from the point of view of noise."

"In summation, the positive of the program far outweighed the negative. The summer was a great success for me, far more so than the summer language programs I have attended in France and Hungary. My sincere thanks to ARIT for making this excellent program possible."
In February 1989 the Council of Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) sponsored the first-ever meeting of the directors of American overseas research centers in New Delhi, India. ARIT's Ankara Director, Dr. Toni M. Cross, attended this meeting and reports as follows:

All the overseas directors of the centers under the CAORC umbrella were able to attend, with the sole exception of the director of the American Academy in Rome. The first day was entirely devoted to presentations by each director on his/her center: its history, organizational structure, outreach program and fundraising efforts, conditions of obtaining research access, relationship to and reciprocal program with host-country institutions, and, finally and with discretion, finances.

During my own presentation on ARIT, I gave particular attention to what, in my mind, are its two special aspects, the extensive scholarship program and the Friends of ARIT organizations. I noted that ARIT, in only twenty-five years of existence, had awarded some 600 grants through three separate programs: 1) to associates of US and Canadian institutions for research in Turkey, 2) to Turkish scholars for work within Turkey, and 3) to students at US and Canadian universities for the Bosphorus University summer Turkish-language program. I stressed that ARIT, with its limited budget, could grant this many fellowships because administrative costs are kept to a minimum; there is only one full-time employee and much administrative work is done by the institute's officers and board members, who donate their time.

While giving a short history of the Friends, I distributed copies of Ankara and Istanbul flyers announcing lectures, seminars, tours, symposia, and annual dinners, noting that in 1987/88, for example, the Ankara Friends alone had organized 23 activities. And I reported with pride that the Ankara and Istanbul Friends, not even in existence six years ago, now contribute $8-10,000 each per year.

By the end of this very long first day, I felt that the information we had shared was more than sufficient to justify the meeting. As expected, there are great differences among the centers. Some institutes have constructed overseas centers which house not just superb libraries but specialized labs, workrooms, lecture halls, guest quarters and dining halls. Not surprisingly, these centers sponsor correspondingly large research projects and publication programs. At the other end of the scale are those centers which occupy rented quarters, forced to move on as the rent moves up, and consist mainly of a director and a "select" library.

The most important thing I learned during this very first day is that, despite these differences, all the institutes are surprisingly alike. Every center has basically similar goals, and pursues them to the best of its ability. And for every one of us, the prime concern is unfortunately money, to maintain the institute at its current level or, if at all possible, to expand its activities.

During the second and third days, the following topics were discussed: security, fundraising, insurance, electronic communications, research access, coordination of efforts, and reciprocity with host-country institutions and scholars.

Due to the usefulness of this first meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the directors should meet every two years. The American School of Classical Studies in Athens offered to host a conference in 1991, when the emphasis will be on the particular projects sponsored by each center.

Athens, Jordan, Jerusalem, Cyprus, and ARIT-Ankara (and later ARIT-Istanbul, except during the summer) offered free lodging for as long as one month to a host-nation scholar recommended by another center director.

In 1992, CAORC will sponsor an international symposium, "Alexander the Great and His Legacy in the Classical and Islamic World." Scholars from the US, the centers, and particularly from the host countries, will be invited to participate.

The fourth and last day was spent visiting some of the most famous monuments of Delhi, with the expert guidance of Dr. Rohdagi, Assistant Supervising Archaeologist of the Archaeological Survey of India. I returned to Ankara much cheered by what we had accomplished. While not glossing over our differences, we had learned that all the institutes are basically alike, with similar goals and similar problems, and that the differences are almost entirely a matter of scale. Each center, new or venerable, endowed or supported by a single grant, provides vital services both to American academics and their host-country counterparts, and thus to scholarship and the increase of knowledge. During the four days of the meeting, I think we came to realize how valuable our collective experience is, and that we have the ability to assist one another, and our host-country scholars, without a major increase in funding.

I am therefore deeply grateful to CAORC, for conceiving and funding this meeting, to the American Institute of Indian Studies, for hosting it, and to my fellow directors, for making it so worthwhile.

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News from the Branches

ISTANBUL BRANCH

Istanbul Branch Director Dr. Antony Greenwood is the recipient of a Rockefeller Research Grant at Washington University, St. Louis, this year. In his absence, former ARIT Fellow Joseph Schwarzer has been appointed Acting Branch Director. His report follows:

The fall months have shown a flurry of activity at the Istanbul Branch of ARIT. The support of the Friends of ARIT has been overwhelming in my first three months. They kindly agreed to the purchase of an oven, a clothes dryer, glasses for receptions, an ice chest, two hot/cold thermoses and new lighting fixtures for the halls and some of the bedrooms.

So that researchers using the library will have easier access to information at ARIT, the Istanbul Branch is restructuring its facility to coordinate with the Ankara Branch. For this project, the Friends of ARIT-Istanbul have purchased new bookcases and a microfilm reader. All lamps have been rewired, new books have been ordered and a set of rules developed for the library and hostel.

Events through the month of November have included a lecture by Turkish cooking expert Neget Eren at the Kubrisli Yali and a tour of the yali by the Divarana family, and a visit to Istanbul aqueducts led by Filiz Ýüzer. We were fortunate to have two lectures by John Carswell, director of Islamic Art at Sotheby's, London. The first, given at Ibrahim Pasha Sarayi, was on "Iznik Ceramics" and included a private tour of the Iznik exhibit. The second was given at the Sadberk Hanım Museum and was on "China and Islam: The Medieval Artistic Connections" and included a private tour of the museum.

I have led a Halloween tour of Istanbul dungeons and a November visit to medieval Genoese monuments in the area. I also presented a lecture on the work the Institute of Nautical Archaeology has done in Turkey over the past twenty-five years at the ARIT reception for the American Ambassador. In December, we look forward to more lectures and I will be giving a tour of Istanbul's Byzantine churches.

ANKARA BRANCH

Mrs. Morton (Sheppie) Abramowitz, wife of the new U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, became the new Honorary President of the Ankara Friends of ARIT in July. ARIT welcomes her to this position and appreciates her interest in and service on behalf of research in Turkey. In September Mrs. Abramowitz helped to host a fundraising reception and special program for the Friends of ARIT.

The library of ARIT's Ankara Branch has a new assistant, Cennet Köse, hired in July. As part of her training program, all of the journals were inventoried and 92 volumes bound.

Library use was curtailed in September by an influx of furniture donated by Holmes & Harver; a new living room set and dining table and chairs will grace the premises of the Ankara Branch. The old furniture, after being stored in the library, was sold and the proceeds designated for operating expenses.

In September ARIT hosted a visiting tour group of Harvard alumni. The hostel was full most of the summer and has seen continued use into the autumn months as well.

The Friends of ARIT have had a busy fall; beginning with a BBQ dinner at the Canadian residence pool, activities have included a weekend trip to Sardis and Manisa guided by Crawford Greene and, a visit to Gordion guided by ARIT Secretary Kenneth Sams and Mary Voigt. Cultural seminars at ARIT are:

- Seljuk Palaces of Anatolia: Dr. Scott Redford
- Second Season of the Tigris-Euphrates Survey: Dr. Guillermo Algaze

Donations of the Ankara Friends of ARIT in 1988-89 total over $10,000, including the rent for the second apartment, $1,500 for the Ankara Library, and numerous donations in kind. An active program of lectures, tours, and receptions provides funds for these donations, which have immeasurably expanded what ARIT can accomplish and have earned the gratitude of all who are associated with ARIT.

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The North American office welcomed Mrs. Charlene Longnecker as Administrative Assistant in May of 1989. Charlene took over from Linda Darling, who left the position in order to finish her dissertation and begin a career in teaching. Charlene is admirably keeping the ball rolling, and has presided over the installation of a new computer and a new accounting system. ARIT would especially like to thank the University Museum for helping us to settle into our new quarters in Philadelphia and for generously supporting ARIT's presence through the provision of services and general kindness and friendliness.

In 1988 and 1989 ARIT received grants from the United States Information Agency, for the support of its fellowship program and branch operations; from the Institute of Turkish Studies, Inc., for the support of the Istanbul Branch Library and the ARIT/BU Summer Turkish Language Program; and from the United States Department of Education and the Mellon Foundation, also in support of the ARIT/BU Program. The Institute thanks those organizations for their support.

ARIT extends a warm welcome to four new institutional members: the Aga Khan Program of Islamic Architecture (Barbro EK, Director), the University of Arizona in Tucson (the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Jerrold Green, Director), Brown University (Center for Old World Archaeology and Art), and returning member Indiana University (Gustav Bayerle).

Their joining brings the number of ARIT's institutional members to 32. Information on institutional membership can be obtained by contacting the ARIT office. The current institutional members of ARIT are:

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