

# American Research Center in Sofia 2014 Summer Archaeology Program



**Dear Students,**

**Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> season of the ARCS Summer Archaeology Program.** We have augmented the program to a four-week field experience at Heraclea Sintica and day-trips within the region of SW Bulgaria, eastern Rep. of Macedonia and northern Greece, including a 5-day itinerant “mini-course” on the archaeology of Bulgaria. In the next few months, 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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**2014 ARCS SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM  
SOFIA TOUR AND PRE-EXCAVATION TRIP BULGARIA**

**Saturday, May 31**

Arrival in Sofia (Best Thracia hotel), welcome dinner, 5:30 pm, at Art Club Museum, Saborna Str. #2

**Sunday, June 1**

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.

14.30 walking tour of “modern” Sofia

Free evening

**Monday, June 2**

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

15:00 meet at ARCS for lectures  
Practicing Archaeology in Bulgaria: Introduction to Heraclea Sintica – E. Nankov  
The Porolissum Forum Project – E. De Sena  
Barbeque at ARCS

**Tuesday, June 3**

9:00 Depart Sofia  
Visits to Pavlikeni and Nicopolis ad Istrum  
night in VELIKO TARNOVO

**Wednesday, June 4**

9:00 Visits to Tzarevetz and St. Forty martyrs church  
Depart Veliko Tarnovo  
Free time in Tryavna  
Night in TRYAVNA

**Thursday, June 5**

9:00 Kazanlak museum and tomb  
Visits to Valley of the Thracian kings (Kosmatka, Shushmanetz)  
Visits to Augusta Traiana and Stara Zagora museum  
night in STARA ZAGORA

**Friday, June 6**

9:00 Depart Stara Zagora – visit Karanovo chariot *in situ* museum  
Visit to Roman Philippopolis and Plovdiv museum  
night in PLOVDIV

### **Saturday, June 7**

9:00 Depart Plovdiv  
Stop at Samokov museum  
arrive in SANDANSKI (Hotel Sveti Nikola)

## **HERACLEA SINTICA 2014 FIELD SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

### **June 8-July 1**

### **Sunday, June 8**

9:00 Visit to the sanctuary of Levunovo and Museum of History-Petrich  
16:00 Orientation lecture – Conference room (Hotel Sveti Nikola, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

### **Monday, June 9**

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 Sveti Nikola starts at 13:30; dinners – 20:00 on weekdays.

### **The work schedule is:**

Week 1-3: Monday to Friday

Saturday: study field trips to Republic of Macedonia, SW Bulgaria and Greece (see below)

Sundays free (except June 8)

Afternoon lectures (see below) start at 16:00 at the Conference room (Hotel Sveti Nikola, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, July 6**

10:00 Transfer to Sofia. Check in Best Thracia hotel  
Free evening

### **Monday, July 7**

Depart Sofia

## HERACLEA SINTICA 2014 FIELD SCHOOL LECTURES

**June 8-July 1**

Unless otherwise noted all lectures take place in the Conference room, Hotel Sveti Nikola at 4:00 pm

- June 8**            **Dr. Emil Nankov** (ARCS), Historical topography of the Middle Strymon river valley – (at the sanctuary of Levunovo)
- Dr. Emil Nankov** (ARCS), A history from inscriptions. Epigraphy of the Middle Strymon river valley – (at the Museum of History-Petrich)
- June 9**            **Assoc. Prof. Lyudmil Vagalinski** (NIAM-BAS), Excavations at Heraclea Sintica, 2007-3013
- June 13**           **Dr. Sirma Alexandrova** (NIAM-BAS), Pottery typologies in Heraclea Sintica
- June 16**           **Dr. Ivanka Slavova** (Independent scholar), Archaeobotany. Plant macroremains from archaeological context
- June 18**           **Dr. Petar Zidarov** (NBU), Remote sensing techniques in archaeology
- June 20**           **Nadya Karastoyanova** (PhD student, NBU), Human – animal relationships in prehistory: Principles of archaeozoological research
- June 23**           **Nadezhda Kecheva** (PhD Student, NIAM-BAS), Archaeological Surface Surveys and GIS Applications: World Development and Bulgarian Practice
- June 25**           **Assist. Prof. Hallie Franks** (NYU), The history of Macedonia from the Archaic through the Roman period
- June 26**           **Assist. Prof. Hallie Franks** (NYU), Painting and mosaics (iconography and media, including the importance of Macedonia as a source for these media)
- June 27**           **Assist. Prof. Hallie Franks** (NYU), The coinage of Macedonia
- July 1**             **Dr. Chavdar Tzochev** (Independent scholar), Transport amphorae and archaeology

**HERACLEA SINTICA 2014 FIELD SCHOOL TRIPS**  
**June 14, 21, 28**

**Trip 1:** Republic of Macedonia

**Saturday, June 14**

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

**Trip 2:** SW Bulgaria

**Saturday, June 21**

depart Sandanski at 8.00 am  
Melnik (Medieval fortress), Rozhen Monastery  
return Sandanski

**Trip 3:** Greece

**Saturday, June 28**

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

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