

From the Director
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Dear Members,

A lot has happened at the Institute over the past 12 months. I mentioned in last year's letter that the number of people working at the BIAA on various projects would increase. Indeed, Dr Özge Dilaver Kalkan has been working with us on the Balkan Futures project since autumn 2012. In April, Özge organised the first of three workshops linked to the project, together with our Assistant Director, Dr Marc Herzog, and the British School at Athens. The workshop, Rethinking Turkey's Current Role and Engagement in the Balkans, was very well received. A second workshop is planned for March 2014 in Athens.

At the beginning of June, a very different workshop took place in collaboration with the Middle East Technical University. The event, Bordered Places | Bounded Time, was organised by the BIAA Post-Doctoral Fellows and funded by the BIAA. Dr Emma Baysal, a specialist in prehistoric archaeology, and Dr Leonidas Karakatsanis, a social scientist, realised that there were quite a few points of contact between their research interests and took the opportunity to organise a joint workshop. The concept of discussing borders by crossing borders between very different disciplines worked well and very interesting discussions developed after the papers. You can read more about both these events in the pages that follow.

The borders workshop was linked to our new project, Divisions, Connections and Movement – Rethinking Regionality, which is funded by the British Academy as part of its strategic development programme. The project runs until the end of March 2015 and has enabled us to appoint Leonidas as a Post-Doctoral Fellow; he is responsible for the organisation of events and publications as well as pursuing his own research. Two events will follow on from the borders workshop. In March 2014, a large-scale conference, entitled Pathways of Communication: Roads and Routes in Anatolia from Prehistory to Seljuk Times, will take place in Ankara. The conference is being organised in collaboration with Ankara University and will be held in one of the lecture theatres there. The following year, a workshop on 'movement' will form the third event relating to the Divisions, Connections and Movement project.

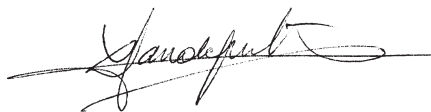
Soon, the 2013–2014 BIAA Post-Doctoral Fellows will arrive. This year, two archaeologists were chosen from amongst the many applicants. Dr Sophie Moore (Newcastle University) will concentrate on first and second millennium AD material from Çatalhöyük and Dr Catherine Draycott (Oxford University) will focus on social and cultural identities of early Achaemenid western Anatolia. I hope that they will have a fruitful and enjoyable year in Ankara and at the Institute! Personally, I will not be able to follow their progress at close hand, since I have been granted a sabbatical. I am currently working on my research at the J.W. Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main and will be back in Ankara in the spring.

Clearly, the research community at the BIAA is flourishing and very active, and this has been made possible by the unrelenting support of the Institute staff for whom this extra activity means a significant increase to their workload. I would therefore like to use this opportunity to thank Gülgün (Manager), Burçak and Tuna (Librarian and Assistant Librarian), and also Kesiban (Housekeeper) and Mustafa (Caretaker) for keeping up with the increased demands and for ensuring the smooth running of the Institute. You may have spotted a new name amongst the ranks of the Institute staff. Indeed, Tuna Çapar started as Assistant Librarian in the spring. Tuna studied archaeology at Hacettepe University and is now doing a masters degree in computer animation, which he intends to apply to archaeology. Deniz Ünsal, our previous Assistant Librarian, left us when she secured a permanent position in the Archaeology Department of Bursa University. We wish her all the best in Bursa!

As you browse your copy of *Heritage Turkey* 2013, you will notice that the space reserved for archaeological projects has shrunk again. Indeed, times remain hard for archaeologists working in Turkey. This year, new regulations issued by the Turkish authorities, forbidding the collection of ceramics, rendered it impossible to conduct a scientifically justifiable survey. Thankfully, hopeful rumours of a possible review of the matter are circulating.

I hope that you enjoy your copy of *Heritage Turkey* and that you will appreciate the huge variety of topics and research covered by the authors, who are all scholars funded and/or facilitated by the BIAA.

Best wishes,



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