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## Conferences

### Samothrace

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2015, the Acropolis Museum and its president, Dimitris Pantermalis, organized a one-day scientific meeting entitled '*Recent Archaeological Research on Samothrace*'. Several important papers were presented, on various aspects of the research on the island:

- Dimitris Matsas (Honorary Ephor of Antiquities), 'Pre- and proto-historic Samothrace' (in Greek)
- Bonna Wescoat (Greek Art and Archaeology, Emory University, Atlanta, Director of the Programme of the American School of classic Studies in Athens), 'Recent American Research in the Sanctuary of the Great Gods on Samothrace'
- Antikleia Moundrea-Agrafioti (Department of Anthropological and Social Sciences, Section of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology, University of Thessaly), 'Mikro Vouni and the obsidian network in the NE Aegean' (in Greek)
- Olga Palangia (Department of History and Archaeology, School of Philosophy, University of Athens), 'The Northern pediment of the so-called Hieron of Samothrace' (in Greek)
- Laura Gadbery (Institutional Giving Officer at Historic New England), 'Unravelling the Mysteries of the Samothracian Mint'
- Brian Rose (University of Pennsylvania, Director of the Gordion Archaeological Project) 'The West Sanctuary at Troy and its Samothracian connections'
- Chrysa Karadima (Ephor of Antiquities of Rhodope), 'The ceramic workshops of Samothrace' (in Greek)
- Ludovic Laugier (conservateur du patrimoine, Institut National du Patrimoine, Paris) 'The conservation of the Winged Victory of Samothrace: new presentation and new data'
- Kevin Clinton (Cornell Emeritus Professor), 'The function of the "Hieron"'

### Paros

by Dora Katsonopoulou (*The Institute for Archaeology of Paros and the Cyclades*), translated from Greek by C. Marangou

The *Fourth International Conference on the Archaeology of Paros and the Cyclades: Paros and its Colonies (Paros IV)* took place from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2015 in Paroikia, Paros. It was organized by the Institute for Archaeology of Paros and the Cyclades, under the initiative and responsibility of its President, Prof. Dora Katsonopoulou. *Paros IV* belongs to the *Paros* series of international scientific conferences, organized every 4 or 5 years in Paros, in collaboration with the Paros Municipality and the Cultural Association *Archilochos*, with the objectives of the internationalization and promotion of the important cultural heritage of Paros and the Cyclades. Entitled this year *Paros and its Colonies*, it was dedicated to Paros and the ancient colonies that the island founded in antiquity, already at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> or beginning of the 7<sup>th</sup> c. BC.

During seven sessions, forty archaeologists and specialists of antiquity presented papers focusing on the central thematic fields of the conference:

- *Paros, the metropolis,*
- *Thasos, the colony in the North Aegean,*
- *Pharos, the colony in the Adriatic (now Stari Grad on the island of Hvar in Croatia) and*
- *Parion, the colony in the Propontis (now Çanakkale in Turkey).*

Described as 'four conferences in one' (Prof. Arthur Muller, excavating in Thasos), this meeting assembled for the first time in the metropolis archaeologists working in all three colonies, who presented results of their excavations and research. A multitude of new finds was made known, not only to archaeologists, but also to the wider Parian public. Papers covered many subjects, such as the archaeology of Paros and its colonies, history and historic personalities, pottery, sculpture, architecture, numismatics, epigraphy, metal-working, sanctuaries and worship, ancient techniques of marble quarrying in Paros and Thasos, as well as contemporary applications of technology in the field of archaeology.

The archaeological team from Parion in Propontis, directed by Ass. Prof. Vedat Keles, presented still unknown finds from the recent excavations. Of particular interest were finds dating from about the beginning of the colony around 710 or 708 BC. Parion was settled after its foundation by the Parians till the 13<sup>th</sup> c. A.D and gained great importance because of its geopolitical location since 133 BC, when it was annexed to the Roman republic. The ancient city contained masterpieces by well-known sculptors; during the Roman period it was a visitors' destination because of its artistic heritage.



*Figs. 1 and 2: D. Katsonopoulou and the archaeological team of the Parion excavations (left), and Presentation by D. Katsonopoulou (right). (Photographs provided by D. Katsonopoulou).*

New information about the most well known colony, Thasos, was presented by the team of the French Archaeological School and the archaeologists of the Kavala Ephorate of Antiquities. Presented papers referred not only to the oldest phases with the establishment of the colony, under the settler Telesikles, father of the famous Parian poet Archilochos, in the beginning of the 7<sup>th</sup> c. BC (680-670 BC), and to the second colonial campaign around the middle of the 7<sup>th</sup> c., with the participation of Archilochos himself, but also to the following settlement development of the city. One of the sessions of the Thasos section was dedicated exclusively to the important worship of the Thasos divinities and their ties with Paros.

The archaeological team from Croatia presented, for the first time, the most recent unknown finds from the third colony of Paros, Pharos, which was founded in 385/384 BC on the island of Hvar. The excavations, started in the 1980's and continuing till recently, have uncovered a part of the Greek city which evolved in the plain of Stari Grad, as well as cemeteries and a segment of its fortification -walls and towers-, while in the latest years research has focused to the study of the urban planning of the ancient city, which coincides with the arrival of the Parian colonists in the 4<sup>th</sup> c. BC.

In commemoration of the 2400 years from the foundation of Pharos, a marble stele with texts both in Greek and in Croatian (under the care of Prof. Dora Katsonopoulou and Dr. Branko Kirigin, director of the Pharos excavations), was inaugurated by the Mayors of Paros and Stari Grad, in presence of the Croatian ambassador. A second similar stele will be placed in Stari Grad, as a present of Paros, the metropolis, to the colony of Pharos, during the ceremonies to be celebrated in 2016 for the commemoration of the 2400 years anniversary.



*Fig. 3: Inauguration of the commemorative stele Paros-Pharos  
(Photograph provided by D. Katsonopoulou).*

The recent results from the excavation and study of the last decades in the metropolis were presented on the first day (11<sup>th</sup> of June) by the archaeologists of the Ephorate of Antiquities of the Cyclades and the Institute for the Archaeology of Paros and the Cyclades.

The Conference Proceedings will be published in 2016 in the series *Paros* of the Institute for the Archaeology of Paros and the Cyclades, with the title ‘*Paros and its Colonies*’, vol. Paros IV, edited by Dora Katsonopoulou.



*Figs 4 and 5: Visits of the participants to the Geometric (8th c. BC) cemetery in Paroikia (left) and to the ancient Parian marble quarries (right). (Photographs provided by D. Katsonopoulou).*

**Programme:**

[https://www.academia.edu/12637514/Paros\\_and\\_its\\_Colonies\\_Fourth\\_International\\_Conference\\_on\\_the\\_Archaeology\\_of\\_Paros\\_and\\_the\\_Cyclades](https://www.academia.edu/12637514/Paros_and_its_Colonies_Fourth_International_Conference_on_the_Archaeology_of_Paros_and_the_Cyclades)