

## Report on the BES Autumn Colloquium 2014 (15 November 2014, London)

The British Epigraphy Society Autumn Colloquium 2014 took place on 15 November 2014 in the Institute of Classical Studies in London. The day's programme can be viewed on the Society's website in detail:

<http://www.britishepigraphy.org/bes-colloquia.html>

The colloquium was structured around four longer papers, a short report session, a 'lapidary walk' through central Bloomsbury, as well as a poster session at the end of the day. The meeting attracted 34 participants (see List of Participants, below).

The colloquium was a highly successful event that brought together professionals and amateurs in epigraphy to listen to and to discuss work on Greek and Latin (and Near Eastern) inscriptions. The first paper was delivered by Dr Filippo Battistoni from Pisa/Italy, who spoke on his work of the accounts from the Gymnasium of Tauromenion in Sicily. The second paper, by Prof. Jean-Louis Ferrary from Paris, introduced the audience to Prof. Ferrary's corpus of the inscriptions from Claros in western Asia Minor, which would be published imminently. The third longer paper was by Tarah Van de Wiele (Nottingham) titled '*Reading the sentiments and sediments of ancient Near Eastern tablets*'. The fourth long paper, by Dr Jonathan Prag from Oxford took the audience back to the western Mediterranean, namely to Sicily, and the Latin inscriptions on the bronze rostra from the First Punic War.

A 'lapidary walk' through central London, led by Dr Ruth Siddall from UCL, introduced the participants to a number of unusual stone materials employed in buildings in Bloomsbury. The short report session featured queries and presentations by Prof. Michael Crawford (UCL), and Dr Jonathan Prag.

The day concluded with a poster session, showcasing next to the work by Drs Jonathan Prag and Angela Maria Manenti on an online corpus of inscriptions from ancient Sicily, also the work of two younger scholars: Claire Millington from RHUL presented on 'Auxiliary commanders' households on the western frontiers, c.27 BC-AD 268'; and Héctor Aroyo on 'A catalogue of kinships and foundation legends in Pisidia. First conclusions'.

As with previous BES Autumn Colloquia, the day offered much opportunity for exchange and discussion, particularly important for the many younger epigraphers who attended the meeting and who were able to discuss their own work with the many established scholars who participated at the colloquium.

The meeting was generously supported by the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies through financial assistance for our student bursary scheme, and a contribution to the travel expenses of one speaker.

As in previous years, we are very grateful to the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies for its support of our activities.

Dr Ulrike Roth

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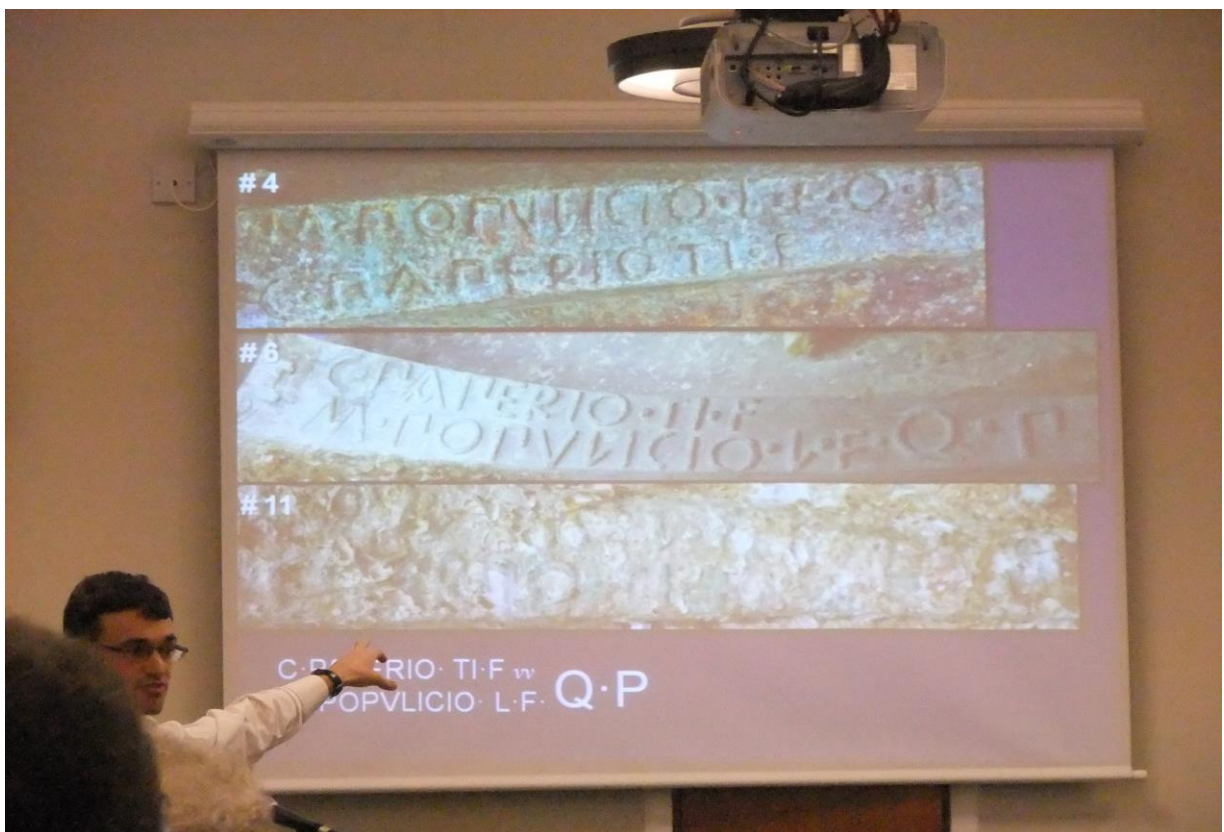
## LIST of PARTICIPANTS:

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Battistoni, Filippo Dr	Pisa
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Brown, Lawrence	
Bultrighini, Ilaria Dr	UCL
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Crawford, Michael Prof	UCL
Ferrary, Jean-Louis Prof.	Paris
Graham, Abigail Dr	Warwick
Haarer, Peter Dr	Oxford
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Palmer, Richard	
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Van de Wiele, Tarah	Nottingham
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Images from the BES Autumn Colloquium 2014



Dr Filippo Battistoni and Prof. Thomas Corsten in discussion.



Dr Jonathan Prag giving his paper on the Latin inscriptions from the 1<sup>st</sup> Punic War rams.





Participants in discussion during the poster session.



More discussion at the poster session!