

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ROMAN STUDIES
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This report gives an account on the use of the grants provided by the **Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies** (Hugh Last and Donald Atkinson Fund 2013) and the **Institute of Classical Studies** (University of London) in support of the conference “*De Africa Romaque – Merging Cultures across North Africa*”. This international event was held at the University of Leicester on 26th and 27th October 2013 and it represented a major gathering of scholars, early career researchers and PhD students from universities in the UK, Europe, USA and Tunisia. All papers and posters presented on this occasion were focused on the theme of interrelations between North African cultures and Rome in a time frame comprised between the 2nd century BC and the 4th century AD.

The grants provided by both Institutions were used specifically for organizing **travel bursaries** for postgraduate students and researchers who presented a paper/poster at the conference. The total amount of funding available was **£800.00** (£400.00 provided by each Institution). Awards were made after the submission of an official application form to the conference organizing committee. The amount of individual awards was assessed on a competitive basis, giving priority to applicants who did not have access to any other funding from their universities. Following this procedure, it was possible to provide bursaries to six successful applicants:

- 1) **Gabriella Carpentiero** (PhD student at Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy): presentation of a paper entitled “Continuity and change in Hellenistic town planning in the Fayyum (Egypt): Between tradition and innovation”. Amount of grant: **£80.00**.
- 2) **Leonardo Bigi** (PhD student at Università di Pisa, Italy): presentation of a paper entitled “Oil production at *Dyonisias* (Qrs Qarun – Egypt) and in Roman Fayyum. The other sides of technology: Botany and taxes”. Amount of grant: **£80.00**.
- 3) **Ana de Francisco Heredero** (PhD student at Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain): presentation of a poster entitled “The fortified farms of Cyrenaica”. Amount of grant: **£140.00**.
- 4) **Ilaria Rossetti** (PhD student at Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy): presentation of a paper entitled “The *λόγμια* temples of Fayyum in the Late Ptolemaic and Roman period”. Amount of grant: **£150.00**.
- 5) **Elyssa Jerray** (PhD student at Aix-Marseille Université, France): presentation of a poster entitled “Roman amphora production in the region of Tunisian Tripolitania: The workshops of Zitha and Henchir Kalkh”. Amount of grant: **£150.00**.
- 6) **Dr David Stone** (Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA): presentation of a paper entitled “Prestige economies in North Africa”. Amount of grant: **£200.00**.

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