

The British Epigraphy Society
Report from the Autumn Colloquium 2016

The BES Autumn Colloquium 2016 took place on 12 November 2016 in the Institute of Classical Studies in London. The programme (appended below) showcased four longer papers, and three short reports, before a final poster session with three contributions. The colloquium attracted 35 participants from across the UK, but also from abroad, including from Italy, Germany, and as far away as Georgia!

The programme allowed for discussion of both ‘traditional’ epigraphy and the practicalities of establishing modern electronic databases. As in previous years, the topics and themes of the various contributions covered both Greek and Roman aspects, as well as Near Eastern epigraphy. Moreover, the programme was designed to allow scholars at various career stages to present their work – including internationally renowned experts as well as doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows.

The BES colloquia seek to help establish links between epigraphers who work in the UK and epigraphers abroad, esp. from the European mainland. It was particularly pleasing in 2016 to have attracted scholars even from beyond Europe. Furthermore, the colloquium also attracted interested lay persons – which is a deliberate goal for all of our activities.

The support of the SPHS was indispensable for our bursary scheme – which supported five young scholars to attend the meeting, four from the UK and one from mainland Europe. The BES is very grateful indeed to the SPHS for the generous support towards the bursary allocations.

Dr U. Roth, BES Honorary Secretary 22/11/16

10.00-11.00 Registration and Morning Coffee

11.00-12.00 Morning Session I

Prof. Robert Parker (Oxford): ‘The bombshell from Marmarini (Kernos 2015): Semitic cults in Hellenistic Thessaly’

12.00-13.00 Morning Session II

Prof. Olli Salomies (Helsinki): ‘Local traditions in Latin epigraphy’

13.00 Lunch Break

14.00 AGM (*Members only*)

14.30 Afternoon Session I

Prof. Eleanor Robson (UCL): ‘Epigraphy from the ground to the cloud: digital decipherment of cuneiform tablets in the field’

15.30 Afternoon Tea

16.00 Afternoon Session II

Dr Andrew Burnett (London): ‘The Romanisation of Greek coin inscriptions’

16.45 Short Reports

Claire Millington (KCL): Inscriptions as evidence for the households of Roman auxiliary commanders in the Western provinces during the first to third centuries AD

Eleanor Robson (UCL): Oracc.org, the Openly Richly Annotated Cuneiform Corpus

Julien Ogereau (Berlin): *Inscriptiones Christianae Graecae, 1.0*: Completion and publication of a database of early Christian inscriptions from Asia Minor and Greece (<http://www.epigraph.topoi.org/>)

18.00 Finale: Posters and drinks

Tamara Kalkhitashvili: Epigraphic Corpus of Georgia 2.0.

Carla Rubiera: Being *nutrices*: consequences in the slaves’ lives

Tatjana Sandon: *(Cog)nomina sunt consequentia rerum?* The onomastics of freedwomen’s children in connection to their legal status

19.30 Colloquium Dinner (*aux frais des participants*)
