



Second International Symposium on the
ARCHAEOLOGY
OF WESTERN ANATOLIA

Archaeology and history of
the Cayster (Küçük Menderes) Valley
in south-eastern inland part of Izmir

November 17-18, 2023 / Izmir, Turkey



Meeting venue

physically in Izmir, Turkey or virtually on Zoom.us

Deadline for abstracts' submissions:

September 9, 2023.

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All are welcome!

Latest update: 12 May 2023.

First circular - Call for papers

*This symposium is dedicated to the memory of Professor Hasan Malay (1948-2022)
and Mr Mehmet Emin Başaranbilek,
two Turkish classical scholars from the Cayster Valley
who passed away in 2022.*

Dear Colleagues,

In 2022 the Department of Archaeology of the Dokuz Eylül University (DEU) begun to organize a new series of an international annual symposium which will take place in every third Fridays and Saturdays of Novembers in each year, both live and virtually. A parallel virtual conferencing platform will be enable its delegates to participate remotely and interactively so that both in-person as well as virtual attendees can join to this archaeological event in Izmir easily. The lack of in-person conferences over the past three years has, however, hurt colleagues and graduate students the most so we wholeheartedly support whatever maximizes their ability to participate in person.

The Department of Archaeology is glad to inform you that the second international symposium of this annual series will take place on November 17-18, 2023 at the DEU in Izmir with a focus on latest archaeological discoveries on the region of Cayster (Küçük Menderes) Valley in south-eastern inland part of Izmir in western Turkey. Since the 15th century archaeologically and historically the Cayster Valley became a special focus in the fields of ancient Anatolian studies. We warmly invite contributions by scholars and graduate students from a variety of disciplines related to this region. The aim of this symposium is to report on the state of archaeological research concerning the Cayster Valley from the Chalcolithic period until the end of the Ottoman period. Thematic and geographical focus of the second symposium will be latest archaeological research in the townships of the Cayster Valley, i.e. Tire, Ödemiş, Bayındır, Kiraz, Beydağ and Torbalı in the administrative territories of the today's Turkish province of Izmir (cf. **map 1** below).

Intended to bring together scholars of archaeology, ancient history, historical geography, epigraphy and other related disciplines in ancient Anatolian studies to discuss a range of issues concerning this region's archaeology and history, this symposium should be an excellent opportunity to increase our knowledge about this region. The following theme groups are the main questions of the symposium which are prescriptive:

- Recent archaeological field projects (excavations and surveys) and museum studies as well as discoveries in and around the Cayster (Küçük Menderes) Valley, in i.e. Tire, Ödemiş, Bayındır, Kiraz, Beydağ and Torbalı,
- The Cayster Valley in ancient mythology,
- Prehistorical and protohistorical researches in the Cayster Valley,
- The Cayster Valley during the Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine periods,
- The Cayster Valley in ancient authors, *eg.* Homer, Herodotus, Strabo etc.,
- Ethno-cultural landscape of the ancient Cayster Valley and ethnoarchaeology,
- Epigraphical research in the Cayster Valley,
- Numismatic research in the Cayster Valley: circulations, dynamics and mechanisms,
- Relationships between the Cayster Valley and other parts of Lydia and Ionia, the Achaemenid Empire as well as other neighbouring regions,
- Historical geography and settlement patterns in the Cayster Valley during the Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine periods,
- Ancient roads, routes and population in the Cayster Valley,
- The Cayster Valley as a part of the Roman province Asia,
- The Cayster Valley under the tetrarchy reform of Emperor Diocletian in A.D. 296,
- Population and settlement boom in the "Justinianic" era in the region of the Cayster Valley,
- Thracesian Theme in western Asia Minor,
- Archaeometric researches in the Cayster Valley,
- *Miscellanea.*

On these themes and questions, all approaches and methods susceptible to bring some progress to our current knowledge are of course welcome: archaeology, ancient history, classics, historical geography, epigraphy, numismatic, history of art, cultural anthropology etc. English is the official language of the symposium and both abstracts as well as papers should be written and presented in English. For those who would like to present their papers in Turkish, German, French, Italian or Greek, Professor Ergün Laflı will organize a simultaneous translation from those languages into English. The symposium will take place live at the Faculty of Letters of the DEU in Buca, Izmir as well as virtually on a conference platform (most probably on Zoom). The proceedings of the symposium will be published in December 2023. The symposium is free of charge. A post-symposium excursion is planned on November 18 to the archaeological sites and museums in the metropolitan area of Izmir.

We would be delighted, if you could consider contributing to our symposium and contact us with the required information below **before September 9, 2023**. Our e-mail address is: deu.archaeological.symposium@gmail.com or ergun.lafli@deu.edu.tr

Every abstract submitted to our symposium should at least be two pages, but not exceed four pages in total, and must include two or three figures related to its subject.

For all your queries concerning the symposium our phone number is: +90.539.577 07 33 (Professor Ergün Lafli). The organizers seek to widen participation at this symposium, and would like to encourage colleagues from all parts of the world to attend. The symposium committee kindly requests that you alert any persons within your research community who would be interested in participating at this symposium, either by forwarding our e-mail, or by printing this circular and displaying it in your institution.

We hope that you will be able to join us at the Dokuz Eylül University, and look forward to seeing you in İzmir! *İzmir'e hoşgeldiniz!*



Map 1: The Cayster Valley (map by S. Pataci, 2023).

Website of the Symposium

https://www.academia.edu/80202940/First_Circular_of_the_First_International_Archaeological_Symposium_of_Dokuz_Eylul_University

Required information for the participation to the symposium

Type of participation:

Live lecturer:

Virtual lecturer:

Live observer:

Virtual observer:

Name:

Academic title:

Institution:

Complete professional address:

Mobile phone number:

E-mail:

An alternating e-mail address:

Are you planning to join to the post-symposium excursion?:

Any special requests:

Title of your lecture:

Abstract:

NB: Two or three illustrations can be included; they should be sent by e-mail to deu.archaeological.symposium@gmail.com or ergun.lafli@deu.edu.tr

Organizers of the symposium (in alphabetic order)

Professor Engin Akdeniz (DEU),
Professor Binnur Gürler (DEU),
Professor Ergün Laflı (DEU),
Dr Ali Kazım Öz (DEU).

Scientific committee (to be completed)

Executive committee (in alphabetic order)

Mr Hüseyin Avni Baloğlu (Municipality of Bayındır),
Ms Alev Çetingöz (DEU),
Dr Gülseren Kan Şahin (University of Sinop).



Fig. 1: Colossal reclining statue of the river god Cayster with a *cornucopia*, from the *frigidarium* of the Vedius Gymnasium at Ephesus; new museum in the former Tekel factory premises in Alsancak, İzmir (photo by E. Lafli, 2010).