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2001 Annual Meeting in Review

The 2001 Annual Meeting of ASOR, held November 14–17 in Boulder Colorado, was a smashing success, due in large part to the dedication and hard work of several individuals and groups of people all the way from the Boston ASOR office to committee chairs and members, presiders, participants and attendees. The following report represents their many contributions.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(Eric Cline, chair)

Annual Meeting Program

It is a pleasure to note that we had a full slate of sections and presentations in Boulder. This is very good news and maintains the momentum of the past several years, reflecting significant growth from the time of our “rebirth” in 1994. The program statistics reveal an increasing number of participants and attendees and a growing diversity of programs presented at the Annual Meetings. We were, in Boulder, completely, absolutely and totally full with four concurrent sessions running in each available time slot. The Program Committee is exploring ways to maintain the high level of energy and participation in the Annual Meetings as well as sustain and enhance the quality of presentations.

The three special evening sessions, one each

on Wednesday (the plenary ASOR lecture by Larry Stager on Ashkelon and its neighbors), Thursday (a session of lectures and discussion by Bill Dever, Kyle McCarter and Norman Gottwald on the history of ancient Israel), and Friday (the public session on Jerusalem through the ages by Ronny Reich, Hillel Geva and Mahmoud Hawari) drew good crowds and comments. In addition, the joint sessions on Connectivity in Antiquity co-sponsored by ASOR and the American Anthropological Association (AAA) have added a new dimension to cooperative efforts among scholarly groups. This will also be the case with the joint endeavors between ASOR and AIA at the latter’s annual meeting in Philadelphia next January where we are co-sponsoring a session on The Galilee: Archaeology and Early Christianity. This is the second such event with AIA.

The breadth and depth of participation at the 2001 Annual Meeting were apparent in the following statistics:

attendance – 440
number of participants – ca. 250
number of presentations – 211
geography of research – from Greece and Cyprus around the Mediterranean and Mesopotamia through the Levant to Egypt
geography of presenters – 15 countries
time periods covered – from prehistory

through modern times
disciplines – from traditional approaches through all the scientific and theoretical disciplines related to modern archaeological endeavors
people – old and young, female and male, biblical and non-biblical, established senior scholars and upstart graduate students).

The international character of the 2001 Annual Meeting becomes clear with the following (unaudited) figures:

National makeup of presiders and presenters: US 199; Israel 39; Canada 16; England 14; Jordan 3; Australia 2; Austria 2; France 2; Germany 2; Switzerland 2; Italy 1; Japan 1; Lebanon 1; Mexico 1; Poland 1.

Of the US attendees, 30% came from the Eastern US, 28% from the Central US, 27% from the West and 14% from the South.

A Complicated Financial Tapestry

Planning and staging the Annual Meeting is like weaving a complicated tapestry with threads of varying sizes and strength, deriving from various sources, and reflecting a variety of tensions and textures. This is particularly true with regard to the intertwining of registration fees, room rates, conference costs for food functions and equipment expenses for

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ASOR again honored several of its members with the presentation of awards at the annual meeting in Broomfield, Colorado, November 14–17. The awards were presented during the members meeting on November 16 which was followed by a reception honoring the recipients of the awards. Each of the recipients received a plaque recognizing their achievements and contributions to ASOR. Harold O. Forshey, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee presided over the presentations assisted by members of the Committee as well as other ASOR members. The Committee, including Walter Aufrecht, Øystein LaBianca, Martha Risser and Michael Toumazou, solicited and reviewed nominations and certified the selections for the awards. The names of the 2001 award recipients and the texts of the citations follow:

**Charles U. Harris Service Award. 2001
(Presented by Joe D. Seger) Awarded to
William G. Dever**

ASOR is proud to present the Charles U. Harris Service Award for 2001 to William G. Dever for his distinguished long term service to ASOR. William Dever’s outstanding contribution to the archaeology of Israel was recognized by ASOR with the presentation of the first P. E. MacAllister Field Archaeology Award in 1997. His service to ASOR includes the editorship of BASOR 1978–1984 and service as Vice President for Archaeological Policy (1982–1998). He was a longtime member of the Board of Trustees of ASOR and also of the W. F. Albright Institute and the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute. From 1971-1975 he served as director of the W. F. Albright Institute having previously served as Director of the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archae-

ology in Jerusalem (1966-1971). His sixteen books and more than 300 articles have made him one of the most widely know experts in Syro-Palestinian Archaeology.

It is with sincere respect that William G. Dever is recognized for his outstanding contributions to ASOR and to the Archaeology of Syria-Palestine with the presentation of this 2001 Charles U. Harris Service Award.

**G. Ernest Wright Publication Award
2001 (Presented by Walter Aufrecht)
Awarded to Michel Fortin**

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studying the terracotta sculpture recovered from the Polis-Pyrgos Archaeological Project in Cyprus as well as the sculpture from the Rantidi Forest Excavations and the Persian period terracotta sculpture from Tell Halif in southern Israel.

It is with sincere respect that Dr. Nancy Serwint is recognized for her outstanding contributions to CAARI and for her contributions to the archaeology of Cyprus with the presentation of this 2001 W. F. Albright Service Award.

**W. F. Albright Service Award for
Contributions to AIAR 2001 (Presented
by Sidnie White Crawford) Awarded to
John R. Spencer**

ASOR is proud to present this 2001 W. F. Albright Service Award to John R. Spencer in recognition of his contributions to the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research. Dr. Spencer has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Albright Institute, and of the Institute's Executive Committee, since 1987. From 1993-1997 he was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. Since 1997 he has been Vice-President and Chair of the Fellowships Committee, the most important committee of the Albright.

Mosaics of Jordan, which she edited and championed through the production process. The newly published Petra Church volume is a further testimony to her outstanding work as a scholar. Everyone connected with ACOR is deeply indebted to Patricia Bikai for her institution strengthening labors, as well as for her inspiration as a colleague and friend. It is with sincere respect that Patricia Bikai is recognized by the presentation of this 2001 ASOR W. F. Albright Service Award.

**ASOR Membership Service Award
2001 (Presented by Harold Forshey)**

special occasions. Contracts ASOR makes with hotel properties typically involve creative and fascinating interlacing patterns of all these threads. What affects one strand affects them all. To keep a handle on room rates, we extend the food-function budget. To maintain a grip on registration fees, we try to cut corners on equipment costs. To help us control the expenses of weaving this tapestry is no small challenge. My hat's off to the ASOR office and Julene Miller of Academy Travel for their diligence in finding the very best venues of the highest quality for the Annual Meetings for the lowest costs. But we need everyone's help. This will especially be true when we meet in Toronto and Atlanta, both locations representing much more expensive venues than Denver for conferences.

Here are ways we can all contribute:

- Include a food function among the activities your group or institution might consider: a luncheon, a reception (of whatever size), a business breakfast. Using the hotel for ASOR-related food functions will help cover the large catering line item we need in order to keep room costs reasonable.
- Stay as many nights as possible at the ASOR hotel. This contributes to the number of room nights we negotiate with hotels as part of overall cost-cutting efforts.
- Tell everyone we know to attend and participate in ASOR's Annual Meeting.

OUTREACH EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(Carolyn Rivers, chair)

Communicating Archaeology to the Public

In addition to sponsoring and organizing the *Communicating Archaeology to the Public* on Friday night (see above the note on the Jerusalem program), the Outreach Committee sponsored a luncheon session, featuring Carole Krucoff, head of education at the Oriental Institute Museum. She also participated in the teacher workshop.

Teacher Workshop

The University of Colorado Museum of Natural History in Boulder hosted our annual

event as one of its teacher workshops for the fall. Judith Cochran and Gloria London presided and presented. Eleven participants attended the workshop.

HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
(Harold Forshey, chair)

The Awards Committee has intensified efforts to broaden its base of nominations for awards. We have utilized the ASOR ListServe for reminders to the ASOR membership to submit nominations and continue to depend on all members for input on nominations. The award winners announced at the Members Meeting and feted at a reception are featured on page 3.

ASOR LECTURE SERIES COMMITTEE
(Ann Killebrew, chair)

For some time several ASOR members have felt the need to shape and maintain a speakers bureau as an outreach avenue for ASOR. At their initiation, we have had a series of conversations with Hershel Shanks and Steve Feldman of the Biblical Archaeology Society, about their willingness to publicize a possible speakers bureau. Since then, a new committee has been formed to explore how best to

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**Arabic Prosody: An Acoustic
Syllable Based Analysis**

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number of subsidiary objectives. These included using spoken Arabic daily, which I was able to do; networking with Jordanian colleagues; getting to know the rapidly-developing city of Amman; and visiting many historical sites in Jordan that I had not seen in years or, in many cases, at all, particularly those relating to the Byzantine and early Islamic period. Most rewarding was the chance to get to interact with Jordanian colleagues. I visited colleagues at the University of Jordan's fine History department regularly, and also was asked to lecture at the Institute of Archaeology at Yarmouk University in Irbid, where I spoke on "Orientalists' Assumptions regarding the Origins of Islam as an Historical Phenomenon." I also had the good fortune to see Dr. Ghazi Bisheh, former Director of Antiquities, on a number of occasions, when he kindly showed me around several of the archaeological sites he knows so well. On the personal front, I was able to take some time off to engage in birdwatching, which gave me a much better sense of Jordan's and the Near East's avifauna and its natural environments.

**Roman Marble Sculptures from the
East Baths at Gerasa: Origins,
Import, and Meaning**

Elise A. Friedland

(Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida)

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have been his way of reassuring the Nabataean citizens of the future of their own traditions after their annexation to the Roman Empire.

The results of my research have indicated that in contrast to this conscientious respect towards local customs, the architecture that developed in the cities of Arabia after Hadrian's visit displays more overt Roman aspects. The types of monuments that were erected after the middle of the second century, such as arched gateways, Corinthian colonnaded streets, and the Roman forum indicate a growing tendency towards creating typically Roman monuments imitating those seen in Rome herself. This trend was not instituted by Roman rule, but instead the local aristocracy attempted to curry favor with the new imported ruling class by creating these monuments. Thus, I theorize that the "Romanization" of architecture as seen in Gerasa, Gadara, and Palmyra (for example) came from local initiatives, a "trickle-up" model of architectural development.

My doctoral research seeks to shed new light on Hadrian's enigmatic journey and the architectural development of Arabia under Roman rule. My results have shown thus far that shortly after annexation local traditions are still potent, and are encouraged under Trajan and Hadrian, challenging former scholarly studies of Roman

Civil Law systems.

In order to learn the fundamentals of another legal system, one must have training in the requisite foreign language

Hoyuk, stored at the Nigde Museum, Turkey, but unfortunately the Turkish authorities did not grant me permission to view the object.

After completing the data collection on skulls, I continued to visit Irbid regularly to study the remains of plastered floors

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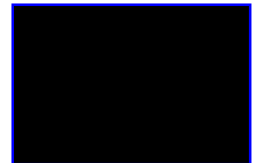
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