



Annual report 2007

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General

Mission statement

NINO initiates, supports, and conducts scholarly research in the civilizations of the Near East from the ancient to the early modern period. In particular, it concentrates on the archaeology, history, languages, and cultures of Egypt, Levant, Anatolia, Mesopotamia, and Persia. In addition to its scientific research, NINO supports and advances the cultural relations between the Netherlands and the Near East. NINO is an independent foundation with ties to the academic community of the Netherlands. It is located on the premises of Leiden University and is associated with the university through a memorandum of cooperation.

NINO meets its goals of scientific study and cultural contact not only in the Netherlands but also by managing a subsidiary institute in Istanbul. Its premier library is one of the major ones in this field in the world and attracts scholars both from the Netherlands and abroad. NINO publishes journals and books on the ancient and modern Near East. It also houses several important collections of books, archival materials, and cuneiform tablets and supports research projects, as well as conducting its own projects.

Director's Remarks

In order to strengthen the visibility of scholarly work in the field of Ancient Near Eastern studies in the Netherlands, in particular at Leiden, NINO has executed a small but significant publication programme for many years. This includes the review periodical *Bibliotheca Orientalis* and the annual *ANATOLICA* whose online versions attract much attention. In addition the series *Publications de Stamboul* (= PIHANS) publishes monographs and symposium papers on historical subjects and issues related to ancient languages of the Near East. Recent volumes are *Ottoman İzmir* edited by Maurits H. van den Boogert, and Jacob Dahl's *The Ruling Family of Ur III Umma*. Egyptology is another section of NINO's publishing activities where lately two monographs were brought out in the series *Egyptologische Uitgaven* on subjects dealing with funerary art and temple construction. The *Annual Egyptological Bibliography* online version that was experimentally started last summer has received a wide response from the world of Egyptologists resulting in a large number of subscriptions in different categories running from campus licenses to institute licenses to individual subscribers. Since the Bibliography is accessible in this attractive way, offering useful search facilities, time has come to proceed on the contents i.e. on updating the information with utmost effort.

Together with the Assyriologists of Leiden University NINO organized the end of year symposium, entitled *Society and Administration in Ancient Ugarit*. As was the case with former symposia, it was attended by specialists from the Netherlands and abroad who delivered papers that will appear in a volume of the PIHANS series in the course of next year.

Director's Remarks

In 2007 nine lectures comprising a variety of subjects related to the Ancient Near East attracted a good attendance. The subject of the lectures ranged from the New Kingdom of Ancient Egypt up to the Ottoman Empire and twenty to seventy visitors constituted the audience. A complete list of the lectures can be found on the NINO website. Meanwhile preparations were made by research fellow Dr Tasha Vorderstrasse and the undersigned for a symposium to be held in February 2008 on *Archaeology of the Countryside in Medieval Anatolia* whose logogram is pictured on the cover of this report.

In November last year NINO established a special professorship in Ecology and Palaeo-ecology of the Near East which is held by Prof. Dr R.T.J. Cappers. Professor Cappers' major interest lies in incipient agriculture and its spread throughout the eastern Mediterranean region, in the reconstruction of ancient subsistence economies and natural vegetation of the Late Glacial period. He gives lectures for students at the Faculty of Archaeology and Ancient Languages and Cultures of the Near East at Leiden University and carries out fieldwork in Egypt, Syria, Turkey. The chair is governed by a committee of members from the Faculty of Archaeology and NINO.

The appointment of research fellows has proven to be a significant addition to NINO's scientific activities. Fellows represent the Institute on congresses, give acquisition advice for the library, hold lectures, prepare articles or books, some of which are published by NINO. Last year's permutations in the group of fellows are as follows: Mrs. Dr Dina Katz has chosen to withdraw, while Ms. Dr Alice Mouton from CNRS, France, and Mr. Sasha Verma from Australia were appointed Visiting Research Fellows. This is a newly created category for temporary users of the Institute's facilities.

The Netherlands Institute in Turkey (NIT) has been redeveloped into a full-bodied member of the Netherlands institutes abroad. Since its reopening in 2006 (opening ceremonies in March 2007 in presence of the Queen of the Netherlands) it set up a varied programme of initiatives and activities such as seminars, workshops and symposia, while carrying out archaeological museum and field work. Basically established as a scientific institution provided with its own research programme in addition to facilities at the service of the international academic world, it intends to broaden its scope of activities by strengthening ties with institutions for higher education in the Netherlands. This change in policy requires, however, new financial sources.

NIT has returned in 2007 to its own excavation project, which is now Barcın Hüyük. Barcın is the fourth settlement mound that was investigated within the framework of a long lasting multidisciplinary project basically financed by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO).

Director's Remarks

Entitled *Early farming communities in the eastern Marmara region* this research project was carried out from the late 80s until 2006 by an international team of specialists and students directed by the undersigned, the last decade under the auspices of NINO. The results have led to numerous publications among which are three monographs. The first two field seasons at Barcın Hüyük were conducted by the undersigned, while the pursuit of the investigations was transferred to Dr F.A. Gerritsen and his team. The Barcın excavations are financially supported by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research with contributions from NINO.

Board of Governors

On 31 December 2007 the Board of Governors consisted of the following Curators: Prof. Dr R.T.J. Cappers, H.G. Dijkgraaf, B Sc, C.H. Goekoop, LL M, Dr A.H. de Groot, Prof. P.F. van der Heijden, Prof. Dr. O.E. Kaper, Prof. Dr J.R.T.M. Peters (President), Prof. Dr W.H. van Soldt, Prof. Dr M. Stol, Prof. Dr K. van der Toorn. J.J. Roodenberg is Secretary to the Board. Members of the scientific committee within the Board are underlined.

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The Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO), Leiden

Staff

NINO staff in 2007:

Dr J.J. Roodenberg, Director (0.7 fte general management, 0.3 fte research); Mrs. G.H. Bolten, library assistant (1.0 fte); Mr R.T. Dickhoff, administrator (1.0 fte); Mrs. C. Hoorn-Janssen, financial administration assistant (0.6 fte); W. Hovestreydt, MA, AEB editor (0.7 fte); Mrs. M.W. Keuken, library assistant (0.4 fte); Mrs. A.M. de Vries-Heeroma, MA, librarian (1.0 fte); Ms. C.H. van Zoest, MA, secretary and publications assistant (1.0 fte).

Research fellows (see also page 9-12):

Prof. Dr J. de Roos, Prof. Dr M. Stol, Prof. Dr J.F. Borghouts, Dr T.K. Vorderstrasse.

Secretary's Office

Publications

Ms. C.H. van Zoest promoted NINO publications through a book stand and/or flyers at several occasions, mainly in Leiden: *Dutch Symposium for the Ancient Near East* (organized by Leiden students of Archaeology; March), Dutch-Flemish Egyptologists' Day (Brussels; October), *The Libyan Period in Egypt* (Dept. of Egyptology; October), *Society and administration in ancient Ugarit* (NINO/Dept. of Assyriology; December).

A small promotion campaign for the AEB Online, mainly through email, was executed in the summer and fall.

In addition to her other duties, Ms. C.H. van Zoest was made editorial secretary of *Bibliotheca Orientalis* starting in January 2007. The summer months were partly devoted to clearing some backlog and streamlining the *BiOr* administration database. She produced the layout of *ANATOLICA* 33 (2007), and of the Annual Report 2006. After Dr A. Mouton had largely finished the editing and page-setting of PIHANS Volume 109 (J. de Roos, Hittite Votive Texts), she made the final layout camera-ready. The NINO website was kept up-to-date but not significantly expanded.

Lectures and symposia

Ms. Van Zoest helped prepare the *Ugarit* symposium on 13-14 December. She was involved in the preparations for the symposium *Archaeology of the Countryside in Medieval Anatolia* in 2008. She set up and promoted the NINO lectures, which were held in the National Museum of Antiquities starting from October.

Library

The since long growing number of visitors to the NINO library has reached 11.600 in the past year. This working library, which covers a full range of Ancient Near Eastern subjects, attracts an ever increasing amount of users from abroad.

The collections were extended by 638 monographs and 329 periodical issues. Suggestions for acquisition made by members of the University's Institute for Languages and Cultures of the Middle East were highly valued in this respect.

Publications

Bibliotheca Orientalis

Prof. Dr H.J.A. De Meulenaere retired after 44 years of editing the Egyptology section of *BiOr*. He was succeeded by Dr Luc Limme, Curator of the Egyptian Department of the Royal Museums of Art and History at Brussels. The other sections were edited by R.E. Kon (Arabica, Persica, Turcica), A. van der Kooij (Hebrew, Old Testament), D.J.W. Meijer (Archaeology), J.J. Roodenberg (editor in chief), J. de Roos (Hittitology) and M. Stol (Assyriology and Varia). The editorial secretary was C.H. van Zoest. The editors met on two occasions.

The issues 63 5/6, 64 1/2, and 3/4, as well as the annual index to Volume 63 (2006) were published in 2007.

In addition to 175 book reviews written by 115 reviewers, the main articles were:

- T. Muraoka, Reflexions on an important study on the nominal clause in Biblical Hebrew (63 5/6)
- L. Depuydt, Cataloguing the Egyptian verb: On a selective grammatical concordance of De Buck's *Coffin Texts* (63 5/6)
- D.J.W. Meijer, In memoriam Maurits Nanning van Loon (64 1/2)
- J. Keetman, König Gilgames reitet auf seinen Untertanen: Gilgames, Enkidu und die Unterwelt politisch gelesen (64 1/2)
- P.M. Goedegebuure, The original function of the Hittite sentence particle *-kam*: a topic reinforcer or marker of spatial relations? (64 1/2)
- B. Brouwer, Sweet scented shipments. Frankincense and other aromatics landed and loaded in Al-Mukha (1st quarter of the 17th century) (64 1/2)
- G. Graff, La peau animale nagadienne et la nébride (64 3/4)
- B. Jagersma, The Calendar of the funerary cult in ancient Lagash (64 3/4)
- M. Kozuh, The Egibis in English (64 3/4)

Publications

Publications de Stamboul (PIHANS)

The editors of the series were J.J. Roodenberg, K. van der Toorn and K.R. Veenhof; J.G. Dercksen joined the editorial board after M.J. Mellink's demise. The following volumes were published in 2007:

- M.H. van den Boogert (ed.), *Ottoman Izmir. Studies in honour of Alexander H. de Groot*. PIHANS 107. ISBN: 978-90-6258-318-8;
- Jacob L. Dahl, *The ruling family of Ur III Umma. A Prosopographical Analysis of an Elite Family in Southern Iraq 4000 Years ago*. PIHANS 108. ISBN: 978-90-6258-319-5;
- J. de Roos, *Hittite Votive Texts*. PIHANS 109. ISBN: 978-90-6258-320-1.

Egyptological Publications

The editors of the series were J.F. Borghouts, R.J. Demarée, J.J. Roodenberg, R. van Walsem and H.O. Willems. The following monograph was published in 2007:

- Kathlyn M. Cooney, *The Cost of Death. The social and economic value of ancient Egyptian funerary art in the Ramesside Period*. EU 22. ISBN: 978-90-6258-222-8.

Achaemenid History

The editors of the series were Pierre Briant, Wouter Henkelman, Amélie Kuhrt, Margaret C. Root and Josef Wiesehöfer. No new volumes were published in 2007.

Annual Egyptological Bibliography

In the year under review, time and effort was largely devoted to preparations for the AEB Online version in close cooperation with programmer Hans van den Berg. From June to November the AEB Online website was made accessible to all visitors free of charge. After comments made by visitors to the AEB website during this period, the following three modes of subscription were instated:

- individual (login name + password): € 50,-
- institute license (up to five IP-addresses): € 300,-
- campus license (unlimited number of addresses within the subscribing institution's IP-range): € 600,- (per year, excluding VAT).

Individual subscribers are able to log into the AEB website from any computer, while institutes and university libraries can offer AEB Online access to their staff members and visitors from a number of fixed computers.

Publications

During the summer months, information about the AEB Online was spread to Egyptologists, research institutes and museums worldwide, mainly through email and news groups.

Starting from November 2007, the AEB Online website is available to paying subscribers only. At the end of the year, the number of subscribers was as follows:

- individual subscribers: 60;
- institute licenses: 9;
- campus licenses: 18.

These encouraging numbers are steadily growing and thereby meeting the projected numbers of subscribers. A major update of the AEB Online (bibliographical data on 2002) is envisaged for early 2008, as well as the printed version of AEB 2002 (Vol. 54).

The Editorial Board supervised the work on the AEB and the AEB Online and set definite pricing of the online subscriptions. The Board consisted of Prof. Dr J.F. Borghouts, Prof. Dr O.E. Kaper, Dr M.J. Raven, and Dr J.J. Roodenberg. Some meetings were also attended by H.S. van den Berg, Ms. M.W. Keuken, R.T. Dickhoff and/or Ms. C.H. van Zoest.

ANATOLICA (Annuaire international pour les civilisations de l'Asie antérieure)

The editors of the annuary were G. Algaze, F.A. Gerritsen, A.H. de Groot, M. Özdoğan, Th.P.J. van den Hout, T. Vorderstrasse, and J.J. Roodenberg (editor in chief). Editorial secretary C.H. van Zoest produced the layout of Volume 33 containing the following articles:

- A. Süel and O. Soysal, The Hattian-Hittite foundation rituals from Ortaköy (I). Fragments to CTH 725 “Rituel bilingue de consécration d’un temple”;
- T. Matney et al., Report on the excavations at Ziyaret Tepe;
- A. Creekmore, The Upper Tigris Archaeological Research Project: A summary and synthesis of the Late Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age remains from the first three seasons at Kenan Tepe;
- J. Bennet, A centurion and his slave. A Latin epitaph from Western Anatolia in the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden, Leiden;
- G.R.H. Wright, Beyce Sultan – a fortified settlement in Byzantine Phrygia;
- A. Smith, Plant Use at Çadır Höyük, Central Anatolia;
- K. Leshtakov et al., Preliminary report on the salvage archaeological excavations at the Early Neolithic site Yabalkovo in the Maritsa Valley, 2002-2005 field seasons;
- R. Marchese, Felt production at the village of Çatköy, an ethnoarchaeological examination.

Archaeological work

Since the excavation at Barcın have become a research project of the Netherlands Institute in Istanbul in July 2007 and is continued by a team conducted by Dr Fokke Gerritsen, the undersigned has resumed the study of archaeological material from Ilıpınar, Menteşe and Barcın's 2005-2006 seasons which is stored in the Museum of Iznik. A separate storeroom houses ca. 250 crates with find material collected during the last 20 years from these excavations. These crates contain pot sherds, flint and bone tool fragments and other finds such as stone and clay objects in part analyzed and published. The aim of the past summer season was to make a reappraisal of the stored material in order to consider if more detailed analyses need to be carried out.

Together with Dr L. Thissen a selection was made of pottery vessels from Ilıpınar's phase VB (dated to ca. 5500 BC) with the intention to prepare a report on that particularly important – because it is badly known – phase of the Anatolian prehistory. Meanwhile a number of broken vessels and other items were selected which may be suitable for future restoration. Once restored these objects will be added to the Ilıpınar exhibition on display in the museum. Furthermore collegial visits have been paid to archaeological sites under investigation in the provinces of Izmir, Eskişehir and Bursa, and – on the route to Turkey – in southwest Bulgaria, and agreements made upon publication of excavation reports in the periodical *ANATOLICA*.

Publications

The last months of 2007 were spent preparing the publication of the third volume of the Ilıpınar excavations. In addition to their own reports the editors controlled a considerable amount of data (stratigraphically, chronologically etc.) from the contributors, made cross references, summaries in Turkish, and unified the terminology throughout the volume.

Under the responsibility of the Director issues of *BiOr*, *ANATOLICA* and from the series PIHANS and *Egyptologische Uitgaven* were brought out.

Monograph:

- J. Roodenberg and S. Alpaslan Roodenberg (eds.), *Life and Death in a Prehistoric Settlement in Northwest Anatolia. The Ilıpınar Excavations, Volume III. With contributions on Hacılartepe and Menteşe (PIHANS 110)*. Leiden (in press), 450 pp.

Articles:

- *Funeral Customs in the Eastern Marmara Region, a Diachronic View*. In: Refik Duru'ya Armagan. *Studies in Honour of Refik Duru*. Istanbul 2007, 85-90.

Research by staff and fellows

- With S. Alpaslan Roodenberg: İlipınar ve Menteşe: Doğu Marmara'da Neolitik Doneme Ait İki Yerleşme. Istanbul 2007, I: 393-400, II: 391-403.
- With S. Alpaslan Roodenberg: İlipınar and Menteşe. Early Settlement in the Eastern Marmara Region. In: Living well Together, Settlement and Materiality in the Neolithic of South-East and Central Europe, D. Bailey and A. Whittle (eds.). Oxford (in press), 8-16.

Prof. Dr J. de Roos, research fellow

Thanks to the excellent facilities a research fellow of the NINO disposes of, 2007 was a productive year.

After years of preparations the Hittite Votive Texts were finally published as PIHANS 109, a publication of 314 pages. Vital assistance was lent by Alice Mouton and Carolien van Zoest (editing and page-setting). The vows are one of very few text genres that were hitherto unpublished, which means that this book really fills a gap. The fact that 17 unpublished texts have been incorporated makes the book even more useful.

J. de Roos is editor of *Bibliotheca Orientalis* for Hittitology and president of the Dutch Hittitologists' Convention. He wishes to thank the Director and Board of Governors for the possibility to work at NINO. The secretary was indispensable for solving minor computer problems.

Completing the long-running project "Treated Passages in Hittite Texts" will probably take the better part of 2008 and 2009. It is intended to publish the results on the NINO website.

Two articles were contributed to Festschriften:

- Two New Votive Texts. In: *Tabularia Hethaeorum. Hethitologische Beiträge Silvin Košak zum 65. Geburtstag (Dresdner Beiträge zur Hethitologie 25)*, Wiesbaden 2007.
- A New Fragment of KUB 15.5+. In: *Vita. Festschrift in Honor of Belkıs Dinçol and Ali Dinçol*, Istanbul 2007.

Two reviews were published:

- S. Košak, Konkordanz der hethitischen Keilschrifttafeln I-V: *BiOr* 64 1/2, 187-188.
- C.S. Lipson and R.A. Binkley, Rhetoric before and beyond the Greeks: *BiOr* 64 1/2, 245-247.

Prof. Dr M. Stol, research fellow

M. Stol prepared articles for the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* and continued his work on Babylonian medicine. He was invited by the *Orientalistische Literatur-Zeitung* to continue the reviewing of the *Chicago Assyrian Dictionary* which had been done before by the late W. von Soden.

Research by staff and fellows

He conducted two classes: one on Old Babylonian letters with the staff of the Assyriological Institute, Leiden (the entire year); a master class on the archive of Princess Iltani and other texts (from June onwards). He guided a student of the Vrije Universiteit in her master thesis on spirits of the dead; examination 26 September.

He presented lectures at meetings of “Ex Oriente Lux” in Amersfoort (January), Zutphen (March), and Apeldoorn (April).

He served as member of the board of the Gonda Stichting (KNAW), as chairman of the Leidsche Historische Kring, as editor of *Bibliotheca Orientalis* and *Reallexikon der Assyriologie*.

Articles:

- Fevers in Babylonia. In: I.L. Finkel, M.J. Geller, Disease in Babylonia (= Cuneiform Monographs 36), 1-39.
- Suicide in Akkadian. In: *NABU* 2007/13.
- Levensbericht van Dietz Otto Edzard 28 augustus 1930 – 2 juni 2004. In: Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen, *Levensberichten en herdenkingen* 2007, 22-25.
- Lemmata “Rababu”, “Rahabum”, “Rasieren”, “Ration”, “Redû”, “Reis”, “Rezepte”, “Rim-Anum”, “Sabum. B. Old Babylonian and later”, “Šad/tlaš”, in: *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* XI/3-4, 209, 231, 260-262, 264-269, 288, 300-301; XI/5-6, 339, 366-367, 479-480, 486-487.
- An unusual prescription: oral tradition? In: *Journal des Médecines Cunéiformes* 10, 1-3.

Reviews:

- J. Scurlock, *Magico-Medical Means of Treating Ghost-Induced Illnesses in Ancient Mesopotamia*, Leiden 2006: *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 81, 652-653.
- A. Militarev, L. Kogan, *Semitic Etymological Dictionary, Vol. I: Anatomy of Man and Animals*, Münster 2000: *BiOr* 64 3/4, 332-335.
- J.G. and A. Westenholz, *Cuneiform Inscriptions in the Collection of the Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem. The Old Babylonian Inscriptions*, Leiden 2006: *BiOr* 64 3/4, 408-411.
- M. Yon, *Kition dans les textes. Testimonia littéraires et épigraphiques et Corpus des inscriptions*, Paris 2004: *BiOr* 64 3/4, 431-433.
- K. Radner, *Die Macht des Namens. Altorientalische Strategien zur Selbsterhaltung*, Wiesbaden 2005: *BiOr* 64 5/6, 671-674.
- M. Sigrist, R. Zadok, C.B.F. Walker, *Catalogue of the Babylonian Tablets in the British Museum. Volume III*, London 2006: *BiOr* 64 5/6, 674-677.

Prof. Dr J.F. Borghouts, research fellow

The year under review was spent on preparing a text publication entitled *Book of the Dead* [39]. From Shouting to Structure (Studien zum Altägyptischen Totenbuch 10), Wiesbaden 2007; 96 pp.

Borghouts supervised the following PhD students: V. Massa, Cl. ten Hacken, M. Kuhn, J. Hagen, and L. Roeten. Some postdoc supervision was given to M. Lazaridis. Abroad, he was member of the doctoral committee for A. Wütrich at the University of Genève. He took part in regular AEB editorial meetings.

In late fall, the Faculty of Arts has appointed a student assistant who is typing hieroglyphic phrases for a two-volume grammar of Middle Egyptian in English. The assistant, Ms. Kyra van der Moezel, continues to work in 2008 when it is hoped the publication will be finalized and made camera-ready.

Work was continued on an extensive reference grammar of Middle Egyptian, entitled *Hierogram*, which has long meant to appear in the *Handbuch der Orientalistik* of Brill Publishers. Material for other publications – among which the edition of a large magical papyrus kept in Turin, a monograph on Apopis – is largely ready, and the next few years will be spent preparing final publication.

Borghouts is very appreciative of the office and print facilities he enjoys and mentions NINO with gratitude in every preface. The work atmosphere in this segment of NINO is stimulating. He is devoted to contributing to the quality of this research institute and he hopes to continue doing so for a long time.

Dr T.K. Vorderstrasse, research fellow

In the past year, Dr Vorderstrasse participated in archaeological excavations at the site of Ziyaret Tepe in southern Turkey, near Diyarbakir, for two months. This was a continuation of her work last year on the ceramics and other medieval finds from the site. Preparations were made in this season for the final publication of the materials next year.

Several research trips were made in the course of 2007, primarily to the United Kingdom. In the summer, she had the opportunity to examine the Arabic ostraca collected by W.J. Bankes at the beginning of the 19th century, in Egypt. These ostraca will be published in conjunction with the Demotic, Greek, Coptic, and hieratic ostraca which will be studied by other scholars at Leiden University. At the same time she examined manuscripts in London related to the family of the collector of Egyptian antiquities, William Hodge Mill, in preparation for an article on his collecting activities. In the fall, she completed the research for an article on a 14th century

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Armenian manuscript by consulting relevant manuscript materials in London and Cambridge. While at Cambridge she also consulted several manuscripts for a forthcoming study on Lusignan patronage. She began study of the medieval materials from D.S. Rice's Harran excavations conducted in the 1950s. In addition, she visited the United States in December and had the opportunity to examine the *minai* ware from Rayy in preparation for a study of this type of pottery.

Dr Vorderstrasse gave talks on the "dark ages" in Byzantine Anatolia in both Dutch and English (as part of the NINO lecture series and for the University of Amsterdam, respectively); a talk on the coinage of Justin II at the Coinage and Money in the Seventh Century Near East numismatic round table; on medieval al-Mina at the Medieval Congress in Leeds; a joint talk with Dr B. Muhs of Leiden University on the collecting activities of Robert Curzon and William Hodge Mill in ASTENE; on Arabic ostraca at the Papyrological Congress in Michigan (in her absence this was read by Dr B. Muhs); on polychrome sgraffiato pottery at the University of Birmingham; and on medieval interactions between China, Antioch, Cilician Armenia, and the Mongols at Queen's University Belfast.

The following articles appeared in 2007:

- T. Matney, L. Rainville, K. Koroğlu, A. Keskin, T. Vorderstrasse, N. Fındık, and A. Donkin, Report on Excavations at Ziyaret Tepe, 2006 Season. In: *ANATOLICA* 33, 23-74.
- An Overview of the Sources for the Coinage of Justin II and its Imitations. In: *Oriental Numismatic Society* 193 Supplement (2007): 42-43.

The following articles were submitted for publication:

- Medieval Encounters between China, Mongolia, Antioch, and Cilicia. In: *Antioch* symposium 2006.
- Questions and Problems in Mina'i ware. In: *al-Usur al-Wusta*.
- Archaeology of Medieval Lebanon: An Overview. In: *Chronos* 18.
- Terms for Vessels in Arabic and Coptic Documentary Texts and their Archaeological and Ethnographic Correlates. In: Proceedings of the International Society for Arabic Papyrology Meeting in Alexandria.
- Multi-Cultural Aspects of Pottery: A Christian Bowl found in Mamluk Egypt in its Cultural Context. In: *Eastern Christian Art* 4 (2007).

Lectures and symposia

The following lectures were held:

(season 2006-2007:)

- 18-1-07, Dr A.H. de Groot: “Turkije ligt al lang in Europa. Diplomatieke historie 14^e–20^e eeuw”
- 15-2-07, Prof. Dr K.A. Veenhof: “Oud-Assyrische handelsverdragen”
- 15-3-07, Dr Wouter Henkelman: “Perzen en Elamieten”
- 19-4-07, Dr Tasha Vorderstrasse: “The dark ages in Byzantine Anatolia”
- 10-5-07, Prof. Dr Lorelei Corcoran: “Some Observations on Egyptian Art: Color Terms and Color Use in Ancient Egypt”

(season 2007-2008:)

- 18-10-07, Prof. Dr J. Hazenbos: “Heldendaden van de Zee: de Zeegod in de Hurritisch-Hettitische mythologie”
- 1-11-07, Dr J. Mynařová: “Abusir in the New Kingdom”
- 13-12-07, Dr J. Rowland: “Surveying in the central Nile Delta”

The annual Veenhof Lecture was held on Friday 23 November by Prof. Dr D. Charpin: “Unexpected aspects of Mesopotamian civilization: the role of the temples”.

The National Museum of Antiquities was so kind as to offer use of its second floor lecture room, and from May onwards all regular NINO lectures were held there. As before, the Veenhof Lecture was held in the Taffeh hall and drinks were offered by the Museum. NINO highly values the relations with the National Museum of Antiquities and hopes to expand cooperation in the future.

The Department of Assyriology organized the symposium *Society and administration in ancient Ugarit* on 13-14 December in cooperation with NINO. At this successful gathering, a number of specialists spoke on diverse themes within the subject. The proceedings will appear in the PIHANS series.

Frank Scholten Fund

Preliminary study of the Scholten photographic collection by Ms. Ir. T.L. Kwiecień (Leiden University Print Room) was completed. Preparations for grant applications were made but temporarily put on hold because of staff permutations at the Print Room. The threat of decay was averted as Ms. Drs. M.E.N. van den Heuvel (Print Room) arranged for treatment of the materials in the collection. A professional laboratory has stabilized them and they are now stored in the University Library's climatized depot. Possibilities to further the accessibility of the collection will be examined in the near future.

The Fund, established in accordance with the will of Frank Scholten for the advancement of knowledge of ancient Palestine and the region, covered part of the NINO library's acquisitions in this field.

The Netherlands Institute in Turkey (NIT), Istanbul

Local Director's Remarks

If 2006 was characterized as a year of transition, the year 2007 was the year in which the institute became fully operational again. The highlight of the year was without doubt the visit to the Netherlands Institute in Turkey by HM Queen Beatrix on March 2nd, and the festive reopening of the institute that same day. The Queen and her entourage saw and heard about the work of the institute through an exhibition with archaeological finds from the Demirköy Project and a tour of the library. Forty-nine years previously, the Queen's father HRH Bernhard, had spoken at the inauguration of the institute in 1958.

This memorable day marked the beginning of a full programme of activities throughout the year. The following gives an impression of the main developments and achievements.

From left to right: Dr. Joanita Vroom (Sheffield University), Prof. Dr. Günhan Danişman (Bosporus University), Dr F.A. Gerritsen and HM Queen Beatrix looking at some of the artefacts found at Demirköy.



Staff

The NIT staff expanded in July when Mrs. Ayşe Dilsiz was hired as the institute assistant. Mrs. Dilsiz holds a BA degree in archaeology from Ege University in Izmir and a MA in Anatolian Civilizations and Cultural Heritage Management from Koç University. There were no changes in the other positions: Fokke Gerritsen as director, Mrs. Funda Demir as adjunct director, Mrs. Gülten Yıldız as librarian. As in 2006, the institute benefited greatly from the assistance by the staff of the Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations.

Research and publication

The long-term research project *Early Farming Communities in the Eastern Marmara Region*, carried out by NINO and NIT, entered a new phase in 2007. The Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism issued a permit to Fokke Gerritsen for excavations at the site of Barcın Höyük, near Iznik and Yenişehir. In 2005 and 2006, these excavations had started under the direction of Dr J.J. Roodenberg. The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research NWO remains the main sponsor of the project. In the months of July and August a successful excavation season was conducted at the site, with a team of archaeologists and students from the Netherlands, Turkey, Bulgaria, and the UK. In four trenches located on the highest part of the mound, levels from the Late Neolithic, Chalcolithic and Byzantine periods were exposed. The evidence so far indicates that the earliest levels at Barcın Höyük (together with basal Menteşe) predate those of other prehistoric sites in the region. It is expected, therefore, that the site will yield important new insights in the beginnings of settled agricultural life in the region. More seasons of excavation and analysis are planned for the coming years.

With several of the other investigators of the Demirköy Project, Fokke Gerritsen co-authored an article on this project in *Tüba-Ar*, the archaeological journal of the Turkish Academy of Sciences.

Lectures and symposia

NIT organized two symposia and a series of lectures and workshops, which took place at the institute, in the premises of Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations. On March 2nd, the visit by HM Queen Beatrix was followed by a symposium on Late Ottoman Iron Production. The results of the ongoing multi-disciplinary research project on the iron foundries near the Thracian town of Demirköy took centre stage. Fokke Gerritsen acts as archaeological consultant for this project.

In October, a symposium organized together with Koç University discussed restoration practices of Ottoman architecture. Presentations from Turkish, Dutch, Cypriot and Albanian architectural historians and architects featured restoration projects from several parts of the Ottoman lands, highlighting the different possibilities and problems in different countries. Through senior research associate Machiel Kiel, NIT maintains a research focus on architectural history.

Throughout the year, several Dutch researchers presented well attended lectures, on topics ranging from political imagery in ancient Commagene to dining habits at the sultan's court. A memorable event was a hands-on workshop by University of Utrecht students Hüseyin Şen and Wilfred de Graaf, in which the participants, including some of the most senior historians of science in Turkey, learned to use the ancient astronomical instrument called astrolabe.

Library

In 2006 a plan was drafted for digitizing the catalogue of the library, and making this available online. The first major stage of this plan was implemented in 2007. Cataloguing software was purchased, and our librarian Mrs. Gülten Yıldız spent much of her time entering titles of the archaeology section, while also assisting increasing numbers of visitors. The library collections grew in 2007 through acquisitions and donations with ca. 200 books and 100 journal volumes. In the course of 2008 a partial catalogue will be searchable online through the institute's website.

Student groups and education programme

Two Dutch students were selected for financial support by providing them with free accomodation in the institute's guestrooms. Ms. Sieta Neuerburg was 'NIT-fellow' in June, July and August. As part of her studies at the University of Amsterdam, Sieta looked at education programmes of private and public museums in Istanbul. Her report will be very useful for a symposium that is planned for April 2008 and that will bring together museum workers and museologists from the Netherlands and Turkey. In October and November, Mr. Wilfred de Graaf from Utrecht University worked as a scientific consultant for a museum on the history of science that is scheduled to open in Istanbul in 2008.

Throughout the year student groups from different universities in the Netherlands were received at the institute and were assisted with their educational programme. A more extensive program was organized in May for a group of archaeology students from Sheffield University in the UK, which included seminars and excursions.

In the coming years, NIT intends to become more active in organizing and facilitating education programmes, and several plans were developed that will begin to bear fruit in 2008.

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