

***The British Epigraphy Society***  
***Report from the Autumn Colloquium 2017***

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The BES Autumn Colloquium 2017 took place on 11 November 2017 in the Institute of Classical Studies in London. The day was structured around numerous shorter and medium-length papers, allowing in particular early career researchers to present their work in progress. A longer paper giving detailed information on a large, ongoing epigraphic project was delivered by Prof. Sophie Minon (EPHE, Sorbonne/Paris; Oxford/ CSAD). (The full programme is appended below.)

The meeting was attended by 37 delegates, and was much like previous colloquia an occasion for international exchange: the speakers and participants hailed from numerous countries, both from within and outside of Europe. (The list of participants is appended below). Moreover, the colloquium attracted both professional epigraphists as participants as well as amateurs and interested laypersons.

The thematic range of the papers stretched from materials held in the collections of the British Museum to new inscriptions from the excavations at Ephesus in Turkey. There was as always much space for casual exchange, to take the arguments and ideas raised by the various presentations further in between and after the formal paper sessions. A slate of 'short reports' presented new epigraphic readings or revised readings and interpretations. A poster session concluded the day, allowing four PhD and postdoctoral students to present their ongoing projects.

The meeting was very generously supported by the SPHS, for which the British Epigraphy Society is very grateful, allowing the Society to financially support PhD students and early career researchers to attend the colloquium: some of their impressions from the day and their thanks are appended below.

Dr U. Roth, BES Honorary Secretary

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\*\*\* PROGRAMME \*\*\*

**10.00-11.00 Registration and Morning Coffee**

**11.00-11.45**

Dr Vera Hofmann (Vienna): 'Hadrian and the Naukleros Philokyrios - New Fragments of IEphesos 1488'

**11.45-12.30**

Dr Theodora Jim (Lancaster): "'Private" dedications to Philip Soter and other Hellenistic kings'

**12.30-13.15**

Dr Franco Luciani (Newcastle /ICS): 'Cursing and being cursed. Two examples of *defixiones* relating to public slaves'

**13.15 Lunch Break**

**14.30 AGM (Members only)**

**15.00-16.00**

Prof. Sophie Minon (EPHE, Sorbonne/Paris; Oxford/ CSAD): 'LGPN-Ling: Linguistic analysis of ancient Greek personal names. An electronic and printed Dictionary. A new Bechtel's HPN (1917) in progress'

**16.00 Afternoon Tea**

**16.30 New (and old) texts & readings**

Dr Ilaria Bultrighini (UCL): 'New rupestral boundary inscriptions from Attica'

Dr Irina Levinskaya (St. Petersburg): 'The Synagogue of Jews and the Godfearers'

Dr Nick Milner (ICS): 'SEG 34, 1312'

Dr Benet Salway (UCL), 'An honorific statue base (?) from the territory of Ephesus'

**17.45 Short Reports**

Dr Sofia Piacentini (KCL): 'The British Museum collection of bronze stamps: a study in progress'

Ms Laura Loeser (DAI München): 'Narratives and epigraphy in museum education - Short report on a Creative Writing-workshop in Mainz'

### 18.15 Finale: *Posters & drinks*

Dr Franco Luciani (Newcastle/ICS): 'The "*Servi Publici*: Everybody's Slaves" (SPES) Project'.

Pier Luigi Morbidoni (Edinburgh): 'An inscription celebrating Geta's first consulship? - A new case of *damnatio* from Aeclanum'

Rory Nutter (Edinburgh): 'Latin's conquest of Italy? An epigraphic comparison'

Clara Maria Ramos Taboada (Santiago de Compostela/Edinburgh): 'Family and identity of freedpersons in the provincial capitals of Roman Hispania: Colonia Iulia Urbs Triumphalis Tarraco'

### 19.30 Colloquium Dinner (*aux frais des participants*)

#### \*\*\* STUDENT IMPRESSIONS FROM THE DAY \*\*\*

... As always, I was able to listen to exciting talks reporting on some of the latest work on epigraphy, catch up with old acquaintances and also meet some new people. This last aspect was especially enjoyable for me this time because while I have always enjoyed taking part in the meetings, now that I've finished my Masters and am moving towards PhD work, there are more and more participants who are my age and are in a similar career situation as I am. Hence, networking and exchange now happens on a new and very exciting level for me. The most rewarding part of the day was of course that I was given the opportunity to give a short report on my recently completed Masters dissertation. I had worked on using epigraphy in museum work and was able to give a brief summary of the theoretical foundations of my project and subsequently present the practical implementation of my ideas. As far as I can tell, my report was very well received. I had the opportunity afterwards to discuss my work with a number of the other participants, which was a great experience. Of course, unfortunately the BES meetings only comprise a single day. Nevertheless, they never fail to enrich my semester and make a contribution to my epigraphic education overall ...  
Laura Löser (Munich)

... Throughout the day, the papers were all of an extremely high standard and I enjoyed the breadth of subjects that were discussed; in particular, the reports of Dr Ilaria Bultrighini on rupestral boundary inscriptions, and of Dr Nick Milner and Dr Benet Salway regarding statue bases. I was fascinated by the approaches taken to reconstructing these bases and the manner in which even minor work is able to lead to significant breakthroughs in terms of what we understand about those honoured by such bases. I was delighted to be able to make my own small contribution to the day with a poster on the epigraphic habits of Italy during the period 340-200BCE and a brief consideration of the impact of Latin through Italy following the 'Roman conquest'. It proved to be an excellent opportunity to converse with, and gain feedback from, a number of scholars about the direction of my work going forwards and also refine in my own mind, my ideas for the project as a whole. An especially interesting aspect to the day was the participation and involvement of all those in attendance, especially during the questions following a paper, which encouraged a great deal of engagement and debate ...

Rory Nutter (Edinburgh)

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