

ACOR Newzette



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This is a very sad time in the history of Jordan. Everything had seemed so hopeful in the middle of January, but it just wasn't to be. On Sunday, Feb. 7, around noon, word spread quickly that His Majesty King Hussein had passed away and everything closed.

On Monday, the ACOR residents joined thousands of others on the circle road to pay our respects as the cortege, led by King Abdullah and his brothers, moved to Raghadan Palace. We then watched the ceremony on television. The gathering of leaders was extraordinary. Fifty-three countries sent delegations - from Norway's King Harald to South Africa's Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

So many felt they had to give tribute to Jordan's great leader and messages of condolences came to ACOR. Here we share excerpts from some of those:

On behalf of the American members of the Board of Trustees of the American Center of Oriental Research, I send our most sincere condolences and feelings of deep sorrow ... for the tragic loss of one of the world's great leaders.

Artemis A.W. Joukowsky
ACOR President

I wanted to share with you that of us many here in the US are praying for the country and people of Jordan during this period of mourning for King Hussein. Part of the rich experience of staying at ACOR included opportunity of meeting and learning about the wonderful Jordanian people. My thoughts are with you, members of the Royal family and those impacted by the King's death. I hope you get the message in Jordan that the average American thinks very highly of the King and his legacy.

Ernest L. "Ernie" Gardner III

Alina and I would like to extend our sincere condolences to all our friends at ACOR on the passing of King Hussein. He was a remarkable man and truly one of our century's greatest leaders. He will be very much missed by all of us.

Thomas E. Levy
University of California, San Diego

Please know that all of us at CAARI [Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute] are grieving over the death of King Hussein. What a great, great man and a profoundly humane presence in the Middle East. You, all at ACOR, the royal family, and the people of Jordan are in our prayers.

Nancy Serwint, Director

I am sure you are expressing the condolences of ACOR to the Royal Family, but I want to add my own words of sympathy, and also know that you must feel this personally. Please convey our feelings to the staff also. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all Jordan.

Nancy Lapp

My feelings are with you all on the sad passing of His Majesty King Hussein. Things, I can imagine, are very bleak in Amman.

Adam Ford

Our condolences to the people of Jordan at this time. Quite a shock.

Mike Reimer

Helen and I just want to send our condolences at this time of national mourning in Jordan. We know that ACOR has lost a friend. As the newscasters here in the U.S. have been saying, his passing does mark the end of an era.

Please express our sympathy to all the Jordanians who are part of ACOR. We know that this is a difficult time for the nation.

William Mierse, U. of Vermont

I want to say how sorry I am to see the passing of such a great King. Hussein was a man of his time, critical to whatever peace progress has been made in the last decades and he leaves a great void.

Julia Costello

I woke up at 3:30am to watch the funeral. The outpouring of grief here is quite astounding, especially from those with no former ties to Jordan or the king.

Megan Perry

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Alexandra Retzleff, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Roman Theaters

NEH Fellow:

Ellen Fleischmann, U. of Dayton, Palestinian Women's Movement during the British Mandate

Petra Scrolls Project

U. of Michigan: Robert W. Daniel; U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Jaakko Frösén, Antti Arjava, Maarit Kaimio, Jorma Kaimio, Marjo Lehtinen, Mari Mustonen, Tiina Rankinen, and Marja Vierros

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Petra, Petra Documentation Project, Chrysanthos Kanellopoulos, USAID Petra Endowment



Petra Church: restoration of the chancel pavement

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Karen Borstad in the library

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Happenings at ACOR

Dec. 14. In the morning, Gene Ware and Steven Booras back to Brigham Young U. carrying of the data tapes of the scroll scanning.

Dec. 17. Megan Perry ends her current term as acting assistant director. Thank you Megan for a job well done.

Dec. 19. Ramadan begins.

Dec. 19. A group from the new magazine *National Geographic Explorer* drops by. The first issue will appear in mid-1999 and will feature Petra and Wadi Rum.

Dec. 24. At sundown, 24 residents, staff and families sit down to ACOR's first Holiday Iftar. As usual, Mohammed outdoes himself.

Dec. 28. Pierre, Sa'id, and Abed go off to Petra at 5 in the morning. The objective is to deliver the stones for the restoration of the pavement of the chancel of the Petra Church and to move out of the Petra house which ACOR has had for years. They move the equipment to a storage room in Um Sayhoun and bring a truckload of furniture back to Amman.

Jan. 6. Pierre and Patricia leave for Cape Town, South Africa, to attend the World Archaeological Congress. Among the 800

delegates from 70+ countries are Gaetano Palumbo (with Anna and Nicolò), former ACOR fellow Julia Costello, and excavator Tom Levy.

Jan. 10. Fellow Andrew Smith arrives.

Jan. 23. The Bikais return from South Africa.

Jan. 28. At ACOR, fellows from the Albright present their projects to a packed house.



Nicolò

Jan. 29. At Mount Nebo, Nicolò Raffaele Paolino Palumbo is baptized.

Jan. 30. A contingent from the BBC arrives to prepare for the filming in April of a documentary on ancient water technologies.

Jan. 31. Fellow Michael Homan arrives.

Feb. 9. Mohammed Adawi has an operation (he's fine), leaving Pierre and Sa'id in charge of lunch for the next three weeks.

Feb. 9. Fellow Ellen Fleischmann arrives.

Feb. 15. Sa'id and Pierre outdo themselves in the kitchen. The presentation would make any 5-star French chef proud!

Feb. 23. Pierre meets with Lewis Reade. It was during his time as USAID director that the Temple of Hercules project began.

Feb. 23. Megan Perry returns from the U.S. and becomes acting assistant director again.

Feb. 26. Pierre departs for Petra to give a tour to a group from the U.S. Embassy.

Feb. 27. Don Keller delivers a virus-infected e-

mail attachment. This sets off a tedious round of updating our anti-virus software.

Feb. 27. Alex Retzleff gives her round-table presentation.

Feb. 28. Fellow Brett Hill arrives.

March 1. Alex Retzleff departs.

March 3. Pierre and Patricia take off for Petra.

Over the next six days, Pierre will lecture to three different TCS groups (the around-the-world-in-a-private-jet bunch). During the course of this, a scroll is adopted and two others are put on reserve.

March 4. There is a new government in Jordan. ACOR Trustee Mohammed Asfour becomes Minister of Industry and Commerce. He joins another trustee, Dr. Michel Marto, who is asked to continue as Minister of Finance.

March 13. Karen Borstad presents her project at the Saturday round table.

March 14. Chrys Kanellopoulos returns to work in Petra.

March 15. Some time after 11 pm, someone is heard sitting on a car horn outside of ACOR. Patricia wakes up and goes out to see what's going on. It's some people who want to leave letters for a resident to carry to the U.S. The resident had left hours ago, but these people refuse to believe it. Patricia gets dressed and goes downstairs to take the letters. At 6 am, the same people telephone to ask if the person has gotten the letters!

March 16. Pierre and Patricia join a farewell for Swiss Ambassador Gian Frederico Pedotti and Maria Pedotti; they have been very active in projects at Petra.

March 18. At 4:30 am, Pierre leaves for Washington, D.C. to give a presentation at a conference sponsored by US/ICOMOS.

March 18. In the evening, Jean-Louis Luxen, Secretary General of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and Jukka Jokilehto, Senior Advisor to the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), are given a tour of ACOR by Patricia.



The embassy tour group in Petra

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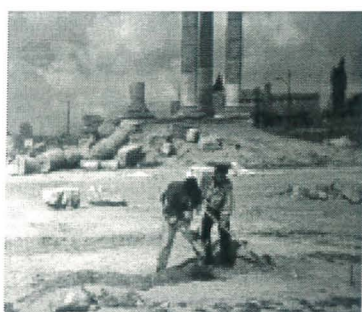


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ACOR's Ecosystem

Many archaeological sites become ecological preserves since both goats and ploughs are kept away from them. As the area around ACOR developed, Khirbet Salameh, across the street, became just such a preserve. Last year, two U. of Jordan students documented 66 plant species at the site. Fellow Brett Hill has begun a list of the visiting birds. So far he has spotted: Blue Rock Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*); Black-eared Wheatear (*Oenanthe hispanica*); Black Redstart (*Phoenicurus ochrurus semirufus*); Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*); Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*); Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*); Yellow-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus xanthopygos*); Blackbird (*Turdus merula*); Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*); and House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). The Bulbul has been singing his heart out recently, and the as-yet-unidentified hawk, who had been absent for some time, has reappeared. Now we need someone to identify the lizards and insects!

Happenings at ACOR

- March 20. Pierre gives his presentation at the US/ICOMOS conference in Washington.
- March 22. The computer used by the fellows goes into crash mode. Andrew Smith does what he can to resurrect it. Thank you to Andrew.
- March 23. More virus-infected e-mail attachments come in from the Boston office. Don buys a Mac as a safe retreat from the viruses.
- March 23. Ali Maher from Darat al-Funun comes by with a group of artists from Sweden.
- March 24. Dr. Talal Akasheh delivers another section of the Petra map.
- March 25. Marjo returns from Finland to work on the scrolls. Her luggage, however, is somewhere in the ether.
- March 25. We finally hear from Bob Mittelstaedt who had disappeared. Turns out his computer crashed too, but he's fine.
- March 25. Patricia meets with Aysar Akrawi of the Petra National Trust and Mohammed Najjar of the Department of Antiquities concerning their project for the conservation of the Neolithic site of Beidha (at Petra).
- March 26. Having met with officials from American Schools and Hospitals Abroad, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the World Monuments Fund, and the United States Information Agency, Pierre returns to Amman.
- March 28. With a roll of drawings of Petra and lots of ideas, Chrys Kanellopoulos returns to Greece.
- March 29. Pierre, Sa'id, and Abed sort through more of the accumulation in the garage. They wind up excavating materials excavated in the foundations of the ACOR building.
- March 30. Two tour groups come by in the evening, one from ARIT, our sister school in Ankara.
- March 31. Doug Clark arrives to take up his fellowship. His luggage is also in the ether.
- April 1. For the zillionth time, Pierre does the Amman Citadel/Madaba circuit to check on the projects.
- April 1. Word comes in that the U. of Michigan scroll team has received another 2-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

April 1. Fellows Phil Wilke and Leslie Quintero arrive.

April 2. Pierre goes off in a helicopter with U.S. Ambassador William Burns to give a tour of Petra to a congressional delegation: Reps. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY); Bernard Sanders (I-VT); Bob Filner (D-CA); and Earl Hilliard (D-AL). Rep. Gilman joins Pierre in singing Greek songs!



Pierre and the Congressional delegation at Petra. Congressman Gilman is in the center and Ambassador Burns at the far left.

April 3. Kurt Zamora is selected as the next assistant director.

April 3. The original architect of the ACOR building, Farid Habib, comes by to discuss possible modifications with Pierre.

April 5. Megan gets an amazing response to her requests to former fellows for lists of their recent publications. The citations just pour into ACOR.

April 7. Trustee Widad Kawar comes by for lunch.

April 7. Pierre gives a tour of the Citadel to James Dyer and John Shank, staff members of the House Committee on Appropriations.

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The Spring 1999 fellows: Brett Hill, Philip J. Wilke, Leslie Quintero, Michael M. Homan, Therese Homan, Junior Fellow Kalypso Homan, Karen Borstad, Ellen Fleischmann, Andrew Smith, and Douglas Clark (not shown: Ellen Kenney and Gary Rollefson)

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ACOR-Assisted Projects

Ted Banning, U. of Toronto, Wadi Ziglab

Tina M. Niemi, U. of Missouri, Wadi Araba Earthquake Project

John P. Oleson, U. of Victoria, Humeima (study season)

Guido Vannini, U. of Florence, Medieval Petra
Burton McDonald, St. Francis Xavier U., Tafila/Busayra Archaeological Survey

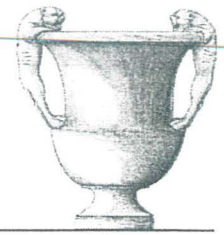
Happenings at ACOR

- April 13. Kurt Zamora arrives to begin work as ACOR's new assistant director.
- April 17. Canadian Ambassador Michel Molloy and his wife, Jo, join Patricia and Megan's excavation group in Petra.
- April 17. Ellen Kenney gives her fellowship presentation.
- April 18. Jaakko Frösén lectures to 40 persons from Finland.
- April 19. Pierre gives a tour of Petra to USAID Jordan director Lewis Lucke and Robert Randolph, USAID Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East who is visiting from Washington.
- April 19. Tom Dailey and a group of his friends from Egypt arrive.
- April 19. H.M. Queen Noor takes Barbara Walters to visit the Petra Church.
- April 22. Pierre participates in a full-day meeting regarding touristic development of Um Qais.
- April 24. Joe Greene and a group from the Harvard Semitic Museum tour ACOR.
- April 24. Ambassador Molloy had so much fun last weekend that he turns up again at the Petra excavation to volunteer his help.
- April 24. Michael M. Homan lectures on his fellowship work.
- April 26. Joe Greene and his group tour Petra. Patricia and Megan show them what they are doing. Later a member of the group says it was the highlight of his whole trip!
- May 1. Ellen Fleischmann presents her project.
- May 3. Nazeh Fino wins an internship from the U.S. International Council on Monuments and Sites (US/ICOMOS). He will be working with the National Park Service in Texas.
- May 3. Discovery International delivers the rest of the signs for the Citadel, Madaba, and Petra.
- May 4. Brett Hill adds two birds to the list of those sighted at ACOR: the Hooded Crow (*Corvus cornix*) and the Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*).
- May 5. The celebration of "Five Decades of the United States/Jordan Development Partnership" at USAID opens. ACOR's exhibit panels display archaeological projects that were funded by USAID.

- May 6. Dr. Talal Akasheh arrives with the latest draft of the new Petra map.
- May 7. Pierre gives a tour of ACOR to the Dallas Art Museum and sells \$1500 worth of books and other items. He also gets a promise of a scroll adoption, the third one in the two months.
- May 7. At 6 pm, the Jordan Committee of the ACOR Board of Trustees meets at ACOR.
- May 8. This year's application to the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and USIA for fellowship funding goes off to Washington.
- May 8. Brett Hill gives his project presentation.
- May 9. In the subbasement, Pierre works on handing over the finds from the Temple of Hercules excavations to the Department of Antiquities.
- May 9. In the conservation lab, Humeima's conservator, Judy Logan, is sorting out the spectacular ivory pieces found at the site.
- May 9. Tom Levy stops by. He's setting up for his season (with over 100 hundred participants).
- May 9. Former Assistant Director Scott Quaintance and Patricia rehash the Petra Church Project. Scott is here surveying with Burton McDonald. It's nice to have him back at ACOR!
- May 9. Kurt Zamora is supposed to be having a day off (hah!), but every time he walks through the lobby someone thinks of something for him to do. Patricia advises him to get out of the building.
- May 9. ACOR Newsletter 10.2, which features Jordan's prehistory, goes off to the United Arab Emirates for film production.
- May 9. Late at night, Gary Rollefson arrives.
- May 10. It must be high season—everyone wants everything. Kathy is packing for Hawaii!
- May 10. The handing over of the Temple of Hercules finds continues.

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ACOR Affiliated Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellow:

Michelle Bonogofsky, U. of California, Early Neolithic Burials

U.S. International Council on Monuments and Sites Fellow:

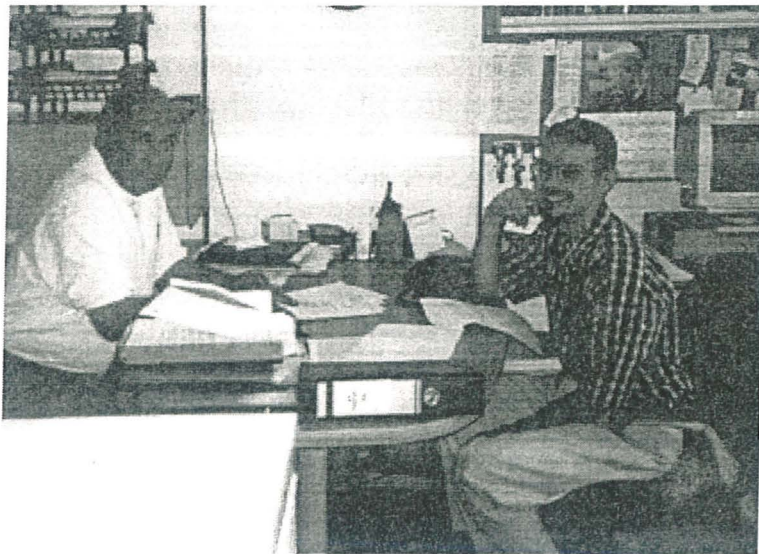
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Michèle Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier U., Wadi ath-Thamad Project

Timothy P. Harrison, U. of Toronto, Tell Madaba Archaeological Project



Pierre and Kurt Zamora in the front office

Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Brown U., Brown U.
Excavations, Petra Great Temple

Thomas E. Levy, Russell B. Adams, U. of
California, San Diego, Jebel Hamrat Fidan
Mary Louise Mussell, Carleton U., Tell el
Kheleifeh Project

Jane Peterson, Marquette U., Wadi el-Hasa
Neolithic Project

Randall W. Younker, Andrews U., Madaba
Plains Project-Tall Jalul

Lectures

July 3. Mary Louise Mussell, Recent
Discoveries at Tell el-Kheleifah

July 5. Timothy Harrison, 1999 Update on
the Tell Madaba Archaeological Project

Happenings at ACOR

May 21. The ACOR Board of Trustees meets
in Providence. A major topic of discussion
is expansion of the building. At the
luncheon that follows, Wes and Virginia
Egan are each presented with the ACOR
medal.

May 24. Patricia visits Don Keller at the Boston
office. It's nice!

June 5. There is a reception in honor of Lee
Seaman who donates two original David
Roberts lithographs, "Petra" and "The Arch



On behalf of ACOR, H.R. H. Prince Raad bin Zeid accepts the
Roberts' prints from Lee Seaman

Crossing the Ravine." They now hand in the
ACOR Library.

June 6. Patricia and Megan are off to Petra to
work on the North Ridge project.

June 9. The Coronation of King Abdullah.

June 11. Michèle Daviau's team arrives in full
force.

June 15-20. In Petra there is a conference on the
archaeology of water in the Middle East—an



Dr. Talal Akasheh (left) and Pierre look on as Dr. Adnan Batikhi,
the president of Hashemite University and Arte Joukowsky sign
an agreement to continue the Petra Mapping Project.

appropriate topic this dry, dry summer.
Pierre's paper is on the water installations at
Madaba.

June 17. Kurt gives his first ACOR tour and
survives.

June 20. Humi returns from a wonderful
vacation in Peru.

June 21-23. In Petra there is a conference on
"Nabataean Research and Studies." Pierre
presents a paper on the Petra Church.

June 23. Patricia and Megan return from a
very successful two weeks in Petra.

June 30. ACOR hosts its annual Independence
Day/Canada Day luncheon BBQ.
Ambassadors Michel Molloy and William
Burns join in.

July 4. ACOR residents attend the American
Embassy's 4th of July reception.

July 8. Pierre takes off for Petra to lead a
group of 70+ members of the Friends of
Archaeology on a tour.

July 10. Senator Leila Sharaf and Pierre pay
a call on Foreign Minister al-Khatib.

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Leslie Quintero, U. of California, Riverside, Archaeological Reconnaissance of the al-Jafr Basin
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellows:

Gary Rollefson, 'Ain Ghazal Research Center, Stratigraphy and Architecture at Neolithic 'Ain Ghazal, Jordan

Pierre and Patricia Bikai Fellow:

Deirdra Barrett, Brown U., Tracing Trading Patterns in the Petra Region Using Terracotta Lamps, 1st Century B.C. to 6th Century A.D.

U.S. International Council on Monuments and Sites Intern:

Brian M. Lione, Petra Documentation Project

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Michèle Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier U., Wadi ath-Thamad Project

Timothy P. Harrison, U. of Toronto, Tell Madaba Archaeological Project

Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Brown U., Brown U. Excavations, Petra Great Temple

Thomas E. Levy, U. of California, San Diego, and **Russell B. Adams**, U. of Bristol, Jebel Hamrat Fidan

Jane Peterson, Marquette U., Wadi el-Hasa Neolithic Project

Randall W. Younker, Andrews U., Madaba Plains Project-Tall Jalul

Donald O. Henry, U. of Tulsa, 'Ain Abunekeileh Excavation

Donald Wimmer, Seton Hall U., Tell Safut

Jerome C. Rose, U. of Arkansas, Bioarchaeology of Byzantine North Jordan

Chang-Ho Ji, La Sierra U., Dhiban Plateau Project

Lectures

July 12. **Jane Peterson**, Marquette U., Wadi el-Hasa Neolithic Project

July 14. **Randall W. Younker** and **David Merling**, Andrews U., Madaba Plains Project: 1999 Tall Jalul Excavation

July 19. **Michèle Daviau**, Wilfrid Laurier U., Nabataeans and Moabites on the Wadi ath-Thamad

July 20. **Donald Wimmer**, Seton Hall U., 1999 Update on the Tell Safut Project

July 26. **Jerome C. Rose**, U. of Arkansas, Bioarchaeology of Byzantine North Jordan

July 28. **Thomas E. Levy**, U. of California, San Diego

and Russell B. Adams, U. of Bristol, Gateway to Faynan: Recent Excavations in the Jebel Hamrat Fidan

Aug. 9. Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Brown U., 1999 Discoveries by the Brown University Team at the Petra Great Temple

Aug. 18. Chang-Ho Ji, La Sierra U., The Dhiban Plateau Survey Project

Happenings at ACOR

July 11. ACOR hosts a reception for Michèle Daviau's team.

July 13. Pierre gives a lecture on dendrochronology for the Friends of Archaeology.

July 14. The Great Cat Search. Fellows Gary Rollefson, Doug Clark, Leslie Quintero, and Phil Wilke and other residents team up to chase an unexpected furry guest around ACOR until it departs via the veranda.

July 14. Fellow Jane Peterson departs.

July 15. There is a reception for the Tell Madaba team at ACOR's Madaba House (aka Pierre's Palace).

July 16. Fellow Doug Comer departs.

July 24. Michael Neeley heads for home.

July 25. Michèle Daviau's team departs after a successful summer.

July 29. Alberto Fernandez, the new director of USIA, Amman, visits ACOR for a tour.

Aug. 1. Pierre gives a tour of Madaba and Mt. Nebo for Bert de Vries and his party.

Aug. 3. Accompanying a new grandchild, Kathy returns after a pleasant vacation with family in Pennsylvania.

Aug. 6. Fellows Phil Wilke and Leslie Quintero give a workshop on prehistoric stone toolmaking for the Friends of Archaeology. Chef Pierre cooks a mountain



In ACOR's gazebo, Phil Wilke demonstrates how stone tools were made

of pasta for the 50 guests who attend.

Aug. 9. Arte Joukowsky hosts a luncheon at ACOR for the Jordanian Trustees.

Aug. 10. Andrew Smith ends his term as an ACOR fellow.

Aug. 11. There is a reception for Arte and Martha Joukowsky and the Petra Great Temple Team who had an excellent season. Earlier in the day, residents had fun finding different ways of observing the

eclipse.

Aug. 17. Congratulations to Jihad Kafafi, our library assistant, for successfully defending his thesis and completing his M.A. with distinction.



Kurt with the shepherd and sheep who reside near ACOR

former fellows Cathy Warrick and Tom Paradise sneak kunafa and coffee to Marjo who is in the hospital recovering from surgery.

Aug. 29. Pierre meets with H.E. Aqel Biltaji, Minister of Tourism.

Aug. 30. The Amman Citadel Project closes. Pierre has finished the landscaping and presentation phase of an ACOR project that began with excavations in 1990.

Aug. 31. Fellows Gary Rollefson, Doug Clark, and Deirdra Barrett leave for home.

Sept. 1. Dr. Ghazi Bisheh retires as Director of Antiquities, to be replaced by Dr. Fawwaz al-Khraysheh.

Sept. 1. Patricia's own deadline for finishing the Petra Church publication comes and goes. She's only on page 218 of what is expected to run 450 pages.

Sept. 4. Pierre and Patricia attend the presentation of the Madaba Map Centenary 1897-1997 volume in Madaba. Pierre is one of the lecturers.

Sept. 6. Bon voyage to archaeologists Jihad Kafafi, Ansam Melkawi, and Mayada Numri, who leave for a three-week conservation training program in France with partial support from ACOR's Petra Endowment.

Sept. 6. Treasurer Randy Old comes by for a visit; he's carrying enough chocolate chips to keep Mohammed Adawi happy into the next millennium.

Sept. 7. Fellows Phil Wilke and Leslie Quintero return home to California. With their departure, the season of the lovers of "old rocks" ends. By sheer chance, the majority of resident fellows since Spring have been prehistorians. Everyone has enjoyed it.

Aug. 21. Kurt takes his first vacation and goes to Damascus.

Aug. 24. US/ ICOMOS Fellow Brian Lione leaves after a successful summer in Petra.

Aug. 26. Kurt, Mohammed, Mick, and

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ACOR Projects

Petra, Petra Mapping Project, ACOR and Hashemite University, USAID Petra Endowment

Petra, Petra Documentation Project, Chrysanthos Kanellopoulos, USAID Petra Endowment

Amman Citadel, Great Temple, Landscaping and Presentation, Pierre Bikai and Jihad Kafafi, USAID and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities

Petra Scrolls Project

U. of Michigan: Robert Daniel; U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Marjo Lehtinen

Fellows in Residence

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellow:

Lara G. Tohme, MIT, Out of Antiquity: Umayyad Art and Architecture in Context

United States Information Agency Fellow:

Christopher Parker, U. of Ghent, Belgium, Palestinians in the Margins of State Building:

Conflict, Mobilization, and Survival

Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Pre-Doctoral Fellows:

Ranjit Singh, U. of Virginia, Political Liberalization in the Middle East

Dmytro Roman Kulchitsky, George Mason U., Information Technology and Public Policy

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Norman Whalen, Southwest Texas State U., Wadi as-Sirhan Survey

John J. Shea, State U. of New York/Stony Brook, Middle Paleolithic of Northwest Jordan Survey

Denyse Homès-Fredericq, Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire, Belgium, Lahun Excavations

Guido Vannini, U. of Florence, Petra Medieval
Phillip Edwards, La Trobe University, Archaeology and Environment of the Dead Sea Plain

Lectures

Oct. 30. Ranjit Singh, U. of Virginia, Political Liberalization in the Middle East

Nov. 10. Dmytro Roman Kulchitsky, George Mason U., The Use of Information Technology in Human Resource Public Policy-Making Communities

Happenings at ACOR

Sept. 8. Pierre and Patricia attend a BBQ at the German Institute to bid farewell to Dr. Ghazi Bisheh, who retired as Director General of the Dept. of Antiquities.

Sept. 13. Pierre takes off for Petra where the arches of the shops are being restored.

Sept. 14. In Petra, the columns of the baptistery are going up.

Sept. 14. In the morning, Abed finds an ostrakon among the Ridge Project pottery. By afternoon, Bob Daniel has translated it, footnoted it and corroborated it!

Sept. 16. Geographers Kurt, former ACOR



Fellows Ranjit Singh, Roman Kulchitsky, Christopher Parker, and Lara G. Tohme, with her husband, Conrad Schmidt

fellow Tom Paradise, and Mick Frus are impressed with their tour of the Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre.

Sept. 18. Jordan TV shows H.M. King Abdullah meeting with the Pope and presenting him with a copy of *The Mosaics of Jordan*.

Sept. 20. Marjo Lehtinen leaves for Helsinki to take her comprehensive exams.

Sept. 21. ACOR receives a very nice donation of badly needed furniture from USIS.

Sept. 26. Pierre gives a tour of ACOR and the Petra Papyri for Jaakko Frösén and his tour group.

Oct. 1. Welcome back to Fatma Marii who returns from her one year internship with the J. Paul Getty Museum.

Oct. 3. Pierre concludes a three day tour for the Australians Studying Abroad.

Oct. 4. Big thanks to Riet who finishes putting

requesting funds from the Dept. of Education to purchase more books for the library.

Oct. 27. Kurt and former ACOR fellow Mohammed Hafez return from an exciting week long vacation in Egypt.

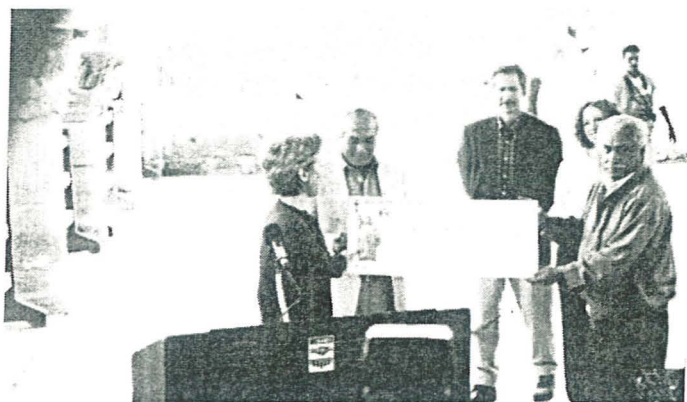
Oct. 30. ACOR residents are invited to Widad Kavar's home for a private showing of her stunning collection of traditional Jordanian and Palestinian dresses.

Nov. 5. Pierre and Patricia return from five days of giving tours and lectures in Petra for TCS Expeditions.

Nov. 12. This is a big day for ACOR. Pierre gives a tour of the Petra Church for First Lady Hillary Clinton, Chelsea Clinton, H.R.H. Princess Aisha, H.E. Minister Aqel Biltaji, and U.S. Ambassador William Burns. After the tour, Mrs. Clinton delivers a speech commending ACOR on its efforts in



The First Lady, U.S. Ambassador William Burns, Pierre Bikai, Chelsea Clinton, and H.R.H. Princess Aisha in the Petra Church



Hillary Clinton presenting the check to Pierre Bikai, with Ambassador Burns, Chelsea Clinton, and H.E. Aqel Biltaji right

stamps on 3000 plus envelopes for ACOR's fellowship advertisement poster.

Oct. 5. Pierre delivers a lecture to the Peace Corps in Aqaba.

Oct. 6. Congratulations to Abed on the birth of his son Odeh.

Oct. 11. Riet leaves for her home in Holland. ACOR is grateful for all the assistance she cheerfully provided.

Oct. 18. Kurt completes a grant application

preserving Jordan's rich cultural history and presents Pierre with a check in the amount of \$1,085,000 from USAID for the Petra Endowment; this symbolizes the \$900,000 previously received and a new grant of \$185,000. Kurt and Mable Meares, Director of the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad office of USAID, are two of the very few allowed to attend this

event. Later in the day, Kurt gives his first Petra tour to Ms. Meares.

Nov. 13. Pierre takes Kurt and Ms. Meares on tours of Little Petra and Shobak in the morning, and they return to ACOR in time for Mohammed's wonderful musakhin. Ms. Meares, who is in Jordan for an ACOR site visit, is given a complete tour of ACOR. Later in the afternoon, Pierre gives a tour of the Citadel for Chelsea Clinton, Ms. Meares, and Jonathan Addleton of USAID.

Nov. 14. Humi returns from a wonderful three week vacation in Peru and the U.S.

Nov. 15. Pierre leaves for Boston for the annual ASOR Board Meeting.

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Dmytro Roman Kulchitsky, George Mason U., *The Use of Information Technology in Human Resource Development Public Policy-Making Communities: The Cases of Jordan and Israel*

Ranjit Singh, U. of Virginia, *The Origins of Pacts: Regimes, Oppositions, and Political Liberalization in the Middle East*

United States Information Agency Fellow:

Christopher Parker, U. of Ghent, *Palestinians in the Margins of State Building: Conflict, Mobilization, and Survival*

Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellow:

Lara G. Tohme, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Out of Antiquity: Umayyad Art and Architecture in Context*

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Steve Falconer, Pat Fall, Molly Davies, Arizona State U. and Phillip Edwards, La Trobe University, *Archaeology and Environment of the Dead Sea Plain*

Alan Simmons, U. of Nevada, *Ghwair I Neolithic Project*

Norman Whalen, South West Texas State U., *Wadi as-Sirhan Survey*

Lectures

Dec. 6. **Lara G. Tohme**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Out of Antiquity: Umayyad Art and Architecture in Context*

Happenings at ACOR

Nov. 19. The ACOR Board of Trustees meets for its annual Fall meeting, held in Boston this year.

Nov. 21. Patricia leaves to meet Pierre in Venice.

Nov. 22. Fellow Roman Kulchitsky attends the American Embassy's Thanksgiving coffee.

Nov. 25. Staff and residents enjoy a wonderful



Nov. 13: Pierre, Chelsea Clinton, Mable Meares of ASHA, and Jonathan Addleton of USAID on the Citadel in Amman