

American Research Center in Sofia 2013 Summer Archaeology Program



Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2nd season of the ARCS Summer Archaeology Program. We have expanded the program from a three-week field experience at Heraclea Sintica and day-trips within the region of SW Bulgaria, eastern Rep. Macedonia and northern Greece to include a 10-day itinerant “mini-course” on the archaeology of Bulgaria. In the next month, you will have seen most “corners” of Bulgaria and will gain valuable archaeological experience working at Heraclea.

A few words about ARCS... The American Research Center in Sofia was established in 2004 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting research and activities in the Humanities and Social Science in the context of Bulgaria and neighboring Balkan countries (Republic of Macedonia, Romania and Serbia). An important part of our Mission is to build bridges between North American and Southeast European scholars and institutes as well as between the academic and public realms.

Our funded programs include:

- Pre-doctoral fellowships (3- and 9-months) for US-based students
- A Postdoctoral fellowship (6 months) for US-based scholars
- Grant programs for collaborative archaeology projects in Bulgaria
- A Grant program for Site Preservation, Conservation, and Museum Enhancement Projects in Bulgaria

Our ever-growing Library is open to all students, scholars and interested members of the public. ARCS hosts Public Lectures, Round Tables, Conferences and other events that are open to the academic community, artists and the public at large. We collaborate in many ways with museums, universities, the media, businesses and NGO’s.

We hope this inspires you to return to Bulgaria and the Balkans and, even, to conduct your own research projects here.

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**ARCS 2013 SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM
SOFIA TOUR AND PRE-EXCAVATION TRIP BULGARIA**

May 29-June 8

Wednesday, May 29

Arrival in Sofia, welcome dinner, 5:30 p.m. at restaurant TBA

Thursday, May 30

10:00 meet at National Archaeological Museum; followed by tour of central Sofia, including Underground Museum at St. Sofia, Metro excavations, Amphitheater, St. George Rotunda.

16:00 meet at ARCS for lectures
Introduction to Heraclea Sintica – EN
Excavations at Porolisum – ED
Barbeque at ARCS

Friday, May 31

10:00 (leave hotel) Visit to the National Museum of History and Boyana Church

14.30 walking tour of “modern” Sofia

Free evening

Saturday, June 1

9:30 Depart Sofia
Visits to Sostra, Pavlikeni and Nicopolis ad Istrum
night in VELIKO TARNOVO

Sunday, June 2

9:00 Depart Veliko Tarnovo
Visits to Novae and sites/museums in Ruse
Night in RUSE

Monday, June 3

9:30 Depart Ruse
Visits to Razgrad: Abritus, Shumen fortress, Madara
night in VARNA

Tuesday, June 4

9:30 Visit Varna museum and Roman baths

11:00 Depart Varna – visits to Messambria (UNESCO site), Pomorie: Anchialo tomb, Apollonia Pontica
night in SOZOPOL

Wednesday, June 5

9:30 Depart Sozopol - visits to Kabyle: site and museum, Stara Zagora Museum, Augusta Traiana, Kazanlak museum and tomb
night in PAVEL BAVYA

Thursday, June 6

9:00 Depart Kazanlak – visits to Golyama Kosmatka and Ostrusha, Hissarya: Diocletianopolis, Starosel tombs
night in PLOVDIV

Friday, June 7

9:30 Visit museum and monuments in Plovdiv
14:30 Depart Plovdiv
Night in SAPAREVA BANYA

Saturday, June 8

9:30 Depart Sapareva Banya to visit Germania, Blagoevgrad museum
arrive in PETRICH, check in hotel

20:00 Dinner at Hotel Bats

HERACLEA SINTICA 2013 FIELD SCHOOL SCHEDULE

June 9-June 30

Sunday, June 9

9:00 Visit to the sanctuary of Levunovo
16:00 Orientation lecture – Conference room (Hotel Bats, 4th floor)

Monday, June 10

Work on site begins at 6:00; breakfast at 5:30; bus leaves for site at 5:45; work on site until 12:30, lunch in Hotel Bats starts at 13:30; dinners – 20:00 on weekdays.

The work schedule is:

Week 1-3: Monday to Friday

Saturday: study field trips to FYROM, Greece and SW Bulgaria (see below)

Sundays free (except June 9)

Afternoon lectures (see below) start at 16:00 at the Conference room (Hotel Bats, 4th floor) followed by pottery reading and finds processing until 18:00. Afternoons with no lecture scheduled are devoted to pottery reading and finds processing from 16:00 to 18:00.

Sunday, June 30

10:00 Transfer to Sofia. Check in hotel (TBA)

Free evening

Monday, July 1

Depart Sofia

HERACLEA SINTICA 2013 FIELD SCHOOL LECTURES

June 9-June 26

Unless otherwise noted all lectures take place in the Conference room, Hotel Bats at 16:00

- June 9** **Dr. Emil Nankov** (ARCS), Historical topography of the Middle Strymon river valley – (at the sanctuary of Levunovo)
- June 10** **Assoc. Prof. Lyudmil Vagalinski** (NIAM-BAS), Excavations at Heraclea Sintica
- June 12** **Dr. Emil Nankov** (ARCS), A history from inscriptions. Epigraphy of the Middle Strymon river valley
- June 14** **Nadya Karastoyanova** (PhD student, NBU), Human – animal relationships in prehistory: Principles of archaeozoological research
- June 17** **Dr. Ivanka Slavova** (Independent scholar), Archaeobotany. Plant macroremains from archaeological context
- June 18** **Assist. Prof. Hallie Franks** (NYU), The history of Macedonia from the Archaic through the Roman **Assist. Prof. Hallie Franks** (NYU), Painting and mosaics (iconography and media, including the importance of Macedonia as a source for these media)
- June 19** **Assist. Prof. Hallie Franks** (NYU), Painting and mosaics (iconography and media, including the importance of Macedonia as a source for these media)
- June 20** **Dr. Petar Zidarov** (NBU), Remote sensing techniques in archaeology
- June 21** **Assist. Prof. Hallie Franks** (NYU), The coinage of Macedonia

- June 24** **Dr. Bogdan Atanassov** (NBU), The Middle Struma valley archaeological survey.
Settlement patterns in Central Balkan Peninsula in later prehistory
- June 25** **Prof. Pierangelo Castagneto** (AUBG), Involvement of American doctors in the fight
against malaria in SW Bulgaria, 1920s-1930s
- June 26** **Dr. Chavdar Tzochev** (Independent scholar), The Thracian economy: between
ideology and archaeology

HERACLEA SINTICA 2013 FIELD SCHOOL TRIPS
June 15, 22, 29, 2013

Trip 1: Republic of Macedonia

Saturday, June 15

depart Petrich at 8.00 am
Bansko (Roman baths), Gradsko (Roman town of Stobi)
return Petrich

Trip 2: Greece

Saturday, June 22

depart Petrich at 6.00 am
Thessaloniki (Arch, Rotunda and Palace of Galerius; museums)
return Petrich

Trip 3: SW Bulgaria

Saturday, June 29

depart Petrich at 8.00 am
Sandanski (site and museum), Melnik (Medieval fortress)
return Petrich

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