



Parvan Institute of Archaeology from Bucharest we went for increasing of the national visibility in achieving the objectives assumed by attracting and involving a greater number of researchers from Romania. The agenda and abstracts of presentations can be found on the project website ([www.ponticgreekcities.ro](http://www.ponticgreekcities.ro)) in both, Romanian and English.

**I.3. International Symposium** “Interconnectivity in the Mediterranean and Pontic World during the Hellenistic and Roman Periods” (organized in partnership with the National Museum of History and Archaeology of Constanta, Waterloo Institute for Hellenistic Studies, Ontario/Canada and the cultural complex Callatis, Mangalia), July 8-12, 2013, Constanta, attended by all project team members and by 33 foreign researchers from 16 countries. The main purpose of this activity was to present the partial project-related research outcomes (at half way stage of the project), with the subsequent publication of the presented studies in a collective volume (see below

**V.4).** Secondly, by organizing of this scientific meeting we aimed to increase the national and international visibility in achieving the objectives assumed by attracting and involving a greater number of researchers from the country and abroad. We mention here that, in the former project proposal, one of the major objectives aimed our involvement in international dialogue relating the *Polis-*

topic in Hellenistic and Roman times. Thus, we managed to build a network comprising specialists interested in research on the field of Black Sea in antiquity, a network which could lead us towards obtaining EU funded projects. The agenda and abstracts of the presentations can be found on the project website ([www.ponticgreekcities.ro](http://www.ponticgreekcities.ro)).

**I.4. International Symposium** “Mobility in Research on the Black Sea Region (PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 and PN-II-ID-PCE-2012-4-0490 to H2020)” (organized in partnership with the Iași Branch of the Romanian Academy and the German Cultural Center of Iași), July 6-12, 2015. Among the project team members, the ‘Mobility’ conference brought together 35 scholars from Europe, Asia, and North America, willing to discuss aspects of political, social, cultural, and economic history in Greek, Roman and Byzantine times. The main purpose of this activity was to present the research results obtained so far and prepare these studies for publication in a collective volume (see below

**V.7).** This gathering reflects and exemplifies a tradition of fruitful collaboration between the Institute of Archaeology of Iasi with many academic institutions from Romania abroad. ‘Mobility’ provided plenty of opportunities not only for exchanging updates related to recent literary, epigraphic, numismatic, icono-graphical and archaeological discoveries, but also 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. Such meetings firmed up the timeline of the topic, and helped to establish a permanent discussion within a research group focused on the Black Sea region in the ancient world. In that way we gradually developed the idea of an interdisciplinary research network of Romanian and foreign scholars (especially historians, epigraphists, classical archaeologists and

numismatists), which would engage in some large international projects. We would like to emphasize that one of the goals underlined in the project proposal is to develop of an international network on topics related to Black Sea within Greek and Roman times. The agenda and abstracts of the presentations can be found on the project website ([www.ponticgreekcities.ro](http://www.ponticgreekcities.ro)). On this occasion, a brochure was printed (55 copies x 60 pages) containing the event program and abstracts of communications in electronic form which can be found at the link below:

<http://www.ponticgreekcities.ro/media/files/Conference%20brochure%2C%20Iasi%2C%20July%205>.

**II. Foreign study visits (documentation and dissemination).** There were undertaken 41 foreign trips in order to conclude the documentation for the assumed objectives within the project, respectively, the dissemination of results – in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine. The exact dates related to the trips are comprised in the expenditure record sheet loaded and can be checked on the online platform of UEFISCDI (including scientific reports and activities). There are also kept in the Romanian Academy – Iasi Branch archive, as an authorizing officer institution. Regarding the dissemination activity during foreign travel, see below and section IV.

**III. Domestic study visits (documentation and dissemination).** Sixty seven project-related domestic trips were undertaken (to institutions and archaeological sites in the country). The exact dates related to the trips are comprised in the expenditure record sheet loaded and can be checked on the online platform of UEFISCDI (including scientific reports and activities). There are also kept in the Romanian Academy – Iasi Branch archive, as an authorizing officer institution.

**IV. Participation in national and international scientific events (dissemination):** Project research outcomes were reflected in 76 presentations made by the team members at the following events:

**IV.1 International Session “Pontica”,** October 5-7, 2011, Constanta/Romania [Victor COJOCARU: *Antonia Tryphaena*; Andrei OPAITȚ (in collaboration): *Despr*]

*e producția ceramică la Callatis în epoca elenistică și romană*

; Iulian BÎRZESCU:

*Despre începuturile «zonei sacre» de la Histria*

; Florina PANAIT-BIRZESCU:

*Iconografia lui Apollo letros în coloniile grecești din Marea Neagră*

; Costel CHIRIAC (in collaboration):

*Instrumentarul medical și/sau de cosmetică din Moesia Inferior*

];

**IV.2. International Symposium** „The Romans at the Black Sea during the Time of Augustus. The Evidence of Literary, Archaeological and Numismatic Sources”, June 6-9, 2012,

Tulcea/Romania (Livia BUZOIANU:

*Éducation et culture à*

*Tomis*

[co-authorship M.

Bărbulescu]; Costel CHIRIAC:

*An Early Roman Imperial Intaglio at Ibida [Moesia]*

; Andrei OPAIȚ:

*Amphora as proxy of the Pontic and Mediterranean globalization [1st BC- 3rd AD]*

; Ligia RUSCU:

*Grants of Roman citizenship in the Western Pontic Greek cities under Augustus*

);

**IV.3. International Symposium** „Mégarika. Nouvelles recherches sur les cités de la

Mégaride et les fondations mégariennes du Pont-Euxin: Archéologie, Épigraphie, Histoire”, July 8-12, 2012, Mangalia/Romania (Livia BUZOIANU:

*Les terres*

*cuites d’Albești d’époque hellénistique. Les représentations de culte*

[co-authorship M. Bărbulescu]; V. COJOCARU:

*Un espace dorien pontique d’après les décrets de proxénie*

);

**IV.4.** „XIV Congressus internationalis epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae”, August 27-31, 2012, Berlin/Germany (Victor COJOCARU:

*Die Ausführung von Standbildern oder Porträts*

*von Honoranden in Ehreninschriften aus dem pontischen Raum*

);

**IV.5.** „The 19<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association for the History of Glass”, September 17-21, 2012, Piran/Slovenia (Costel CHIRIAC & Sever BOȚAN:

*Hellenistic and*

*early Roman glass from the east Carpathian area [II century B.C.-II Century A.D.]*

);

**IV.6. International Symposium** „Imperialism and Identities at the Edges of the Roman World”, September 20-23, 2012, Belgrade/Serbia (Ligia RUSCU: *On the establishment of Roman rule on the Western shore of the Black Sea*);

**IV.7.** „The 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of the RCRF”, September 23-27, 2012, Catania/Italy (Andrei OPAIȚ: *Defining more Roman amphorae in the Athenian Agora: too much history, too little typology* ; Andrei OPAIȚ: *Imperial stamps on early Byzantine amphorae* [co-authorship Ch. Diamanti]);

**IV.8. International Session “Pontica”**, October 10-11, 2012, Constanta/Romania (Livia BUZOIANU: *Trei fragmente inedite din ISM II, 44* [co-authorship M. Bărbulescu]; Costel CHIRIAC & Sever BOȚAN: *Despre sticlăria elenistică și romană timpurie de la est de Carpați (sec. II a.Chr – II p.Chr.)* ; Victor COJOCARU: *Statui sau portrete ca măsură de cinstitie în inscripțiile onorifice din arealul pontic* ; Lucian MUNTEANU: *Noi cercetări arheologice de salvare la Niculițel* [co-authorship G. Nuțu & D. Paraschiv]);

**IV.9. International Symposium** „Oltenia. Cultural Interferences”, October 17-19, 2012, Craiova/ Romania (Livia BUZOIANU: *Posibilități de datare în arheologie datorate ștampilelor amforice*);

**IV.10. International Symposium** „Banquets of Gods, Banquets of Men. Conviviality in the Ancient World”, November 23-24, 2012, Cluj/Romania (Victor COJOCARU: *Ladung zu Opfer und Bankett als Auszeichnung der Fremde im pontischen Raum und der Pontikoi in der Fremde* ; Mădălina DANA: *„Le banquet des sophistes”: représentation funéraire, représentation sociale sur les stèles de Byzance aux époques hellénistique et romaine*);

**IV.11. Conference** at Faculty of History, University of Vienna, Austria, June 5, 2013 (Victor COJOCARU, „invited speaker“): *Die Proxenie im pontischen Raum*;

**IV.12. International Symposium** „Interconnectivity in the Mediterranean and Pontic World during the Hellenistic and Roman Periods”, July 8-12, 2013, Constanta/Romania (Alexandru AVRAM: *La mer Noire et la Méditerranée: quelques aspects concernant la mobilité des personnes* ; Costel

CHIRIAC & Lucian MUNTEANU: *Trade Connections between Asia Minor and the West-Pontic Area (1*  
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*Centuries AD): Some Sphragistic and Numismatic Considerations*

; Victor COJOCARU:

*Die Beziehungen der nord-pontischen Griechen zu den außerpontischen Regionen und Dynastien, einschließlich der römischen Hegemonialmacht: Historiographische Übersicht*

; Florian MATEI-POPESCU:

*The Horothesia of Dionysopolis and the Integration of the Western Pontic Greek Cities in the Roman Empire*

; Livia BUZOIANU:

*L'espace ouest-pontique sous l'empereur*

*Tibère à la lumière d'un décret inédit découvert en Dobroudja*

[co-authorship M. Bărbulescu]; Ligia RUSCU:

*Becoming Roman? Shifting Identities in the Western Pontic Greek Cities*

; Florina PANAIT-BÎRZESCU:

*Wandering Cult Images between the Black Sea and the Aegean Cities in Hellenistic and Roman Times: from Dionysos Kathegemon to Dionysos Karpophoros*

; Iulian BÎRZESCU:

*Hellenistic and Roman Terracotta Offerings in the Western Pontic Sanctuaries*

; Costel CHIRIAC & Sever BOȚAN:

*Roman Glass Vessels in the West Pontic Area (1*  
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*General Remarks*

; Adrian ROBU:

*Cités et souverains dans la Propontide: les réseaux d'alliances des cités du Bosphore Thrace*

; Mădălina DANA:

*D'Héraclée à Trapézonte : cités pontiques ou micrasiatiques?*

);

**IV.13.** „The 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Thracology”, September 10-14, 2013, Târgoviște/Romania (Livia BUZOIANU: *Repères chronologiques offerts par la céramique grecque importée*);

**IV.14.** „The fifth International Congress on Black Sea Antiquity. The Danubian Lands between the Black Sea, Aegean and Adriatic Seas (7<sup>th</sup> Century BC – 10<sup>th</sup> Century AD)”, September 17-21, 2013, Belgrade/Serbia (Ligia RUSCU:

*Religion and society on the western Black Sea shore*

; Mădălina DANA:

*Les médecins dans les provinces danubiennes*

, Victor COJOCARU:

*Antonia Tryphaina im östlichen dynastischen Netzwerk*

; Livia BUZOIANU:

*Stages in the presence of Greek imported products on Getic territory in Dobruja*

; Costel CHIRIAC:

*Roman lead seals and the connections between Scythia Minor and Asia Minor [3*

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**IV.15.** „The third International Numismatic Congress”, September 20-21, 2013, Braşov/Romania (Lucian MUNTEANU & Costel CHIRIAC: *Ancient and Byzantine Coins from the collection of the Natural History Museum from Iaşi* [co-authorship B. Minea]);

**IV.16. International Session “Pontica”**, October 3-4, 2013, Constanta/Romania (Livia BUZOIANU: *Epigramă greacă inedită din Tomis*

[colaborare M. Bărbulescu], Costel CHIRIAC & Lucian MUNTEANU:

*Descoperiri sigilare romane la Ulmetum și problematica lor*

[co-authorship C. Băjenaru]).

**IV.17. International Symposium** „Honneurs civiques. La politique des honneurs dans les cités grecques de l’époque impériale”, Tours/France, May 15-17, 2014 (Victor COJOCARU: *Les statues honorifiques dans la documentation épigraphique et iconographique de la mer Noire à l’époque impériale*

);

**IV.18. International Session “Pontica”: 135 years of museology in Dobruja**, Constanta/Romania, October 1-3, 2014 (George BILAVSCHI:

*Medieval Rural Space and Agriculture: Research Currents and Task in Romania*

; Iulian BÎRZESCU:

*Un perirrhanterion din templul M din Zona sacră de la Histria*

; Livia BUZOIANU:

*Inscripții inedite din Tomis și împrejurimi aflate în colecția Muzeului de Istorie Națională și Arheologie Constanța*

; Costel CHIRIAC:

*Un sigiliu inedit de kommerkiar din Develtos*

; Costel CHIRIAC:

*Vase antice de sticlă din Republica Moldova*

; Victor COJOCARU:

*Instituția proxeniei în spațiul pontic. Câteva observații finale pe marginea unui proiect de cercetare*

; Lucian MUNTEANU:

*Considerații preliminare pe marginea lotului de monede de la Puiеști*

; Florina PANAIT BÎRZESCU:

*Sculpturi neterminate de la Histria.*

*Producții locale sau importuri nefinisate?*

);

**IV.19. International Symposium** „4. Bonner Humboldt-Preisträger-Forum Herrschaft in der Antike – Praktiken und Diskurse”, Bonn/Germany, October 8-12, 2014 (Victor COJOCARU:

***Die Außenbeziehungen***

*der pontischen griechischen Städten als Forschungsthema*

);

**IV.20. International Archeology Camp BSUDRA:** “Black Sea-Unity and Diversity in the Roman Antiquity”, Slava Rusă (Tulcea County, Romania), July 10-20, 2014 (Costel CHIRIAC & Lucian MUNTEANU: *Civic and Provincial*

*Roman Seals found in Dobruja. Trade Connections Between Asia Minor and the West Pontic Area in the 4th cent. AD*

);

**IV.21. International Symposium** „Contacts, migrations and climate change, in honour of



prof. Dr. Jan Bouzek”, Prague/Czech Republic, May 19-23, 2015 (Victor COJOCARU: *Réflexions sur quelques traits particuliers du corps civique dans les villes grecques nord-pontiques* [co-authorship M. Oller Guzmán]);

**IV.22. International Symposium** “Mobility in Research on the Black Sea Region (PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 and PN-II-ID-PCE-2012-4-0490 to H2020)”, Iași/România, July 5-10, 2015 (Victor COJOCARU: *PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054*  
: *Ergebnisse und Perspektiven*  
; Florina PANAIT BÎRZESCU & Iulian BÎRZESCU:  
*Umdeutungen griechischer Kultbilder in den antiken Städten des Schwarzmeergebietes*  
; Sever-Petru BOȚAN & Costel CHIRIAC:  
*State of the Art and Prospective Research Directions on Hellenistic and Roman Glass from the Pontus Euxinus*  
; Livia BUZOIANU:  
*Les relations économiques de Callatis à l’époque hellénistique basées sur les découvertes de timbres amphoriques*  
; Ligia RUSCU:  
*Greeks, Romans and Natives in Poleis of Thrace and Pontus*  
; Florian MATEI-POPESCU:  
*The Thracian strategiae in Scythia Minor*; Lucian MUNTEANU:  
*Numismatic and Sphragistic Research in the Western Pontic Area*  
; Mădălina DANA:  
*Écriture, échanges et contacts dans les sociétés grecques anciennes: la correspondance privée sur plomb et sur tesson, du VI<sup>e</sup> au III<sup>e</sup> s. av. J.-C.*  
; Diana STAH:  
*Social Sciences and Humanities in Horizon 2020*  
; George BILAVSCHI, Victor COJOCARU & Diana STAH:  
*Romanian Academy, Iași Branch. Institutional Perspectives on the Project “In Search of the Pontic Community”*);

**IV.23. International Symposium** „Pontica: A century of archeology at Tomis. Institutions and personalities”, Constanta/Romania, October 6-7, 2015 (Victor COJOCARU:

*Emitenți și beneficiari ai decretelor de proxenie în spațiul pontic*

; Lucian MUNTEANU:

*Cercetări arheologice în zona extra-murană a cetății Ibida*

[co-authorship Ștefan Honcu]; Lucian MUNTEANU:

*Moneda romană în hinterlandul provinciilor Dacia și Moesia Inferior*

);

**IV.24. Scientific School of Young Scientists** „The Crimea in the system of political and economic connections with Black Sea and Mediterranean”, Simferopol & Anapa/Russia, November 9-14, 2015 (Victor COJOCARU, „invited speaker“):

*Connections of the Crimea with Black Sea and Mediterranean according to the lapidary epigraphics*

);

**IV.25. 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*

;

**IV.26. 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 Environmental 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*

).

**IV.27. 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 Bosporan Kingdom and Rome: The Polemonides on Bosphorus Revisited*

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**V. 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](https://www.academia.edu/28500346/Mobility_in_Research_on_the)

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**V.1. *Poleis in the Black Sea: Inter-Pontic Relations and Local Production***, ed. by Florina Panait Bârzescu – Iulian Bîrzescu – Florian Matei-Popescu – Adrian Robu, Publishing House Humanitas: Bucharest 2013, 464 p. (including 28 plates)

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***Poleis = P&M I***

] . The work comprises the studies presented during the Symposium from September 27-28, 2012, organized within the project PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054. The fact that our work was published by a prestigious Romanian publishing house accredited by CNCS is an eloquent proof for the successful accomplishment of the stated interim project goals. By publishing this work we set up a new collection – “Pontica et Mediterranea [P&M]”, ed. by Victor Cojocar. This collection was meant to support studies on history of Antiquity, epigraphy, classical archeology, numismatics and iconography, at a national level and increase their international visibility. More details can be found on the link:

<http://www.jaha.org.ro/index.php/JAHA/article/view/20/25>

**V.2. Victor Cojocaru: *Bibliographia classica orae septentrionalis Ponti Euxini. I. Epigraphica, numismatica, onomastica & prosopographica***

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Publishing House: Cluj-Napoca 2014, 560 p. + 1 CD

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***BCOSPE I = P&M II***

] . The book is considered an important instrument by many experts in history and epigraphy of Black Sea during the antiquity. See, e.g., G. Kantor, review in Bryn Mawr Classical Review (<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2015/2015-04-41.html>): "This publication will be an indispensable tool for anyone working on the Northern Black Sea and adjacent regions in antiquity, and every serious research library should get it and Cojocaru's subsequent volumes. As a member of the *SEG*

editorial team working on this region I shall be using it constantly"

More details can be found on the link:

[https://www.academia.edu/26671277/Bibliographia\\_classica\\_orae\\_septentrionalis](https://www.academia.edu/26671277/Bibliographia_classica_orae_septentrionalis)

[Ponti Euxini BCOSPE . Vol. I Epigraphica numismatica onomastica and](#)

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**V.3. The collective volume *Die Außenbeziehungen pontischer und kleinasiatischer Städte in hellenistischer und römischer Zeit***

, ed. by Victor

Cojocaru and Christof Schuler, Franz Steiner Publishing House: Stuttgart 2014, 312 p.

(including 29 plates and 14 maps)

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***Außenbeziehungen***

] . Besides the specialists outside the project, the work contains contributions signed by the following members of the project team: Alexandru Avram, Livia Buzoianu, Victor Cojocaru, Madalina Dana, Florian Matei Popescu, Adrian Robu and Ligia Ruscu. More details can be found on the link:

[https://www.academia.edu/16031160/Die\\_Au%C3%9Fenbeziehungen\\_der](https://www.academia.edu/16031160/Die_Au%C3%9Fenbeziehungen_der)

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**V.4. Interconnectivity in the Mediterranean and Pontic World during the Hellenistic and Roman Periods**, ed. by Victor Cojocaru – Altay Coşkun – Mădălina Dana, Mega Publishing House: Cluj-Napoca 2014, 708 p. (including 62 plates) **[Interconnectivity = P&M III**

]. It comprises the papers based on the presentations made at the International Symposium from July 8-12, 2013, organized within PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 project. The book was meant as an important step towards accomplishing the major project goal – 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 (see below section B). More details can be found on the link:

[https://www.academia.edu/26692635/Interconnectivity\\_in\\_the\\_Mediterranean](https://www.academia.edu/26692635/Interconnectivity_in_the_Mediterranean)

[and\\_Pontic\\_World\\_during\\_the\\_Hellenistic\\_and\\_Roman\\_Periods](#)

**V.5. Sever-Petru Boţan: Vase de sticlă în spaţiul dintre Carpaţi şi Prut (secolele II a. Chr. – II p. Chr.)** / *Glass Vessels between the Carpathian Mountains and the Pruth River (2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD)* **[GI**

**ass Vessels**

] , Mega Publishing House: Cluj-Napoca 2015, 363 p., related to the production and trade of glass vessels in the Black Sea basin. The book published by a prestigious publishing house in Romania (accredited CNCS), represents the successful completion of an important objective assumed within the project (see below section B). More details can be found on the link:

[https://www.academia.edu/16679571/Glass\\_Vessels\\_between\\_the\\_Carpathian](https://www.academia.edu/16679571/Glass_Vessels_between_the_Carpathian)

[Mountains and the Pruth River](#)

**V.6. 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](https://www.academia.edu/26671150/Die_Proxenie_im_Schwarzmeerraum)

**V.7. 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, icono-graphical 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

under-standing 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 gene-rations 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\\_Black](https://www.academia.edu/28500346/Mobility_in_Research_on_the_Black_Sea_Region.pdf)

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In addition to the above-mentioned works (**Poleis**, **BCOSPE I**, **Außenbeziehungen**, **Interco**  
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**Glass Vessels**

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**Die Proxenie**

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**Mobility**

) – altogether comprising 3329 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 28 studies and of 13 extensive critical reviews. More details can be found on our project website

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[www.ponticgreekcities.ro](http://www.ponticgreekcities.ro)

, Publications).

## VI. Webpage (dissemination)

Our project website ( [www.ponticgreekcities.ro](http://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**

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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 and mentioned in Part A 1 of the present report). Concerning the research results disseminated during international scientific events, see above Section IV.

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) and 37 published studies which are 751 pages altogether, as follows:  
 Alexandru AVRAM,  
*Die ‚Freiheit‘ von Tomis in der Kaiserzeit*  
 , in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 161-172;  
*La mer Noire et la Méditerranée: quelques aspects concernant la mobilité des personnes*  
 , in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 99-132; Livia BUZOIANU,  
*Teritoriul Tomisului în epoca romană timpurie în lumina documentelor epigrafice.*  
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 , in:  
*Poleis*  
 , p. 173-201;  
*Éducation, culture et religion à la lumière de deux inscriptions inédites de Tomis et de son territoire*  
 , in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 141-160;  
*Posibilități de interpretare a informațiilor datorate epigrafiei ceramice.*  
*Studiu de caz: Tomis*  
 , in Iliescu, V. [et al.] (ed.): *Grecia. Roma. Barbaricum. In memoriam Vasile Lica*, Galați, p.



199-211;

*L'espace ouest-pontique sous l'empereur Tibère à la lumière d'un décret inédit découvert en Dobroudja*

, in: Interconnectivity, p. 415-434;

*Divinités attestées dans l'épigraphie du territoire tomitain (I*

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*siècles après J.-C.)*

, in Panaite, A. [et al.] (ed.): *Moesica et Christiana: Studies in Honour of Professor Alexandru Barnea*, Brăila, 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:

*Relațiile interpontice ale orașelor grecești de la nordul*

*Mării Negre și contactele acestora cu barbarii din hinterland pe baza izvoarelor epigrafice*

, in: Poleis, p. 87-142;

*Die Außenbeziehungen der griechischen Städte der nördlichen Schwarzmeerküste in hellenistischer und römischer Zeit auf Grundlage der epigraphischen Quellen,*

in: Außenbeziehungen, p. 45-86;

*Die Beziehungen der nordpontischen Griechen zu den außerpontischen Regionen und Dynastien, einschließlich der römischen Hegemonialmacht: Historiographische Übersicht*, in: Interconnectivity, p. 73-96;

*Die Ausführung von Standbildern oder Porträts von Honoranden in Ehreninschriften aus dem pontischen Raum*

, in: XIV Congressus Internationalis Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae 27.-31. Augusti MMXII. Akten, Berlin – Boston, p. 691-693;

*Antonia Tryphaina im östlichen dynastischen Netzwerk*

, in Tsetschladze, G. R. [et al.] (ed.): *The Danubian Lands Between the Black, Aegean and Adriatic Seas* (7

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Century AD). *Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress on Black Sea Antiquities* (Belgrade – 17-21 September 2013), Oxford 2015, p. 167-172;

*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, 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;

*Relațiile externe ale orașelor grecești nord-pontice în epoca elenistică și romană pe baza izvoarelor epigrafice*

, in: *Cercetări Istorice* (Iași) 27-29 (2011), p. 67-113;

- De la relațiile externe ale orașelor pontice la relațiile externe ale apoikiilor nord-ponice*  
, in: Pontica (Constanța) 45 (2013), p. 65-76;
- Antonia Tryphaina*  
, in: Pontica 45 (2013), p. 119-134;
- Statui sau portrete ca măsură de cinstire în inscripțiile onorifice din arealul pontic. Observații preliminare*  
, in: Pontica 46 (2014), p. 323-341;
- Ladung zu Opfer und Bankett als Auszeichnung der Fremde im pontischen Raum und der Pontikoi in der Fremde*  
, in: Studia UBB, Historia (Cluj) 59.1 (2014), p. 334-344;
- Once more about Antonia Tryphaina*  
, in: Journal of Ancient History and Archaeology (Cluj) 1.2 (2014), p. 3-8;
- Bibliographia classica orae septentrionalis Ponti Euxini. I. Epigraphica, numismatica, onomastica & prosopographica als erster Schritt eines Forschungsprojekts*  
, in: Classica et Christiana (Iași) 9.1 (2014), p. 43-55;
- Evoluția formularului decretelor de proxenie în spațiul pontic*  
, în: Pontica 47 (2015), p. 403-416;
- Instituția proxeniei în spațiul pontic. Istorical cercetării*  
, in: Arheologia Moldovei (Iași) 38 (2015), p. 7-24;
- Emitenți și beneficiari ai decretelor de proxenie în spațiul pontic*  
, in: Pontica 48/9 (2016), p. 381-413; Mădălina DANA: Έχω δὲ πατρίδας νῦν δύο ( CIRB 134):  
*relații și rețele între cetățile grecești din sudul Mării Negre și vecinii lor pontici*  
, in: Poleis, p. 45-86;
- Étudiants et enseignants du Pont-Euxin à l'étranger,*  
in: Außenbeziehungen, p. 121-140;
- D'Héraclée à Trapézonte: cités pontiques ou micrasiatiques?*  
, in: Interconnectivity, p. 133-153;
- „Le banquet des sophistes”: représentation funéraire, représentation sociale sur les stèles de Byzance aux époques hellénistique et romaine,* in: Studia UBB, Historia (Cluj) 59.1, p. 345-371; Adrian ROBU
- Sanctuare și relații între cetăți în lumea elenistică: exemplul cetăților Calchedon și Byzantion*  
, in: Poleis, p. 143-157;
- Les relations de Byzance avec les cités du Pont Gauche à l'époque hellénistique: la guerre pour l'emporion de Tomis*  
, in: Außenbeziehungen, p. 19-36;
- Byzance et Chalcédoine à l'époque hellénistique: entre alliances et rivalités*  
, in: Interconnectivity, p. 187-206; Ligia RUSCU:
- Relațiile apoikiilor vest-pontice cu vecinii lor greci și barbari în epocile elenistică și romană*  
, in: Poleis, p. 11-44;
- Die Beziehungen privaten und offiziellen Charakters zwischen Einzelpersonen und Staaten in*

*Bezug auf die westpontischen Griechenstädte in hellenistischer und römischer Zeit*  
 , in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 87-120;  
*Becoming Roman? Shifting Identities in the Western Pontic Greek Cities*  
 , in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 473-488;  
*On the*  
*praefectura orae maritimae*  
*on the Western Coast of the Black Sea*  
 , in Janković, M. A. [et al.] (ed.): *The Edges of the Roman World*, Cambridge 2014, p. 159-171;  
*Religion and society on the western Pontic shore*  
 , in Tsetschladze, G. R. [et al.] (ed.): *The Danubian Lands between the Black, Aegean and*  
*Adriatic Seas (7*  
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 Century AD). *Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress on Black Sea Antiquities*  
 (Belgrade – 17-21 September 2013), Oxford 2015, p. 195-202;  
*Griechen, Römer und Einheimische in Poleis von Thrakien und Pontus*  
 , in: *Mobility*, p. 301-321.

II. To identify a possible model for the integration of the west coast of Pontus in the Roman Empire (Florian Matei-Popescu). The successful accomplishment of the goal was reflected in the publication of the three studies, totaling 69 pages, as follows: *Statutul juridic și teritoriul Histriei în epoca romană*, in: *Poleis*  
 , p. 203-233;  
*The Western Pontic Greek Cities and the Roman Army*  
 , in: *Außenbeziehungen*, p. 173-208;  
*The Horothesia of Dionysopolis and the Integration of the Western Pontic Greek Cities in the Roman Empire*  
 , in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 457-471.

III. To prepare a comprehensive study regarding ceramic containers used for the import and export of certain products: olive oil, wine, fish products (Andrei Opaiț). The successful accomplishment of the goal was reflected in the study *Production and consumption of wine and fish in the lands between the Carpathians and the Black Sea (2*  
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Beginning with May 1, 2013, Andrei Opaiț stopped his collaboration with the team working in the PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0054 project.

IV. 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 three studies, 94 pages altogether, as follows:

*Sticlăria elenistică și romană din*

*Pontul Euxin între producție și import*

, in: *Poleis*, p. 278-318 & 439-451;

*Roman Glass Vessels in the West Pontic Area (1*

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, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 525-553;

*State of the Art and Prospective Research Directions on Hellenistic and Roman Glass from the Pontus Euxinus*

, in: *Mobility*, 101-115.

V. 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 three studies, 36 pages altogether, as follows:

*Teracote și vase plastice cu reprezentări zoomorfe din*

*sanctualele cetăților grecești din Marea Neagră*

, in:

*Poleis*

, p. 414-427 & 462-463;

*Some Remarks on Hellenistic Terracotta Offerings in the Western Pontic Sanctuaries*

, in: *Interconnectivity*, 269-280;

*Umdeutungen von Kultbildern in den griechischen Kolonien des Schwarzmeergebietes*

(co-author Florina Panait Bîrzescu), in: *Mobility*, 531-540.

VI. 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 three studies, 54 pages altogether, as follows: *Modele iconografice comune din cetățile pontice în epocile elenistică și*

*romană*

, in: *Poleis*, p.

393-413 & 457-461;

*Wandering Cult Images between the Aegean and the Black Sea Cities in Hellenistic and Roman Times: from Dionysos Kathegemon to Dionysos Karpophoros*

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 393-413;

*Umdeutungen von Kultbildern in den griechischen Kolonien des Schwarzmeergebietes*  
(în colaborare cu Iulian Bîrzescu), in: *Mobility*, 531-540.

VII. To elaborate a comprehensive study concerning the movement of goods in the western Black Sea basin, as reflected by the “commercial type” seals found in the Greek towns the area in Roman times (1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> centuries A.D.) Research outcomes were presented in two studies, 41 pages altogether, as follows:

*Trade Connections between Asia Minor and the West Pontic Area in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century CE. Some Sphragistic Considerations*

, in: *Interconnectivity*, p. 299-330;

*Sigillii dobrogene inedite. III*

, in: *Arheologia Moldovei* 38 (2015), p. 147-156.

VIII. 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 three studies, 86 pages altogether, as follows: *Legăturile orașelor grecești vest-pontice cu populațiile „barbare” în epoca elenistică. Evidența numismatică*, in: *Poleis*, p. 358-392; *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.

IX. 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](http://www.ponticgreekcities.ro) ). Cf. [https://www.academia.edu/28500346/Mobility\\_in\\_Research\\_on\\_the](https://www.academia.edu/28500346/Mobility_in_Research_on_the_Black_Sea_Region.pdf)

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