

research outcomes were reflected in seven presentations made by the team members at the following events:

III.1. Conference at Institute of Classical Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London, Great Britain, January 28, 2016 (Victor COJOCARU, „invited speaker“):
External Relations of the Pontic Greek Cities in the Hellenistic and Roman Times
;

III.2. International Symposium „Bifocal Perspectives on the Black Sea: Macro- and Microcosms“, Aarhus/Denmark, April 6-8, 2016 (Victor COJOCARU:
Understanding the Black Sea and its Environ-mental Contexts on the Basis of Proxeny Decrees

; Alexandru AVRAM:

Few Remarks on the Naukleroi of the Cities on the South Shore of the Black Sea during the Imperial Period

; Ligia RUSCU: ‘Eunoian paraschein’.

Goodwill, Benevolence and Harmony

; Iulian BÎRZESCU:

New Finds and Current Approaches to the Archaeology of the Black Sea Region in Antiquity, 2010-2015

).

III.3. International Symposium „The Black Sea Region in the Context of the Roman Empire“, Athena/Greece, May 5-8, 2016 (Alexandru AVRAM:

Some New inscriptions of Callatis

; Victor COJOCARU:

The Bosphoran Kingdom and Rome: The Polemonides on Bosphorus Revisited

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IV. Publications (dissemination): In all posted publications is mentioned the name of the institution which provides financial support and contract number as follow: „This work was supported by a grant of the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research, CNCS – UEFISCDI, project number PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054“. For more information about the publications listed below, see the project website [http://w](http://www.ponticgreekcities.ro)

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(Publications sub-menu). Also, see detailed report translated into German at

https://www.academia.edu/28500346/Mobility_in_Research_on_the

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IV.1. Victor Cojocaru: *Instituția proxeniei în spațiul pontic / Die Proxenie im Schwarzmeerraum* [Die Proxenie], Mega Publishing House: Cluj-Napoca 2016, 340 p. The core of the work was an exhaustive corpus of relevant attestations for development of the “Proxenia” institution in the Black Sea region. Greek texts and translations into Romanian are came together. The catalog is preceded by some preliminary observations, followed by detailed comments. Corroborating of the statistical data with comprehensive analysis of documents contributes to a better understanding of the ancient history of the Black Sea, of the “Proxenia” institution, and of the external relations Greek cities throughout antiquity. More details can be found on the link:

https://www.academia.edu/26671150/Die_Proxenie_im_Schwarzmeerraum

IV.2. The collective volume *Mobility in Research on the Black Sea Region. The Proceedings of the International Symposium, Iași, July 5-10, 2015* [Mobility]

, edited by Victor Cojocaru and Alexander Rubel, in collaborations with Diana Stah and Thibaut Castelli, Mega Publishing House: Cluj-Napoca 2016, 582 p. (including 72 plates). This volume collects 23 papers authored by leading experts from seven European countries, Turkey, and Canada. Multiple aspects of mobility between individuals, cities and regions of the Black Sea in antiquity are studied, such as cultural, political and economic networks, interactions between Greeks and Barbarians or how the ancient authors highlight themes of distance and knowledge or of good life and leisure in the

polis

. All of the contributions address recent literary, epigraphic, numismatic, iconographical or archaeological discoveries, and also provide opportunities to share perspectives, methods, and frameworks from which to look at ancient texts and artefacts, whether to gain a better understanding of the past, or to make ancient objects or histories more meaningful for us today. At the same time, this book proposes to understand the Black Sea as a discrete unit. Rather than dividing it among nations and states, new generations of scholars are uncovering the ways in which what happened in one part of the sea was intimately linked with the fate of every other part of it. More details can be found on the link:

https://www.academia.edu/28500346/Mobility_in_Research_on_the

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In addition to the above-mentioned works (**Die Proxenie** and **Mobility**) – altogether comprising 922 pages (regarding the contribution of the project team members, see below the section B) – the project-related research outcomes were reflected in the publication or acceptance for publication in BDI journals (including ISI, SCOPUS and ERIH) of six studies. More details can be found on our project website (www.ponticgreekcities.ro, Publications).

V. Webpage (dissemination)

Our project website (www.ponticgreekcities.ro) has been continuously updated being accessible in its Romanian and English versions. The site provides data about the project itself, team members and more details reflecting the activities carried out by us. Our project web address can be accessed by most popular search engines (Google, Yahoo, Ask, Bing,

Duck Duck Go,

Yippy,

Dogpile, Yandex, The Internet Archive

, AltaVista, Infoseek, Coozilla, Dogpile, Lycos, Metager, Mamma, etc.). The project website address was indexed on important specialized web pages like wihs.uwaterloo.ca, www.megarika.ro, arheo.ro, antichitate.myforum.ro, roman.yapoga.com, sistem.acadiasi.ro, uaic.ro, www.vebidoo.de, www.yasni.fr, en.cyclopaedia.net, spartokos.wordpress.com, www.bulentozturk.sakarya.edu, etc. Our data indicate that the website has had at least 1053 visitors and was viewed around 63200 times. George Bilavschi is in charge with running and updating the project web page.

B. INDIVIDUAL PROJECT GOALS (In what follows, we are going to present the extent to which project goals were achieved (as reflected in the proposal). Please note that more details

in this regard can be found on the project website, where you may consult Publication list, intermediary reports, together with abstracts of presentations from the scientific meetings, organized within the project). Concerning the research results disseminated during international scientific events, see above Section III.

I. To obtain an overall picture of the external relations of Pontic Greek cities through exhaustive research – repertorying, mapping, commenting – the epigraphic and literary information (Victor Cojocaru, Ligia Ruscu, Mădălina Dana, Adrian Robu, Livia Buzoianu). We accomplished our study on inter-Pontic relations, including the relations with non-Greek populations from hinterland. This was reflected in two book author (*BCOSPE I* and *Die Proxenie*

900 pages altogether) as follows: Livia BUZOIANU:

Divinités attestées dans l'épigraphie du territoire tomitain (I

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, in Panaite, A. [et al.] (ed.): *Moesica et Christiana: Studies in Honour of Professor Alexandru Barnea*, Brăila 2016, p. 33-46;

Les relations économiques de Callatis à l'époque hellénistique basées sur les découvertes de timbres amphoriques

, in: *Mobility*, p. 247-272; Victor COJOCARU:

Instituția proxeniei în spațiul pontic / Die Proxenie im Schwarzmeerraum

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Instituția proxeniei

), ed. Mega, Cluj-Napoca 2016, 340 p.; the collective volume

Mobility in Research on the Black Sea Region. The Proceedings of the International Symposium, Iași, July 5-10, 2015

(

Mobility

), edited by Victor Cojocaru and Alexander Rubel, in collaboration with Diana Stah and Thibaut Castelli, ed. Mega, Cluj-Napoca 2016, 582 p. (including 72 plates);

Un espace dorien pontique d'après les décrets de proxénie

, in Robu, A. – Bîrzescu, I. (ed.): *Mégarika. Nouvelles recherches sur Mégare et les cités de la Propontide et du Pont-Euxin. Archéologie, épigraphie, histoire*, Paris 2016, p. 165-189;

Das Forschungsprojekt „

External Relations of the Pontic Greek Cities in Hellenistic and Roman Times”

(PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054). Ergebnisse

und Perspektiven

, in: *Mobility*, p. 21-40;

Emitenți și beneficiari ai decretelor de proxenie în spațiul pontic

, in: *Pontica* 48/9 (2016), p. 381-413; Ligia RUSCU:

Griechen, Römer und Einheimische in Poleis von Thrakien und Pontus

, in: *Mobility*, p. 301-321.

II. To make a comprehensive study regarding the production and trade of glass vessels in the Black Sea area in Hellenistic and Roman era (Costel Chiriac & Sever Botan). The successful accomplishment of the goal was reflected in the publication of an author book (*Vase de sticlă*, 363 pages) and in the study *State of the Art and Prospective Research Directions on Hellenistic and Roman Glass from the Pontus Euxinus*, in: *Mobility*, 101-115.

III. To elaborate a comprehensive study regarding tiles production workshops in the Black Sea in the context of Hellenistic coroplastic and establish the relationship between the Pontic workshops and models of the Aegean world (Iulian Bîrzescu). The successful accomplishment of the goal was reflected in the publication of the study *Umdeutungen von Kultbildern in den griechischen Kolonien des Schwarzmeergebietes* (co-author Florina Panait Bîrzescu), in: *Mobility*, 531-540.

IV. To elaborate a comprehensive study regarding Pontic colonies relations with the Aegean world as reflected in the sculptural art (Florina Panait Bîrzescu). The successful accomplishment of the goal was reflected in the publication of the study *Umdeutungen von Kultbildern in den griechischen Kolonien des Schwarzmeergebietes* (co-author Iulian Bîrzescu), in: *Mobility*, 531-540.

V. To elaborate a comprehensive study regarding trade relations of the West coast cities in Roman times based on numismatic discoveries (Lucian Munteanu). The successful accomplishment of the goal was reflected in the publication of the two studies as follows: *The Hoard with Coins of 'Huși-Vovriești' Type Discovered in Huși (în colaborare Costel Chiriac)*)
, in: *Mobility*, p. 541-581;
The Coins of the Eastern Pontic Greek Cities and the 'Barbarian' Populations in the Hellenistic Period
, in: *Acta Musei Tutovens* (Bârlad 2016) 12.2, p. 27-39.

VI. George Bilavschi and Diana Stah – through continuous support offered to the project director in issues related to management – contributed to the accomplishment of remaining project goals. Based on their contribution a frame for collaboration of the present team members in a larger international context was created. What we mean here is the exploration of

possibilities of continuing the current project PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 with a funding scheme within H2020 (Horizon2020 Work Programme on the cultural heritage of maritime and coastal zones). At the same time, we focused on the changing dynamics of European Research Policies and their potential short- and middle-term impact on opportunities to reach future resources for our current research endeavors (PC8 – Cooperation, “Idei”, Capacities, and Science in Society). At this point we have already initiated a dialogue with some national and foreign partner institutions on the possibility to implement a European-funded project (*Horizon2020 Work Programme on the cultural heritage of maritime and coastal zones*) which could bring the research endeavors of the current project to a new level. Likewise, we count on a similarly efficient cooperation we have had so far with the administrative staff of the Romanian Academy, the Branch of Iasi.

To conclude with, we believe that – in full compliance with the objectives for stage 2013 (correlated with the goals accomplished during stages 2011 and 2012) – we managed to reach the major mid-term goals of our project, namely, publication of a collective work which would reflect, in a more complex and compelling way than before, the external contacts maintained among the urban Pontic communities. The collective volume mentioned earlier – „Poleis”, „Außenbeziehungen”, „Interconnectivity” și „Mobility” – is the best evidence in this respect. By organizing the international meetings (already mentioned at section A.I), which was attended by over 80 specialists from 16 countries and representatives of 46 different research institutions, we managed to convincingly announce our participation in an international prospective dialogue on the Greek polis in the Hellenistic and Roman era.

Visit our project website for more details related to research outcomes accomplished in the PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 project (www.ponticgreekcities.ro). Cf.

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