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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

*THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK IN THE GREEK SETTLEMENTS OF THE
BLACK SEA AND THEIR ENVIRONS DURING THE LAST DECADE*

28-30 MAY 2024

ORGANIZED BY:

THE DEPARTMENT OF BLACK SEA STUDIES,
DEMOCRITUS UNIVERSITY OF THRACE, KOMOTINI, GREECE

&

THE MUSÉE DU LOUVRE,
DEPARTMENT OF GREEK, ETRUSCAN, AND ROMAN ANTIQUITIES

Black Sea archaeology has always captivated the interest of scholars, because of its unique topography and diachronically multi-ethnic historical landscape. The previous decade was a particularly challenging period for archaeological research worldwide due to the new realities imposed by the pandemic, the extraordinary political and socio-economic factors, and the long-lasting crisis in the Humanities and Arts. In spite of all this, excavations, systematic surveys, remote sensing and geophysical prospections, were undertaken in numerous coastal and inland sites along the Euxine, while equally productive were research projects on specific monuments or aspects of the material culture.

Aiming to bring forth the latest advances accomplished in the field, the Department of Black Sea Studies at the Democritus University of Thrace in collaboration with the Musée du Louvre, are organizing an International Conference on *The Archaeological Work in the Greek Settlements of the Black Sea and their Environs during the Last Decade*. The Conference will take place *in person* in **May 28-30, 2024, at Alexandroupolis and Komotini (Greece)**, while arrangements will also be made for participation *via zoom*.

We are particularly interested (though not exclusively) in contributions that explore the latest field data to elucidate questions related to:

- Indigenous settlements
- Greek settlements and their periphery
- *Emporia* and trade
- Harbor installations and underwater archaeology

- Sanctuaries and ritual practices
- Necropoleis and burial practices
- Territories and their inner organisation
- Roads, passages, and waterways

The Conference will give the opportunity to scholars from different countries to gather in a single location and present an up-to-date report of their research. Moreover, we hope to provide a fertile ground for exchanging best-practice methodologies and fruitful discussion among colleagues, as well as a venue for professional networking.

Accommodation for three nights (28-30.05.2024) and some meals will be covered by the Conference, but participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements. Visits to the Archaeological Museum of Alexandroupolis and to ancient sites near-by are scheduled to take place on 31.05.2024.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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- ~~C~~ Confirming participation to conference by **October 31, 2023**
- ~~A~~ Abstract submission by **December 31, 2023**
- ~~S~~ Submission of paper for publication by **December 31, 2024**

For more information, please visit the conference webpage bscc2024.bscc.duth.gr or contact us at blacksea2024@gmail.com

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