

## **International Conference:**

### ***Seasides of Byzantium: harbours and anchorages of a Mediterranean Empire***

Date: 29 May -1 June 2017

Venue: National Hellenic Research Foundation, 48 Vassileos Constantinou Ave., 11635 Athens, Greece

The study of maritime installations and networks in the Roman and Byzantine Mediterranean has found increased interest in the last years as becomes manifest in various projects and publications. The major DFG-funded Special Research Programme (SPP-1630) "*Harbours from the Roman Period to the Middle Ages*" with its interdisciplinary approach constitutes one core element of this development (<http://www.spp-haefen.de/en/home/>). Within the framework of the SPP-1630 and its project "*Harbours and landing places on the Balkan coasts of the Byzantine Empire (4th to 12th centuries)*" (<http://www.spp-haefen.de/en/projects/byzantine-harbours-on-the-balkan-coasts/>), the Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum (RGZM) in Mainz (<http://web.rgzm.de/>) and the Institute of Historical Research of the National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF/IHR) in Athens ([http://www.eie.gr/nhrf/institutes/ihr/index-en\\_IHR.html](http://www.eie.gr/nhrf/institutes/ihr/index-en_IHR.html)) have established a cooperation for joint research on harbours in Byzantine Greece and the creation of a common data base.

Against this background, the conference "*Seasides of Byzantium*" intends to set these activities within the wider context of research on the Byzantine Empire as phenomenon of maritime history. Scholars present new material and new approaches based on historical or archaeological evidence which illuminate the scale, shapes and functions of Byzantine harbours and anchorages in their temporal and spatial dynamics across the Mediterranean. Furthermore, also the connections of these places across the sea and to their hinterlands are taken into consideration. The conference schedule includes one day of arrival and opening, two days of presentation and discussion and one day of excursion to relevant archaeological sites near Athens (for invited participants only). Besides, a wider audience is welcome to listen to the presentations.

We are looking forward to welcome you in Athens,

*Prof. Falko Daim,*

Director General of RGZM

*Prof. Taxiarchis Kolias,*

Director of NHRF/IHR

## PROGRAMME

### **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May: Opening and keynotes**

18:00-18:30 Welcome and greetings by Dir. Prof. Taxiarchis Kolias (NHRF-IHR Athens) and Dir. Gen. Prof. Falko Daim (RGZM Mainz)

18:30-19:00 Anna Lambropoulou (Athens), *Η πρόσληψη της θάλασσας και της θαλάσσιας επικοινωνίας στην Μεσόγειο (4ος-12ος αι.): Η αγιολογική μαρτυρία* (The perception of the sea and of maritime communication in the Mediterranean, 4th-12th c.: the hagiographic evidence)

19:00-19:30 Johannes Preiser-Kapeller (Vienna-Mainz), *Ports, bones, pollen and pottery. Harbours of the Byzantine world as sources of environmental history and global connectivity*

**19:30 Reception at the Atrium of the National Hellenic Research Foundation**

### **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of May**

#### **Session I: Varieties of archaeological evidence**

Chair: Georg Ladstätter (Athens)

09:30-09:50 Aikaterini Dellaporta (Athens), *Archaeological and iconographic evidence for maritime activities of the Byzantine era*

09:50-10:10 Jean-Philippe Goiran (Lyon), *Sedimentary archives and ancient texts: Evaluating the contribution of the geological approach to the study of ancient harbours*

10:10-10:30 Joanita Vroom (Leiden), *The Archaeology of Byzantine Harbours in Action: From their products to maritime trading networks*

10:30-11:00 Discussion

**11:00-11:30 Coffee break**

#### **Session II: Maritime spaces and place-making**

Chair: Platon Petridis (Athens)

11:30-11:50 Konstantinos Roussos (Rethymno), *Harbours, local production and maritime trade networks in the Cyclades during Late Antiquity (4th - 7th c.): the island of Paros*

11:50-12:10 Eleonora Kountoura-Galaki (Athens), *A light in the darkness: monastery "lighthouses" in the Aegean Sea and surrounding coastal regions*

12:10-12:30 Max Ritter (Mainz), *Naval bases, arsenals, aplekta: functional and operational segregations of Byzantine ports (6th-12th c.)*

12:30-13:00 Discussion

**13:00-15:30 Lunch break at one's own disposal; 15:30-16:00 Coffee break**

### **Session III: Administration, trade and harbours from the Early Byzantine to the Post-Byzantine period**

Chair: Vassiliki Penna (Kalamata)

16:00-16:20 Efi Ragia (Athens), *Administrative changes in the seas of Byzantium, 7th-8th centuries. A historical-geographical approach*

16:20-16:40 Maria Gerolymatou (Athens), *Ἐμπορεῖον μετὰ πλοίων καὶ φοῦνδακος. The role of the aristocracy in building harbours (10th-12th century)*

16:40-17:00 Aikaterini Dellaporta (Athens) and Flora Karagianni (Thessalonike), *Depictions of the Byzantine harbours of Constantinople in early maps and engravings*

17:00-17:30 Discussion

**19:30 Reception in the Austrian Archaeological Institute (for participants and invited guests)**

### **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> of May**

#### **Session IV: Harbours of the Aegean, part I**

Chair: Petros Themelis (Athens)

09:00-09:20 Sophia Akrivopoulou (Thessalonike), *The Hellenistic Harbour of Thessaloniki and the Ekklēsiastikē Skala*

09:20-09:40 Thomas Schmidts (Mainz), *Ainos and beyond – Harbour cities in southern Thrace in early Byzantine times*

09:40-10:00 Horacio González Cesteros – Sabine Ladstätter (Vienna–Athens), *Harbours and Commerce in Byzantine Ephesus*

10:00-10:30 Discussion

**10:30-11:00 Coffee break**

#### **Session V: Harbours of the Aegean, part II**

Chair: Anastasia Yangaki (Athens)

11:00-11:20 Marina Papadimitriou (Athens), *The harbour of Piraeus in Late Antiquity. New archaeological evidence*

11:20-11:40 Alkiviadis Ginalis (Bremen), *Reassessing the harbour of Anthedon*

11:40-12:00 Konstantia Kephala (Rhodes), *Haven Waiting. Patmos Before the Blessed Christodoulos*

12:00-12:20 Katerina Manoussou-Della (Rhodes), *Byzantine Rhodes. The evolution of a fortified harbour-city in the Eastern Mediterranean, 4th-12th c.*

12:20-12:50 Discussion

**12:50-16:00 Lunch break at one's own disposal**

## **Session VI: The Adriatic and the Black Sea**

Chair: Falko Daim (Mainz)

16:00-16:20 Dominik Heher (Mainz-Vienna), *Dyrrhachion / Durrës – an Adriatic Sea Gateway between East and West*

16:20-16:40 Dimitar Dimitrov (Plovdiv), *Sozopol Harbour in the Middle Ages*

16:40-17:00 Grigori Simeonov (Mainz-Vienna), *The Region of the Danube Delta in the 7th–10th Centuries and the case of the so called Lykostomion Maritime Province*

17:00-17:30 Discussion

**17:30-18:00 Coffee break**

## **Session VII: Harbours of the Peloponnese**

Chair: Timothy Gregory (Ohio)

18:00-18:20 Ilias Anagnostakis (Athens), *Ένα σημαντικό ορμητήριο χωρίς λιμάνι; Αναζητώντας στις πηγές το βυζαντινό λιμάνι στη Μεθώνη της Πελοποννήσου (Methoni in Peloponnesos: a naval base without harbour? In search of the Byzantine port in historical sources)*

18:20-18:40 Dimitrios Athanasoulis (Athens), *The Churches of the Leonides' Basilica. An Evidence of the Diachronic Operation of the Lechaion Harbour (Corinth) from Late Antiquity to Late Byzantine Era*

18:40-19:00 Maria Leontsini, Eleni Manolessou and Angeliki Panopoulou (Athens), *Harbours and anchorages in Corinthia and Argolis (Northeastern Peloponnese) from the Early to the Middle Byzantine period*

**19:00-19:30 Discussion**

**19:30-20:00 Concluding Remarks by Dir. Gen. Prof. Falko Daim (Mainz) and by Prof. Taxiarchis Kolias (Athens)**

**Evening at one's own disposal**

## **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> of June**

**Excursion to Isthmus, Lechaion and Corinth (for participants and invited guests only)**

08:30 Departure of the bus from the National Hellenic Research Foundation

16:00 (approx.) Arrival back at Athens