

# Canadio-Byzantina

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## Introductory remarks

Welcome to the second bulletin that I have put together. I hope that you will find it useful. As in the past, it comprises three elements, viz.

- (1) Reports on our members' activities in the form of publications, lectures, curatorships and so forth. We are of course reliant on you to send in your news and thank all of those who contributed to this issue;
- (2) Reports on excavations (e.g. at Baturyn) or on conferences (e.g. on the BSC); of course, shorter reports on conferences and the like also sometimes appear in the first section. We are grateful to those who submit these longer reports, however, particularly that on the BSC.
- (3) Announcements concerning Byzantine matters, e.g. concerning the next International Congress in Belgrade, but also about publications and so forth.

I find that I am still finding my feet as president of our Canadian section. As some members have pointed out to me, our links with the Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA) have been limited of late, and I am therefore all the more pleased that Cecily Hillsdale has sent in a detailed report of the most recent BSC in Boston. Since the BSC in 2014 is due to take place in Vancouver, I hope that our contacts with BSANA will strengthen over the next few years. I have just myself succeeded (after literally months of trying) in subscribing to the electronic list of BSANA, which means I shall be better informed myself. Our own website remains, as before, the following:

<http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~greatrex/canbyz.html>

I hope we can sort out something a little more impressive this year, however.

We circulated an electronic bulletin in July, which I hope was of use. I suspect that we shall continue to do this, in order to keep everyone abreast of developments as the year goes on. The BSANA list serves the same function, of course. In the last bulletin, this section was rather longer; this time I have preferred to insert below, among the reports, a brief summary of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the AIEB that took place in Paris in February last year. In the next issue I shall be able to report on the deliberations that are due to take place at the inter-congrès in Athens in September this year; there ought to be some proposals to modify the statutes of the AIEB. I should note here, however, that the AIEB now has a new president, Professor Johannes Koder of Vienna.

Of interest to members, perhaps, is the tenth Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity conference, which is due to take place in Ottawa, 21-24 March 2013; keynote speakers are John Matthews (Yale), Eric Rebillard (Cornell) and Wendy Mayer (Australian Catholic University). Details may be found at [www.scapat.ca](http://www.scapat.ca).

It remains merely to welcome a student, Lucas McMahon, to our number. It seems to me that we are perhaps a little top-heavy as an association, and it would be desirable to increase the number of student members. I have fixed their subscription costs at \$10 per year, i.e. half the normal amount.

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