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EDITORIAL

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THE SHANGHAI ARCHAEOLOGY FORUM: A GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR ARCHAEOLOGY

The Shanghai Archaeology Forum (SAF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the investigation, presentation, and protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. The Shanghai Archaeology Forum serves as an international platform for the illumination of archaeological research and its significance and relevance to the world today. Its annual program of events consists of the presentation of major archaeological findings, a keynote lectures series, and the public outreach. The initiation of SAF is credited to Prof Wang Wei, Academician and Director of the Institute of Archaeology.

The 1st SAF took place at Shanghai during 22-27 August 2013.

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The Shanghai Archaeology Forum is dedicated to:

- Promoting archaeological inquiry of past cultures and civilizations worldwide and the relevance of this research to the contemporary world.
- Advocating active engagement of archaeologists with the wider public on such current issues as sustainability, urbanization, technology, globalization, migration and inequality.
- Advancing the public awareness and appreciation of archaeology in order to protect and preserve the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage.
- Encouraging international collaborations and partnerships among scholars and publics from different countries to further archaeological research and increase knowledge of the human past of all countries in all periods.
- Fostering active involvement in the development of public policy for the protection and preservation of archaeological resources and cultural heritage.

THE 2013 SAF SELECTION PROGRAM PROJECTS

Major Archaeological Field-Discoveries

1) Early Ceremonial Constructions at Ceibal, Guatemala, and the Origins of Lowland Maya Civilization – Guatemala, Takeshi Inomata & Damien Bazy (University of Arizona)

¹ I was invited as nominator (corresponding member) by the Institute of Archaeology of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and participated in this excellent and well organized forum.

- 2) Kodumanal: An Early Historic Industrial-cum-Trade Centre of South India – India, K. Rajan (Pondicherry University)
- 3) Sacral Place of the First Metallurgists of Urals - Russia, Olga Korochkova (The Ural Federal University)
- 4) In Search of the Pyramid Settlements: Archaeology of Everyday Life at Giza – Egypt, Mark Lehner (Ancient Egypt Research Associates)
- 5) Searching for a Lost Civilization: New Findings from the Liangzhu Archaic City - China, Liu Bin (Zhejiang Institute of Cultural Heritage and Archaeology)
- 6) Archaeological Research on the Ancient Temples of the Upper Amazon in Peru - Peru, Quirino Olivera Nuñez (Asociación Peruana de Arqueología)
- 7) Göbekli Tepe (Southeastern Turkey) – Megalithic Sanctuaries and the “Neolithic Revolution” – Turkey, Klaus Schmidt (German Archaeological Institute)
- 8) Worldview and Social Histories Materialized at Monuments in Teotihuacan, Mexico – Mexico, Saburo Sugiyama (Aichi Prefectural University Arizona State University)
- 9) Shimaο: A Stone-Walled Settlement of the 2nd Millennium BC in Northern China – China, Sun Zhouyong (Shaanxi Institute of Archaeology)
- 10) Tracing the Rulers of Mycenaean Laconia: New Insights from Excavations at the Palatial Settlement of Ayios Vasileios near Sparta – Greece, Adamantia Vasilogamvrou (Archaeological Society of Athens)
- 11) Discovery of Archaic Humans from the Pleistocene-Holocene Transition of Southwest China - China, Darren Curnoe (University of New South Wales) & Ji Xueping (Yunnan Institute of Cultural Heritage and Archaeology)
- 12) Patterned Variation at the Beginnings of Complex Society – Worldwide, Robert Drennan (University of Pittsburg)
- 13) The Creation of Inequality: How Our Prehistoric Ancestors Set the Stage for Monarchy, Slavery, and Empire - Worldwide, Kent V. Flannery & Joyce Marcus (University of Michigan)
- 14) The History of Urbanism at Angkor – A Giant Low-Density City - Cambodia, Roland Fletcher (University of Sydney)
- 15) Ancient Kura 2010-2012 Human-Environment Interaction in Neolithic Southern Caucasia - Georgia and Azerbaijan, Barbara Helwing (German Archaeological Institute)
- 16) The Origins of the Civilization of Angkor – Thailand, Charles Higham (University of Otago & Rachanie Thosarat (Fine Arts Department of Thailand)
- 17) The Village Ecodynamics Project: Pueblo Societies Through Time in the US Southwest – USA, Timothy A. Kohler (Washington State University)
- 18) Archaeological Investigation of the Temples of the Sun and Moon in Trujillo, Peru - Peru, Santiago Uceda Castillo (Universidad Nacional de Trujillo)
- 19) In Search of the Origins of Chinese Civilization: a Long-term Transdisciplinary Program - China Wang Wei (Institute of Archaeology at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences & Zhao Hui (Peking University)

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