

**THE AGE OF EMPIRES. EASTERN IRAN FROM THE ACHAEMENIDS TO THE SASA-
NIANS:
ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY, CULTURE**

Dedicated to the Memory of Boris A. Litvinskii

Presentation time should not exceed 25 minutes.

April 16th

10.30 – 14.00

The Institute of Oriental Studies

Chairman Dr. Archil Balakhvantsev

Dr. Valerii Androsov (The Institute of Oriental Studies' director). — Introductory word.

Papers

1. **Balakhvantsev A.S.** (IOS RAS, Moscow), **Minasian R.S.** (Hermitage Museum), **Ruzanova S.A.** (SHM, Moscow), **Frizen O.I.** (SMOA, Moscow) — New findings of Achaemenid imports on the Southern Ural.
2. **Balakhvantsev A.S.** (IOS RAS, Moscow), **Lukpanova Ya.A.** (Ural'sk) — Achaemenid bracelets from the Taksai (West Kazakhstan).
3. **Ivanov S.S.** (National University, Bishkek) — Nomadic world of Central Asia in the IV century BC: from the Achaemenids to the Hellenism.
4. **Mokroborodov Victor** (IA RAS, Moscow) — Archaeological Complexes of Late-Achaemenid Time (South Uzbekistan).
5. **Topal Denis** (University «High Anthropological School», Kishinev) — Achaemenid scabbard chapes and the evolution of Scythian sheaths.
6. **Asgari Leila** (IL RAS, Moscow) — Symbolical Study of palm Tree on Reliefs of Achaemenids.

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 18.00

The Institute of Oriental Studies

Chairman Dr. Sergey Bolelov

1. **Basharin Pavel** (RSUH, Moscow) — Institute of Zoroastrian Marriage *xwēdōdah*: The Problems of Genesis and Typology.
2. **Vinogradova Sophia, Musavian Hossein** (IL RAS, Moscow) — To the history of typological and stratigraphical aspects of the concept of "holiness" (Eastern Iran of the era of the empires).

3. **Molchanova Elena.** (IL RAS, Moscow), **Meitarchian Margarita** (IOS RAS, Moscow) — Demonic images in the ancient Iranian mythology.
4. **Mahmoud Jafari-Dehaghi** (University of Tehran) — Two Systems of Day-Division in Ancient Iran According to Avesta.
5. **Bolelov S.B.** (SMOA, Moscow) — First farmers in the lower reaches of the Syr Darya.
6. **Stoyanov E.** (SPSU) — Strabo's Kariatae: an Obscure Episode of Alexander's Bactrian Campaign.

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Chairman Dr. Nigora Dvurechenskaya

1. **Dvurechenskaya N.D.** (IA RAS, Moscow) — The question of the Northern boundary of Bactria in the Hellenistic age.
2. **Balakhvantsev A.S.** (IOS RAS, Moscow) — Parni and Conquest of Parthylene: what was it like?
3. **Maresca Giulio** (Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale", Italy) — Hellenistic Drangiana: Historical Sources, Settlements and Material Culture.
4. **Omelchenko A.V.** (Hermitage Museum) — Finds of Sarmatian's type weapon in Paikend.
5. **Smirnov S.V.** (IWH RAS, Moscow) — Some Aspects of the Early Seleukid Coin Iconography from Central Asia.
6. **Kamyshev Konstantin** (Perm's State National University) — The East Iranian participants of development of the Roman-Iranian frontier in the I century BC - I century AD.

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

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The Institute of Oriental Studies

Chairman Dr. Pavel Lurje

1. **Skupniewicz Patryk N.** (Siedlce, Poland) — Rag-e Bibi. How firm is current attribution?
2. **Stančo Ladislav** (Charles University, Prague) — How long was the Kanishka's foot: system of measuring units in the Kushan Empire.
3. **Mirzoev E.B.** (Moscow) — Shapur's conquests in the East.
4. **Czerwieniec-Ivasyk Marta** (Siedlce, Poland) — A Kushano-Sasanian dynasty. Numismatic evidence.

5. **Schulz Robert** (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle - Wittenberg) — Posthellenistic Hellenism and some New Ideas on a Group of Eastern Iranian Toreutics.

6. **Lurje Pavel B.** (Hermitage Museum) — Once more on the murals of the "Upper Palace" of Toprak-kala and on the date of the monument.

April 18th

11.00 – 14.00

State Museum of Oriental Art

Chairman Dr. Archil Balakhvantsev

1. **Sedov A.V.** (SMOA, Moscow) — Memories on Boris A. Litvinskii.
2. **Goncharov Evgeny** (IOS RAS, Moscow) — Findings of Chorasmian and Sasanian Coins on *asarach* lower reaches of the Syr Darya.
3. **Dashkov Sergey B.** (Moscow) — The Collection of Sasanian Coins of the State Historical Museum (Moscow).
4. **Mikheeva (Kitaeva) Anna** (IHMC, St. Petersburg) — Haroba-Koshuk, the history of the research and architectural succession of the similar buildings in the Middle and the Near East.

Final discussion / Conclusions.

Excursion at the Special Treasure of the State Museum of Oriental Art.

Dinner party.