



PROGRAM

FRONTIER LANDSCAPES ALONG THE DANUBE

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON THE ROMAN DANUBIAN PROVINCES

SOFIA / VIDIN, 23RD – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

1ST DAY

MONDAY, 23TH SEPTEMBER 2024

SOFIA, NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AND MUSEUM – CENTRAL HALL

1, AL. BUROV SQUARE

10.00 – 12.00

Registration

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch break (1 hour)

13.00 – 13.30

Opening Ceremony

Ass. Prof. Dr. Hristo Popov, Director of the National Institute of Archaeology and Museum by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (NAIM-BAS)

Session I

Main Speeches

Chair: Florian Matei-Popescu

13.30 – 13.50

Livio Zerbini

Fifteen years of Studies on the Roman Danubian Provinces

13.50 – 14.10

Lyudmil
Vagalinski, Silva
Sabkova, Kalin
Dimitrov

The Danube Limes in Bulgaria. Nomination for a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Current stage

14.10 – 14.30

Cristina
Alexandrescu

Rural settlements in the surroundings of the military centers *Sacidava*, *Axiopolis* and *Troesmis*: a methodological overview

14.30 – 14.50

Gergana
Kabakchieva

Archaeological Research of *Ulpia Oescus* in the Last Two Decades

14.50 – 15.10

David Bartus

The topography of the legionary fortress of *Brigetio*: surveys, excavations, models

15.10 – 15.30

Dilyana Boteva

A historical overview of the development of *Moesia* and Lower *Moesia* during 1st -3rd century AD

15.30 – 15.50

Coffee break

Session II
Danubian Landscapes
Chair: Lyudmil Vagalinski

15.50 – 16.10	Lucrețiu Bîrlița, Ana Honcu	Mapping the rural landscape of Histria: the case of the <i>villae</i>
16.10 – 16.30	Florin-Gheorghe Fodorean	Road building activities in <i>Pannonia</i> , <i>Dacia</i> and <i>Moesia</i> during Maximinus Thrax's reign reflected through milestones
16.30 – 16.50	Davide Redaelli	Il ruolo dell'esercito e dei soldati nel cambiamento del paesaggio delle province di Mesia e Pannonia: la costruzione di edifici pubblici e infrastrutture
16.50 – 17.10	Kalin Chakarov	A Possible Road Route from <i>Novae</i> and <i>Nicopolis ad Istrum</i> to <i>Sostra</i> through the Rositsa River Gorge
17.10 – 17.30	Alina Streinu, Marius Streinu, Bogdan Șandric	Beyond the city walls: mapping the rural landscape in <i>Scythia minor</i>
17.30 – 17.50	Iva Ciglar, Mojca Vomer Gojkovič	<i>Poetovio</i> at the crossroads of important trade routes
17.50 – 18.10	Hristo Preshlenov	Black Sea Coast as geo-infrastructure and economic zone of <i>Moesia Inferior</i>
18.10 – 18.30	Valentin-Victor Bottez, G. Granier, A. Șerbănescu, I. Iliescu, E. Caserta, A. Țârlea, R.O. Stănescu, A. Dumitru	A Roman rural settlement and its tumular funerary space in the territory of Istros/Histria (Romania). Interdisciplinary research in the <i>Beidaud Archaeological Microzone</i>
18.30 – 18.50	Nikolay Sharankov	Governors of <i>Moesia Inferior</i> : New epigraphic evidence

Cocktail of the Director of NAIM-BAS
Venue: Art Club Museum, Sofia, 2 Saborna Street

19.30 – 21.30

2ND DAY

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024
VIDIN, MUNICIPAL CULTURAL INSTITUTE
VENUE: SYNAGOGUE OF VIDIN
27, BABA VIDA, STR.

7.00 **Departure from Sofia to Vidin**
7.00 – 10.30 Trip: Sofia – Vidin (3,5 hours)
11.00 – 12.30 Free time, lunch break and trough of the luggage

Session III
Danubian Landscapes
Chair: Zdravko Dimitrov

12.30 – 12.50	Livio Zerbini	Landscapes along the Danube in the Greco-Roman sources
12.50 – 13.10	Robert Iveković Misirača	Run to the hills, run for your lives! Refuges (<i>refugia</i>) in the NW part of <i>Pannonia Savia</i> and in the SE part of <i>Noricum Mediterraneum</i> during Late Antiquity
13.10 – 13.30	Vladimir Petrović, Gordan Janjić	Roman Fort on Danube Limes in Serbia : <i>Ćetaće (Laccoburgus)</i>
13.30 – 13.50	Vanya Stavreva	Roman sites along the Danube in Vidin District
13.50 – 14.10	Beatrice Harrach	The significance of archaeology in International relations: cultural diplomacy through the case study of <i>Ulpia Traiana Ratiaria</i>
14.10 – 14.30	Julij Emilov, Vladislav Zhivkov	<i>Almus</i> in the Fourth century
14.30 – 14.50	Cătălin Dîscă, Bogdan Ciupercă, Tudor Hila, Eduard Ghinea, Emil Grigorescu	At the Crossroads of Political Agreements and Military Actions: Roman Policies in Muntenia Reflected in Archaeological Discoveries
14.50 – 15.10	Kalin Chakarov, Nikola Tonkov, Anton Atanasov	Geophysical Survey in the Vicinity of <i>Nicopolis ad Istrum</i> – Reinterpretation of the Fortified site in the Lako Area near the Village of Samovodene
15.10 – 15.30	Márton Szabó, Máté Szabó	A new view on fortified <i>villae</i> beyond the Pannonian Limes

15.30 – 15.50

Coffee break

Session IV

Religion and cults

Chair: Vladimir Petković

15.50 – 16.10

Milica Tapavički-
Ilić

The idea of souls' immortality through archaeological evidence

16.10 – 16.30

Radu Ardevan

Der süd-östliche Friedhof von Napoca (Dakien) – heutiger Forschungsstand

16.30 – 16.50

Victoria Videvska

The Cult of Minerva in *Novae*, based on archaeological and epigraphical data

16.50 – 17.10

Mihajlo
Džamtovski

The First Recorded Inscription with a Dedication to *Terra Mater* in *Sirmium*

17.10 – 17.30

Radu-Octavian
Stanescu

Danubian connections and beyond – a case study of funerary spaces and grave goods from *Noviodunum-Isaccea*, Romania

17.30 – 17.50

Katarina Šmid

Funerary Banquet In The Province Of *Pannonia* And A Rather Unique Depiction From Črnomelj, *Pannonia Superior*

17.50 – 18.10

Milena Raycheva

The hymn-singers of *Nicopolis ad Istrum*: revisiting some aspects of the imperial cult in the city

18.10 – 18.30

Lavinia Frisone

Esperienze religiose transfrontaliere: il caso dei *Gothi minores*

18.30 – 18.50

Nelly Dakova

A remarkable relief of God Mithras from Lower *Moesia*

19.30 – 22.30

Cocktail of the Mayor of Vidin

Venue: Vidin Danubian Port Restaurant

3RD DAY

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024
VIDIN, MUNICIPAL CULTURAL INSTITUTE
VENUE: SYNAGOGUE OF VIDIN
29, BABA VIDA, STR.

Session V
Religion and cults
Chair: Vladislav Zhivkov

8.30 – 8.50	Ana Hamat, Stefan Georgescu	The fate of the gods from Tomis
8.50 – 9.10	Ivan Valchev	The Capitoline Triad in <i>Moesia Inferior</i>
9.10 – 9.30	Stefano Magnani	Religiosity and identity processes in the communities of the Palmyrene diaspora in <i>Dacia</i> , between belonging and innovation
9.30 – 9.50	Ivo Topalilov	The sanctuaries on the territory of <i>Ratiaria</i>
9.50 – 10.10	Radu Florescu	Christianity in the former Roman province of <i>Dacia</i> between the late 3rd and 5th century AD: historiographical challenges and archaeological evidence
10.10 – 10.30	Ingrid Petcu Levei, Radu Petcu	A statuette of <i>Thanasos</i> discovered in the suburbs of <i>Tomis</i> (Palazu Mare)

10.30 – 10.50

Coffee break

Session VI
Numismatics
Chair: Elena Klenina

10.50 – 11.10	Nicoleta Demian	Late Roman monetary hoards (4th century AD) discovered along the Danube in southern Banat (SW of Romania and NE of Serbia)
11.10 – 11.30	Alenka Miškec	<i>Poetovio</i> , a city in the Roman province of <i>Pannonia</i> in the light of numismatic finds

11.30 – 11.50	Anca-Maria Dumitru	Hoarding amid unsettling times – analyzing a cluster of hoards in the lower Danube area
11.50 – 12.10	Lajos Juhász	The coin hoard of Mesterszállás
12.10 – 12.30	Marija Jović	The monetary circulation along the <i>Dacia Ripensis</i> ' Limes
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break	
	Session VII	
	Numismatics	
	Chair: Ivo Topalilov	
13.30 – 13.50	Zdravko Dimitrov, Varbin Varbanov	About one newfound coin hoard from 2nd century from Upper <i>Moesia</i>
13.50 – 14.10	Silviu I. Purece	Three hoards or one in time of crisis
14.10 – 14.30	Renata Ciołek	Funde von Provinzmünzen in <i>Novae</i> (Bulgarien)
14.30 – 14.50	Deyan Dragoev	Sri Lankan imitation of Late Roman bronze coin from Kale Shirokovo, NE Bulgaria
	New discoveries and studies	
14.50 – 15.10	Agnieszka Tomas	So where is this <i>praetorium</i> ? Recent Excavations in <i>retentura sinistra</i> in the legionary fortress of <i>Novae</i>
15.10 – 15.30	Piotr Dyczek	About the Roman "refrigerators" from <i>Novae</i>
15.30 – 15.50	Andrzej B. Biernacki	The fluted capitals from <i>Novae</i> (<i>Moesia Inferior</i> / <i>Moesia Secunda</i>). Provenance and application
15.50 – 16.10	Elena Klenina	Transformations of <i>Latera Pretorii</i> in Roman military camp of <i>Novae</i> (<i>Moesia Inferior</i> / <i>Moesia Secunda</i>)
16.10 – 16.30	Petya Andreeva, Walter Prochaska, Vasiliki Anevlavi, Sabine Ladstätter	A New Approach to Marble Distribution Patterns to the North of <i>Haemus Mons</i> : A Case Study of <i>Marcianopolis</i>
16.30 – 16.50	Coffee break	

Session VIII
New discoveries and studies
Chair: Agnieszka Tomas

16.50 – 17.10	Marin Marinov	A Roman Religious Rite Scene On A Bronze Find From The Buildings <i>Extra Muros</i> West Of <i>Novae</i>
17.10 – 17.30	Zdravko Dimitrov	New Vision of the Roman Danubian Landscapes in the Eastern Upper <i>Moesia</i>
17.30 – 17.50	Ivan Gargano	The fifth πόλις of <i>Dacia Ripensis</i> : the lost <i>Castra Martis</i> . Reflections for its Identification
17.50 – 18.10	Ivan Bogdanović	Location of the amphitheatre in <i>Viminacium</i>
18.10 – 18.30	Mirjana Vojvoda, Saša Redžić	The golden finger-ring in the form of a two-nozzled lamp from <i>Viminacium</i>

18.30 – 19.00

Poster session I

19.50 – 22.00

Cocktail of the Director of Regional Museum of History - Vidin
Venue: The Medieval Castle of Baba Vida

4TH DAY

THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024
VIDIN, MUNICIPAL CULTURAL INSTITUTE
VENUE: SYNAGOGUE OF VIDIN
29, BABA VIDA, STR.

8.00	Departure from Vidin
8.30 – 11.00	<i>Ratiaria</i> tour
12.00 – 15.00	<i>Castra Martis</i> tour and lunch
15.30 – 16.30	Bononia Estate
17.30 – 18.30	<i>Bononia</i> tour

5TH DAY

FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024
VIDIN, MUNICIPAL CULTURAL INSTITUTE
VENUE: SYNAGOGUE OF VIDIN
29, BABA VIDA, STR.

Session IX
New discoveries and studies
Chair: Radu Ardevan

8.50 – 9.10 Bogdan Ciupercă,
Cătălin Dîscă,
Tudor Hila,
Eduard Ghinea,
Emil Grigorescu
The Roman Presence North of the Lower Danube: New Archaeological Discoveries Along the Teleajen Valley Corridor

9.10 – 9.30 Kalin Stoev
Observations on the military presence in the region of *Ratiaria* and the neighboring lands (according to epigraphic evidence)

9.30 – 9.50 Mariya
Avramova
Evidence of the use of the mineral spring at Varshets, Bulgaria in the Roman period

9.50 – 10.10 Radmila Zotović
Ceramic product supplies to the fort Boljetin upon Danube

10.10 – 10.30 Alexander
Manev,
Alexander
Harizanov
En route to *Ratiaria*: a Late Antique fortified settlement near modern-day Dimovo, Vidin region

10.30 – 10.50 Coffee break

Session X
New discoveries and studies
Chair: Piotr Dyczek

10.50 – 11.10 Dorel Bondoc,
Gabriela Filip
Beneficiarii From Southern *Dacia*

11.10 – 11.30 Chiara Cenati
Carmina for the Nymphs: the verse inscriptions from *Aquae Iasae*

11.30 – 11.50	Kristina Džin, Vesna Lalošević	<i>Simulacrum Solis cum quadriga</i> by the Danube limes
11.50 – 12.10	Harl Ortolf	<i>Francus ego...</i> A top-ranking officer of late Roman <i>Aquincum</i> : His ethnical, social and cultural background
12.10 – 12.30	Martina Garibotti, Antonio Romano, Lorenzo Boragno	Usurping the Prophecy: Imperial Claimants from the Danube Regions?
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break	
Session XI		
New discoveries and studies		
Chair: Livio Zerbini		
13.30 – 13.50	Lyuba Radulova	Physical and formal borders of the customs districts in Antiquity
13.50 – 14.10	Adrian Ardeț	The Roman army from the northern Limes of the Danube, from the former Roman Province of <i>Dacia</i> in the 4th century AD
14.10 – 14.30	Rosalba Arcuri	“Civiltà di frontiera”: paesaggi danubiani nelle <i>Res Gestae</i> di Ammiano Marcellino
14.30 – 14.50	Melinda Szabó	Women on the frontier. Southern <i>Pannonia</i> through women’s eyes
14.50 – 15.10	Iliyan Lupov	The Danubian legions as a career factor for the Roman soldiers of a Thracian origin (late 2nd – 3rd century AD)
15.10 – 15.30	Florian Matei-Popescu	Army in the civilians in the Lower Danube area
15.30 – 15.50	Coffee break	

Session XII
New discoveries and studies
Chair: Adrian Ardeț

15.50 – 16.10	Manuela Mongardi, Mattia Vitelli Casella	Quale rapporto tra militari e presenza dei <i>Soldatenkaiser</i> nelle province danubiane? Alcuni casi di studio
16.10 – 16.30	Onur Sadık Karakuş	Integration and Identities: Some Considerations on the Anatolian Peoples in Roman <i>Dacia</i> and <i>Moesia</i>
16.30 – 16.50	Marius-Tiberiu Alexianu	<i>Salinae Daciae</i> : épigraphie, ethnoarchéologie et linguistique
16.50 – 17.10	Roxana-Gabriela Curcă	Extra-linguistic and linguistic factors of Romanization in Moesian territories
17.10 – 17.30	Varbin Varbanov, Georgi Mitev	The earliest fort of <i>Transmarisca</i>
17.30 – 17.50	Symeon Angelov	Elements of horse harness from the Lower Danubian limes (between <i>Novae</i> and <i>Transmarisca</i>)
17.50 – 18.10	Stefan Georgescu, Ana Hamat	Preventive archaeological research in the western necropolis of Tomis
18.10 – 18.30	Georgi Atanasov, Alexander Harizanov, Christian Mikhailov	A Late Antique Brick Kiln from <i>Durustorum</i> (modern day Silistra)
18.30 – 19.00	Poster session II	

20.00 – 24.00

Dinner of the friends of Roman Danubian Provinces
Venue: Bononia restaurant in Vidin park

6TH DAY

SATURDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024
VENUE: HALL OF THE VIDIN REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION
6, DUNAVSKA, STR

Session XIII
New discoveries and studies
Chair: Cristina Alexandrescu

8.30 – 8.50	Lyudmila Chakarova-Prisoeva	The Legal Activity of <i>Ovinus Tertullus</i> as a provincial governor of Lower <i>Moesia</i>
8.50 – 9.10	Stefan Honcu	<i>Argamum</i> fortress in the 4th -7th century AD in the light of archaeological discoveries from Small Gate sector
9.10 – 9.30	Adriana Panaite, Gabriel Talmaçhi	Aspects regarding late Roman urbanism. The results of recent archaeological research at <i>Tropaeum Traiani</i> (Adamclisi, Constanța county)
9.30 – 9.50	Ioan Opreș, Alexandru Rațiu	Agricultural implements on the 6th century Lower Danube Limes. The finds from the southern quarter of the castellum in <i>Capidava</i>
9.50 – 10.10	Iulian Moga	Jews and Proselytes in the Danubian Provinces and the Bosporan Area during the Roman Imperial Period
10.10 – 10.30	Iulia Iliescu, Irina Achim, Dragoș Hălmagi	Iconographic language on Late Roman tableware from Histria: repertoire, influences and chronological frame
10.30 – 11.00	Closing of the conference	
12.00	Departure to Sofia	
15.30-16.00	Arrival in Sofia	

Poster presentations

25th
September
18.30 – 19.00

Poster session I

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| Nikol Blagoeva | Roman and Late Antique pottery from the territory of <i>Bononia</i> |
| Valentin Vitanov | Aqueducts of <i>Ratiaria</i> |
| Saša Redžić,
Mirjana Vojvoda | The Roman Coin Hoards along the <i>via Danubiana</i> : from <i>Singidunum</i> to <i>Ratiaria</i> |
| Darko Anđelkovski | Roman gold rings from RIM-Vidin |
| Nikolay Rusev | Amphorae from the site near Sinagovtsi village, Vidin district (Site No. 6 on the route of E79 motorway) |
| Călin Timoc | The Archaeological Evidence of the Late Roman City of Dierna (Orșova) from the Danube Gorge |
| Ana Hamat,
Dan Elefterescu | Glyptic art from <i>Durostorum</i> |
| Lyuba Traykova | <i>Transmarisca</i> in the second half of the 5th century – the beginning of the 7th century (according to archaeological data) |

27th
September
18.20 – 18.50

Poster session II

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| Bianca Vassileva | Lower <i>Moesia</i> and the Antonine plague |
| Sven Konrad | The Civil Settlement at the Late Roman Limes Fort <i>Iatrus</i> (<i>Moesia secunda</i>) |
| Silva Sabkova,
Vladimir Valchev,
Alexander Ivanov | The Lower Danube Limes in Bulgaria – Nomination for UNESCO World Heritage. Sites “left on the bench” |

Yordana Nikolova Grave finds of the Roman army from the *Serdica's* necropolises I-IV c.

Alexandra Clara
Țârlea, Iulia Iliescu,
Anca Dimitru Travelling light to the underworld. Grave goods found in Tumulus 1 of the funerary space belonging to the Roman rural settlement from Beidaud (Romania)

Lyudmil Vagalinski,
Dilyana Boteva,
Krassimira Kostova,
Lyuba Traykova,
Hristina Ivanova-
Anaplioti, Nikolay
Dimitrov, Lily
Grozdanova,
Atanas Georgiev,
Iliyan Lupov From defenders of the Lower Danube to colony founders - The *legio VIII Augusta* veterans in the Perspective of DigiDeultum

Simona Regep,
Victor Bunoiu Archaeological researches regarding the defensive system of the Roman forth of *Praetorium-Mehadia*

Máté Szabó Late Roman *villa* landscape behind the Pannonian frontier