

ASOR COMMITTEE ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND POLICY
Annual Report for 2023
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ASOR Project Affiliations:

Currently, 129 archaeological projects have affiliated with ASOR through the CAP affiliation application process in the following 22 countries:
Armenia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, North Macedonia, Oman, Spain, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, West Bank

Roughly half of these projects conduct research in Israel and Jordan, followed by smaller numbers of projects in Cyprus, Egypt, and Iraq, with one or two projects in the remaining countries. So, this distribution of ASOR-affiliated projects represents a geographical broadening of ASOR's purview and accordingly presents an opportunity for ASOR to expand its identity beyond our traditional roots in the Southern Levant as a means of being a society for "overseas" research!

One significant incentive for project affiliation is ASOR's growing program of project grants and student fieldwork scholarships. This year the CAP Fellowship administered the application review process that ultimately awarded approximately 40 scholarships from a pool of more than 100 applications, including a growing number of applicants with self-identified diverse personal backgrounds. These scholarships enable students at various academic levels varying from undergrads to pursue their first opportunity to do archaeological fieldwork, to project staff members engaged in field supervision or analytical responsibilities.

Likewise, the CAP Fellowship Committee awarded seven project grants that provide \$2500-\$5000 to support significant initiatives by beginning or established research projects, especially those for whom this support enables project start-up.

In the cases of both our student scholarships and project grants, ASOR support now extends from projects and students working in traditional ASOR countries to new projects and countries!

Now in its second year of operation, the Shepard Urgent Action Grant program was supervised by CAP's Shepard Grant committee, which reviewed six truly urgent proposals for archaeological mitigation of significantly threatened archaeological resources, again in a newly-varied set of countries. We recommended four projects for immediate funding and provided advice to the remaining applicants for future proposals.

These activities constituted the major endeavors of the ASOR CAP Committee in 2023. In overview, they reflect ASOR intellectual and geographical growth, and bode well for encouraging correspondingly broadened intellectual and social horizons in the future. Georgia Andreou will assume the position of CAP Chair, and Pat Fall will continue as Chair of the CAP Fellowship Committee, so the future leadership of CAP is in capable hands!

It has been my privilege to serve as Chair of CAP for the past six years. Thank you all for being truly collegial colleagues! I look forward to hearing about your continued success in the future!

Best,
Steve