

ACOR Newzette



Vol. 7.12/8.1—December 1999/January 2000

ACOR Projects

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



After a year as an intern at the Getty Museum, Fatma Marii is back in the ACOR conservation lab.

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

Petra Scrolls Project, U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Antti Arjava and Maarit Kaimio; U. of Michigan: Robert Daniel

Fellows in Residence

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

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



Sa'id and Mohammed put the final touches on Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanksgiving dinner prepared by Mohammed, Said, Abed and Hani.

Nov. 27. Congratulations to Chris Parker, an ACOR fellow, on the birth of his daughter Judith.

Dec. 2. Kurt attends a reception at the British Institute to welcome the new director Bill Finlayson and assistant director Alex Wasse.

Dec. 4. Former ACOR fellow Mohammed Hafez leaves after four months of working on his dissertation. The end is in sight.

Dec. 6. Pierre and Patricia return from vacation in Europe.

Dec. 7. Joel Schwartz and Steven Collins tour ACOR for an official site visit of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dec. 8. Daniel Maratos, Jennifer Hall, Dana Shell, Jihad Awad, and Ruba Jaradat of the American Embassy's USIS office visit ACOR for a tour.

Dec. 9. Ramadan begins.

Dec. 10. Yoko and Tomoko leave after successfully cataloguing ACOR Trustee Widad Kawar's beautiful collection of traditional Jordanian, Palestinian and Syrian textiles on a CD-ROM database.

Dec. 12. Pierre meets the St. Olaf College tour group in Aqaba.

Dec. 17. The St. Olaf group leaves ACOR and continues their tour. Their next stop is Jerusalem.

Dec. 21. Patricia returns to ACOR after nine days in the hospital with pneumonia.

Dec. 25. ACOR residents, staff and families

enjoy a festive Christmas Iftar dinner at sunset.

Dec. 28. Kathy brings in a mountain of homemade Christmas cookies. They are gone in two hours.

Dec. 29. Humi, Kathy, Nisreen, and Kurt keep busy creating back-ups for all their computer files. Staff and residents enjoyed the Christmas Iftar dinner so much, ACOR decides to repeat the affair with another turkey dinner.

Dec. 31. Staff and residents find different ways of celebrating New Year 2000.

Jan. 1. There are no Y2K problems, and ACOR enjoys the holiday.

Jan. 3. Pierre leaves for Petra to conduct a tour for TCS-Expeditions.

Jan. 4. At Petra, two more mosaics are adopted by members of the TCS tour.

Jan. 4. Maarit Kaimio and Antti Arjava, of the U. of Helsinki team, arrive to begin work on the Petra Scrolls. Former acting Assistant Director Megan Perry returns for a brief visit before leaving for Dubai.



Another part of the ACOR ecosystem, a hedgehog (resident at Khirbet Salameh across the street)

Jan. 5. It snows! Finally Jordan gets some water. Only about 10% of what it needs, but every little bit helps.

Jan. 5. Fellow Chris Parker's family arrives—wife Karin Voets, 2-year old Johanne, and 5-week old Judith.

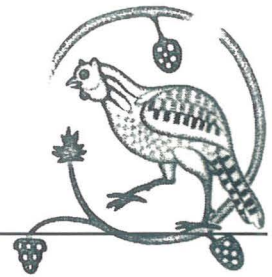
Jan. 7. Ramadan ends and the holiday begins.

Jan. 8. As Mohammed is off for the holiday, Pierre makes shish-kebab.

The *Newzette* (circulation 120) is produced by Patricia M. Bikai and Kurt Zamora for distribution to ACOR residents, staff families, trustees, and a few other friends of ACOR. This month's logo is a vase from the mosaics of the Petra Church. Drawing by C. Alexander (inked by Q. Twaissi).

ACOR Newzette

Vol. 8.2-3—February/March 2000



ACOR Projects

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

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

Petra Scrolls Project, U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Antti Arjava, Jaakko Frösén, Maarit Kaimio, Mari Mikkola, and Mari Mustonen; U. of Michigan: Robert Daniel

Fellows in Residence

Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Senior Research Fellows:

Jon W. Anderson, Catholic U. of America, Social History of the Internet in Jordan

Neil D. MacKenzie, Water Mills and Settlement Patterns in the Ajlun Area: An Examination of Ayyubid/Mamluk Contexts

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

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/Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellows:

Jennie R. Ebeling, U. of Arizona, Analysis and Interpretation of Ground Stone Artifacts from Middle and Late Bronze Age Temples in Palestine

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, Patricia Fall, Molly Davies, Arizona State U., Archaeology and Environment of the Dead Sea Plain

Steve Falconer, Patricia Fall, Jennifer Jones, Arizona State U., Jordan Valley Village Project Excavations at Tell Abu en-Niaj

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

Lectures

Jan. 23. Alan Simmons, U. of Nevada, and Mohammed Najjar, Dept. of Antiquities, Jordan, Recent Discoveries of the Ghwair I Neolithic Project

Feb. 26. Jon W. Anderson, Catholic U. of America, Social History of the Internet in Jordan

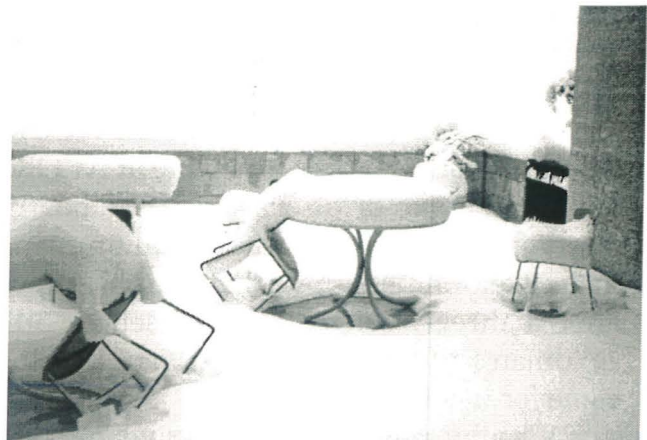
Happenings at ACOR

Jan. 6. ACOR staff remove books and maps from the archive room where a leak was discovered after two days of heavy rain.

Jan. 15. Abed finishes caulking the veranda, which is believed to be the source of the leak.

Jan. 18. Kurt begins a two-week vacation.

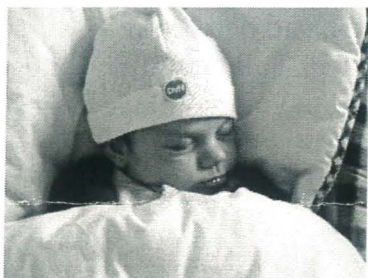
Jan. 27. Pierre gives a tour of ACOR for the Stanford Alumni group. A snowstorm begins, bringing 8 inches of snow to ACOR and more to other parts of Amman.



The ACOR balcony on Jan. 28



Fellow Chris Parker's daughter Johanne watching the snow



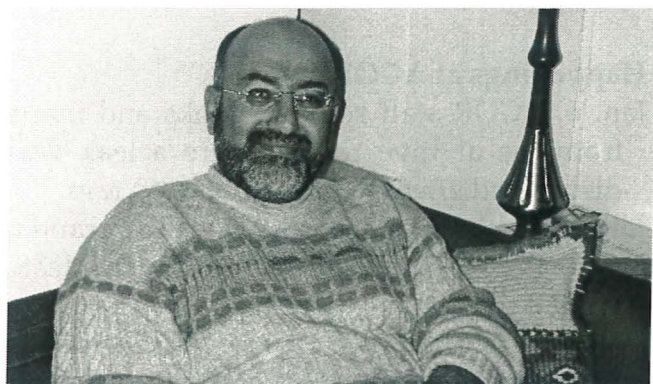
Johanne's sister, Judith, at 5 weeks (the second youngest resident of ACOR; the youngest was David McCreery's daughter)

Jan. 28. There is a blanket of snow outside. ACOR residents shake snow from the trees, and Karin Voets and daughter Johanne Parker make a snowman on the veranda.

Feb. 4. In Petra, Pierre leads another TCS tour and more mosaics are adopted.

Feb. 7. Treasurer Randy Old and his attorney, Jack Fornaciari, drop by. Randy brings chocolate chips.

Feb. 7. Omar al-Ghul FINALLY completes work on the shortest inscription found among the Petra Papyri (four letters!!).



Omar al-Ghul

Feb. 7. Alberto Fernandez, Counselor for Press and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Embassy, comes for lunch and meets with ACOR Fellows.

Feb. 13. The Jordan Committee of the ACOR Board of Trustees holds a meeting at ACOR. The major topic of discussion is the board meeting in June which will be held in Amman.

Feb. 16. Everyone is happy to have Humi return after a three-week leave of absence. Bill Goldman and Jonathon Addleton of USAID come for lunch.

Feb. 21. Kathy gets a new hard drive; her old one died two days earlier.

Feb. 21. Chrys Kanellopoulos's chapter for the Petra Church publication is finalized (finally!!).

Feb. 23. Patricia finishes editing the annual "Archaeology in Jordan" article for the *American Journal of Archaeology*.

Feb. 24. On the basis of a photo, former fellow Brett Hill identifies ACOR's resident "hawk" as a Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).

Feb. 28. Pierre and Patricia leave for Petra for two back-to-back TCS Expeditions tours. While Pierre lectures, Patricia uses the new digital camera to



Digital photo of a chicken

photograph the mosaics at the Petra Church.

March 1. The evening news announces that, although considerably less than average, this season's rain has added a small amount of water to underground reservoirs and dams and a good harvest is expected this summer.



Sa'id's daughter Saja imitating Kurt

March 4. Bob Daniel returns to Germany after working on the scrolls for 7 months.

March 8. For the umpteenth time, Pierre goes out to Madaba to check on the renovation of the new house.

March 8. Another \$5000 is added to the Petra Church Conservation Endowment. This brings the total raised to date to almost \$60,000.

The *Newzette* (circulation 120) is produced by Patricia M. Bikai and Kurt Zamora for distribution to ACOR residents, staff families, trustees, and a few other friends of ACOR. This month's logo is a partridge (shown reversed) from the mosaics of the Petra Church. Drawing by C. Alexander (inked by Q. Twaissi).

ACOR Newzette

Vol. 8.4-5—April/May 2000



ACOR Projects

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

Petra, Petra North Ridge Project, Patricia Bikai and Megan Perry, USAID Petra Endowment



On the North Ridge at Petra, intact blue granite columns appear one after the other

Petra Scrolls Project, U. of Helsinki / Academy of Finland: Jaakko Frösén, Tiina Rankinen, Marja Vierros

Fellows in Residence

Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Senior Research Fellows:

Jon W. Anderson, Catholic U. of America, Social History of the Internet in Jordan

Neil D. MacKenzie, Water Mills and Settlement Patterns in the Ajlun Area: An Examination of Ayyubid / Mamluk Contexts

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

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
United States Information Agency/Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellows:

Jennie R. Ebeling, U. of Arizona, Analysis and Interpretation of Ground Stone Artifacts from Middle and Late Bronze Age Temples in Palestine



Fellow Roman Kulchitsky (right) is greeted by H.M. King Abdullah at the information technology conference

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

Susan Smith, U. of Tulsa, Archaeological Fieldwork in the Wadi Hisma

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow:

Bethany Walker, Oklahoma State U., Reconstructing Mamluk Administration in the Transjordan: A Multidisciplinary Study

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Steve Falconer, Patricia Fall, Jennifer Jones, Arizona State U., Jordan Valley Village Project Excavations at Tell Abu en-Niaj

Donald O. Henry, U. of Tulsa, 'Ain Abu Nekeileh Excavation Project

Burton MacDonald, St. Francis Xavier U., Tafila-Busayra Archaeological Project

Lectures

Mar. 18. Jennie R. Ebeling, U. of Arizona, Analysis and Interpretation of Ground Stone Artifacts from Middle and Late Bronze Age Temples in Palestine

Mar. 27. Steve Falconer and Jennifer Jones, Arizona State U., Excavations at the Early Bronze IV Village of Tell Abu en-Niaj in the Jordan Valley

April 8. Neil D. MacKenzie, Water Mills and Settlement Patterns in the Ajlun Area: An Examination of Ayyubid / Mamluk Contexts

April 10. Jerome C. Rose, U. of Arkansas,
 Crusader Babies in al-Wu'ayra, Petra
 April 22. Christopher Parker, U. of Ghent,
 Palestinians in the Margins of State Building:
 Conflict, Mobilization, and Survival

Happenings at ACOR

Mar. 9. ACOR temporarily loses hot water as a
 result of broken pipes.

Mar. 11. Abed continues work on the pipes; it
 will take a week to finish.

Mar. 14. Pierre escorts a delegation of U.S.
 Senators to Petra. They are Senator Richard C.
 Shelby (AL); Senator Ernest F. Hollings (SC);



Senators Kerry, Hollings, and Shelby with
 Pierre at Petra

a n d
 Senator
 Robert
 Kerry
 (NE).

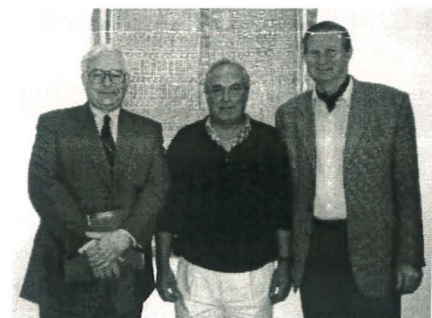
Mar. 15.
 Ali Jabri
 helps us to
 rehang the
 artwork in
 the living

and dining
 rooms.

Mar. 16. Eid Al-
 Adha begins.

Mar. 20. Pierre
 and Patricia
 leave to attend
 the five-day
 C A O R C
 directors'
 meeting in
 Cairo. On the
 road to the
 airport, they
 see the pope.

Mar. 21. Kathy,
 Kurt, Roman
 Kulchitsky,
 and Jerry Rose
 attend the
 papal mass at
 Sports City.



Sy Gitin from the Albright, Pierre, and
 Robert Merilles from Cyprus at the
 meeting in Cairo

Mar. 24. Fellows Jon Anderson and Roman
 Kulchitsky attend the Jordan IT Forum 2000
 held at the Dead Sea.

Mar. 30. Pierre begins a four day tour with Crow

Canyon which includes visits to Jerash, Petra,
 and Wadi Rum. Fellows meet with Rami
 Khouri. Kurt gives a tour of ACOR to the
 Chebeague Historical Society of Maine.

Mar. 31. Patricia and Megan Perry leave for
 Petra to begin their season at the North Ridge,
 Petra.

Apr. 3. The National Endowment for the
 Humanities notifies ACOR that its proposal
 for a new NEH Fellowship Program will be
 fully funded.

Apr. 8. Artemis and Martha Joukowsky,
 accompanied by Nicholas and Kathryn Clapp,
 arrive for a brief overnight visit after an
 exciting tour of Nabataean sites in Saudi
 Arabia.

Apr. 12. Pierre leaves for a one-week trip to
 Washington to present a lecture at the ASOR
 Centennial Celebration.

Apr. 17.
 Mohammed,
 Said, and Abed
 visit Patricia
 and the North
 Ridge Project
 in Petra.

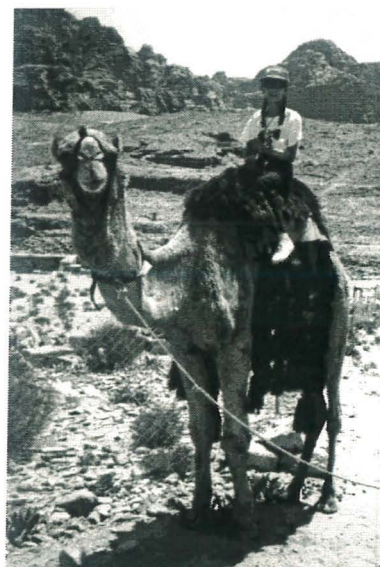
Apr. 18. Kurt
 leads a tour of
 ACOR for the
 Archaeological
 Tours group.

Apr. 26. Kurt
 leads yet
 another tour of
 ACOR, this
 time for the
 B i b l i c a l
 Archaeology Society.

Apr. 27. ACOR hosts a dinner party for a group
 of visitors from Lebanon. Trustees H.R.H.
 Prince Ra'ad, Mohammed Asfour, and Widad
 Kawar attend.

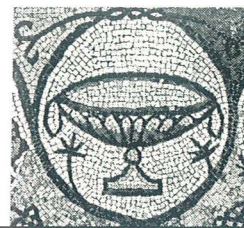
May 5. Patricia and Megan return from a
 successful season at the North Ridge, Petra.

May 8. Unbelievably, it is so cold that Abed has
 to turn on the furnace again.



Mohammed Adawi's daughter
 'Ala' at Petra

The *Newzette* (circulation 120) is produced by Patricia M. Bikai
 and Kurt Zamora for distribution to ACOR residents, staff
 families, trustees, and a few other friends of ACOR. This month's
 logo is a rabbit from the mosaics of the Petra Church. Drawing
 by C. Alexander (inked by Q. Twaissi).



ACOR Projects

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

Petra, Petra North Ridge Project, Patricia Bikai Megan Perry, and Naif Zaban, USAID Petra Endowment

Petra Scrolls Project, U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Marjo Lehtinen; U. of Michigan: Traianos Gagos

Betty Anderson, Boston U., The Jordanian National Movement of the 1950s: Socio-Economic and Political Influences

Nancy R. Coinman, Iowa State U., The Upper Paleolithic of Jordan: Human Adaptation during the Late Pleistocene

Jonathan Lawrence, U. of Notre Dame, Living Water? Investigating the Development of Jewish Ritual Bathing and Christian Baptism

Susan Smith, U. of Tulsa, Archaeological Fieldwork in the Wadi Hisma

United States Information Agency/Council of American Overseas Research Centers Post-Doctoral Fellow:

Elise Friedland, Rollins College, Roman Marble Sculptures from the East Baths at Gerash: Origins, Import, and Meaning

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow:

Bethany Walker, Oklahoma State U., Reconstructing Mamluk Administration in the Transjordan: A Multidisciplinary Study

Jennifer C. Groot Fellows:

Alyson Berkowitz, Mercyherst College, Khirbet Iskander Excavation

Michael Martin, Princeton Theological Seminary, Khirbet Iskander Excavation

Walter Ward, North Carolina State U., Roman Aqaba Project

Harrell Family Fellow:

James Cook, U. of Victoria, Humeima Excavation Project

Pierre and Patricia Bikai Fellow:

James Cook, U. of Victoria, Humeima Watchtower Survey

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Edward (Ted) Banning, U. of Toronto, Wadi Ziqlab Project

Nancy R. Coinman, Iowa State U., and Deborah I. Olszewski, Bishop Museum, Hawaii, Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project

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

Donald O. Henry, U. of Tulsa, Ain Abu Nekeileh Excavation Project



The drought continues: Eleanor Shryock's drawing of how easy it is to waste water just brushing your teeth

Fellows in Residence

Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Senior Research Fellows:

Jon W. Anderson, Catholic U. of America, Social History of the Internet in Jordan

Neil D. MacKenzie, Water Mills and Settlement Patterns in the Ajlun Area: An Examination of Ayyubid/Mamluk Contexts

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

Stephanie E. Nanes, U. of Wisconsin, The Hidden Side of Politics: Women and Informal Networks in Jordan

Tori I. Rohl, Chicago-Kent College of Law, The Influence of Islamic Law on Jordanian Contract Law and the Settlement of U.S./Jordanian Business Disputes through Arbitration

United States Information Agency/Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellows:

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

Thomas Levy, U. of California, San Diego, Russ Adams, Bristol U., Mohammed Najjar, Dept. of Antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Hamrat Fidan Regional Archaeology Project

Burton MacDonald, St. Francis Xavier U., Tafila-Busayra Archaeological Project

John P. Oleson, U. of Victoria, Humeima Excavation Project

S. Thomas Parker, North Carolina State U., Roman Aqaba Project

Suzanne Richard, Gannon U., and Jesse Long, Lubbock Christian U., Expedition to Khirbet Iskander and its Vicinity

Bruce Routledge, U. of Pennsylvania, Khirbat al-Mudayna al-'Aliya Project

Lectures

May 9. Jon Anderson, Catholic U., Internet Technology and Media: Choices of Jordan

June 14. Edward Banning, U. of Toronto, From First Farmers to Early Oil Barons in Northern Jordan: Farmsteads, Villages and Olive Oil Factories from the Neolithic to Early Bronze Age in Wadi Ziqlab

June 19. Burton MacDonald, St. Francis Xavier U., The Tafila Busayra Archaeological Project: Surveying in Southern Jordan

June 26. Peter Wigand, Yarmouk U., Climate History of the Middle East for the Past 10,000 Years

June 28. Suzanne Richard, Gannon U., Archaeological Expedition to Khirbet Iskander and Vicinity

July 4. Betty Anderson, Boston U., Socio-Economic Catalyst for Political Change in Jordan

July 8. Elise Friedland, Rollins College, Marble as Cultural Indicator: The Roman Marble Sculptures from the North Hall of the East Baths at Gerash

Happenings at ACOR

May 12. Pierre leads a tour of Petra for visiting USAID officials. Pierre and Patricia attend a farewell dinner for Lewis Lucke at the Marriott Hotel.

May 21. Suzanne Richard and the Khirbet Iskander advance team arrive.

May 22. ACOR hosts a farewell lunch for Lewis Lucke. Lou and his wife Joy are presented with a framed picture of a Petra Church mosaic named in their honor (see this month's logo).

He was instrumental in the creation of the Petra Endowment.

May 31. The first of the ACOR trustees arrive.

June 2. The trustees leave on a four-day tour of Lebanon.

June 5. Tanya Arab hosts a dinner for the trustees in Beirut.

June 6. The trustees return from an exciting trip to Lebanon where Leila Badre led them on a tour of downtown Lebanon and Pierre led tours of Tyre, Baalbak, and Byblos.

June 7. The trustees hold their spring board



Kurt Zamora, Humi Ayoubi, and Megan Perry at the reception

meeting in ACOR. Later that evening, ACOR hosts a reception in honor of the trustees and in recognition of ASOR's centennial celebration.

June 9. A group of trustees leave for a three-day tour of Petra and Aqaba led by Pierre.

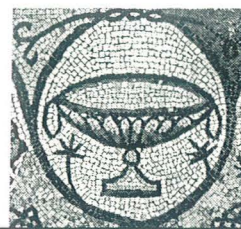
June 10. The trustees celebrate Pierre's birthday in Aqaba.

June 23. Marjo Lehtinen returns after a long leave of absence and immediately begins work on the scrolls.

July 2. ACOR celebrates Canada Day and the 4th of July with a wonderful BBQ lunch prepared by Mohammed, Abed, and Said.

July 5. Pierre attends a meeting at the Department of Antiquities in regards to the 8th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan to be held in Sydney, Australia, in July 2001. ACOR throws a 4th of July reception for the Khirbet Iskander team in Madaba.

The *Newzette* (circulation 120) is produced by Patricia M. Bikai and Kurt Zamora for distribution to ACOR residents, staff families, trustees, and a few other friends of ACOR. This month's logo is vase from the mosaics of the Petra Church. Photo by Patricia M. Bikai.



ACOR Projects

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

Petra, Petra North Ridge Project, Patricia Bikai Megan Perry, and Naif Zaban, USAID Petra Endowment

Petra Scrolls Project, U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Marjo Lehtinen; U. of Michigan: Traianos Gagos



The drought continues: Eleanor Shryock's drawing of how easy it is to waste water just brushing your teeth

Fellows in Residence

Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Senior Research Fellows:

Jon W. Anderson, Catholic U. of America, Social History of the Internet in Jordan

Neil D. MacKenzie, Water Mills and Settlement Patterns in the Ajlun Area: An Examination of Ayyubid/Mamluk Contexts

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

Stephanie E. Nanes, U. of Wisconsin, The Hidden Side of Politics: Women and Informal Networks in Jordan

Tori I. Rohl, Chicago-Kent College of Law, The Influence of Islamic Law on Jordanian Contract Law and the Settlement of U.S./Jordanian Business Disputes through Arbitration

United States Information Agency/Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellows:

Betty Anderson, Boston U., The Jordanian National Movement of the 1950s: Socio-Economic and Political Influences

Nancy R. Coinman, Iowa State U., The Upper Paleolithic of Jordan: Human Adaptation during the Late Pleistocene

Jonathan Lawrence, U. of Notre Dame, Living Water? Investigating the Development of Jewish Ritual Bathing and Christian Baptism

Susan Smith, U. of Tulsa, Archaeological Fieldwork in the Wadi Hisma

United States Information Agency/Council of American Overseas Research Centers Post-Doctoral Fellow:

Elise Friedland, Rollins College, Roman Marble Sculptures from the East Baths at Gerash: Origins, Import, and Meaning

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow:

Bethany Walker, Oklahoma State U., Reconstructing Mamluk Administration in the Transjordan: A Multidisciplinary Study

Jennifer C. Groot Fellows:

Alyson Berkowitz, Mercyherst College, Khirbet Iskander Excavation

Michael Martin, Princeton Theological Seminary, Khirbet Iskander Excavation

Walter Ward, North Carolina State U., Roman Aqaba Project

Harrell Family Fellow:

James Cook, U. of Victoria, Humeima Excavation Project

Pierre and Patricia Bikai Fellow:

James Cook, U. of Victoria, Humeima Watchtower Survey

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Edward (Ted) Banning, U. of Toronto, Wadi Ziqlab Project

Nancy R. Coinman, Iowa State U., and Deborah I. Olszewski, Bishop Museum, Hawaii, Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project

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

Donald O. Henry, U. of Tulsa, Ain Abu Nekeileh Excavation Project

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

Thomas Levy, U. of California, San Diego, Russ Adams, Bristol U., Mohammed Najjar, Dept. of Antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Hamrat Fidan Regional Archaeology Project

Burton MacDonald, St. Francis Xavier U., Tafila-Busayra Archaeological Project

John P. Oleson, U. of Victoria, Humeima Excavation Project

S. Thomas Parker, North Carolina State U., Roman Aqaba Project

Suzanne Richard, Gannon U., and Jesse Long, Lubbock Christian U., Expedition to Khirbet Iskander and its Vicinity

Bruce Routledge, U. of Pennsylvania, Khirbat al-Mudayna al-'Aliya Project

Lectures

May 9. Jon Anderson, Catholic U., Internet Technology and Media: Choices of Jordan

June 14. Edward Banning, U. of Toronto, From First Farmers to Early Oil Barons in Northern Jordan: Farmsteads, Villages and Olive Oil Factories from the Neolithic to Early Bronze Age in Wadi Ziqlab

June 19. Burton MacDonald, St. Francis Xavier U., The Tafila Busayra Archaeological Project: Surveying in Southern Jordan

June 26. Peter Wigand, Yarmouk U., Climate History of the Middle East for the Past 10,000 Years

June 28. Suzanne Richard, Gannon U., Archaeological Expedition to Khirbet Iskander and Vicinity

July 4. Betty Anderson, Boston U., Socio-Economic Catalyst for Political Change in Jordan

July 8. Elise Friedland, Rollins College, Marble as Cultural Indicator: The Roman Marble Sculptures from the North Hall of the East Baths at Gerash

Happenings at ACOR

May 12. Pierre leads a tour of Petra for visiting USAID officials. Pierre and Patricia attend a farewell dinner for Lewis Lucke at the Marriott Hotel.

May 21. Suzanne Richard and the Khirbet Iskander advance team arrive.

May 22. ACOR hosts a farewell lunch for Lewis Lucke. Lou and his wife Joy are presented with a framed picture of a Petra Church mosaic named in their honor (see this month's logo).

He was instrumental in the creation of the Petra Endowment.

May 31. The first of the ACOR trustees arrive.

June 2. The trustees leave on a four-day tour of Lebanon.

June 5. Tanya Arab hosts a dinner for the trustees in Beirut.

June 6. The trustees return from an exciting trip to Lebanon where Leila Badre led them on a tour of downtown Lebanon and Pierre led tours of Tyre, Baalbak, and Byblos.

June 7. The trustees hold their spring board



Kurt Zamora, Humi Ayoubi, and Megan Perry at the reception

meeting in ACOR. Later that evening, ACOR hosts a reception in honor of the trustees and in recognition of ASOR's centennial celebration.

June 9. A group of trustees leave for a three-day tour of Petra and Aqaba led by Pierre.

June 10. The trustees celebrate Pierre's birthday in Aqaba.

June 23. Marjo Lehtinen returns after a long leave of absence and immediately begins work on the scrolls.

July 2. ACOR celebrates Canada Day and the 4th of July with a wonderful BBQ lunch prepared by Mohammed, Abed, and Said.

July 5. Pierre attends a meeting at the Department of Antiquities in regards to the 8th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan to be held in Sydney, Australia, in July 2001. ACOR throws a 4th of July reception for the Khirbet Iskander team in Madaba.

The *Newzette* (circulation 120) is produced by Patricia M. Bikai and Kurt Zamora for distribution to ACOR residents, staff families, trustees, and a few other friends of ACOR. This month's logo is vase from the mosaics of the Petra Church. Photo by Patricia M. Bikai.

ACOR Newzette



Vol. 8.8/9—August/September 2000

ACOR Projects

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

Petra, Petra Documentation Project, Chrysanthos

Kanellopoulos, USAID Petra Endowment

Petra, Petra North Ridge Project,

Patricia Bikai, Megan Perry, and Naif Zaban,

USAID Petra Endowment

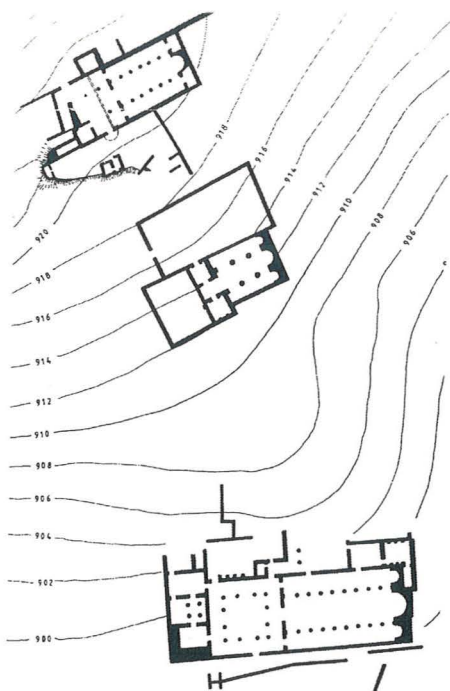
Petra Scrolls Project, U. of Helsinki /

Academy of Finland:

Marjo Lehtinen; U. of Michigan:

Ludwig Koenen,

Robert W. Daniel



From top to bottom: the Ridge Church, the Blue Chapel Complex, and the Petra Church. Drawing by Chrysanthos Kanellopoulos using the basemap of Hashemite U.

Fellows in Residence

Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (NMERTA) Senior Research Fellow:

Neil D. MacKenzie, Water Mills and Settlement Patterns in the Ajlun Area: An Examination of Ayyubid/Mamluk Contexts

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

Stephanie E. Nanes, U. of Wisconsin, The Hidden Side of Politics: Women and Informal Networks in Jordan

Tori I. Rohl, Chicago-Kent College of Law, The Influence of Islamic Law on Jordanian Contract Law and the Settlement of U.S./Jordanian Business Disputes through Arbitration

United States Information Agency/Council of

American Overseas Research Centers Post-Doctoral Fellow:

Elise Friedland, Rollins College, Roman Marble Sculptures from the East Baths at Gerash: Origins, Import, and Meaning

United States Information Agency/Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellows:

Betty Anderson, Boston U., The Jordanian National Movement of the 1950s: Socio-Economic and Political Influences

Nancy R. Coinman, Iowa State U., The Upper Paleolithic of Jordan: Human Adaptation during the Late Pleistocene

Jonathan Lawrence, U. of Notre Dame, Living Water? Investigating the Development of Jewish Ritual Bathing and Christian Baptism

Benjamin Dolinka, North Carolina State U., Nabataean Aila from a Ceramic Perspective: Local and Intra-Regional Trade in Aqaba Ware from the 1st Century B.C. through the Early 2nd Century A.D.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow:

Bethany Walker, Oklahoma State U., Reconstructing Mamluk Administration in the Transjordan: A Multidisciplinary Study

Jennifer C. Groot Fellow:

Walter Ward, North Carolina State U., Roman Aqaba Project

Harrell Family Fellow:

James Cook, U. of Victoria, Humeima Excavation Project

Pierre and Patricia Bikai Fellow:

James Cook, U. of Victoria, Humeima Watchtower Survey

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Nancy R. Coinman, Iowa State U., and Deborah I. Olszewski, Bishop Museum, Hawaii, Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project

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

Chang-Ho Ji, La Sierra U., Iraq al-Amir and Wadi al-Kafrayn Project

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

Thomas Levy, U. of California, San Diego, Russ

Adams, Bristol U., Mohammed Najjar, Dept. of Antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Hamrat Fidan Regional Archaeology Project
 John P. Oleson, U. of Victoria, Humeima Excavation Project
 S. Thomas Parker, North Carolina State U., Roman Aqaba Project
 Bruce Routledge, U. of Pennsylvania, Khirbat al-Mudayna al-'Aliya Project
 Alan Simmons, U. of Nevada, Las Vegas, Mohammed Najjar, Dept. of Antiquities of Jordan, Tell Wadi Feinan Testing Project

Lectures

July 10. Gloria London, Burke Museum, From Person, Place, to Thing: The Changing Meaning of Pottery. An Ethnoarchaeological Study of Traditional Potters of Cyprus
 July 11. Neil MacKenzie, Survey of Ayyubid/Mamluk Sites in the Ajlun Area: A Preliminary Report
 July 12. Nancy R. Coinman, Iowa State U., Deborah I. Olszewski, Bishop Museum, Hawaii, Recent Excavations at Late Pleistocene Sites in the Wadi al-Hasa
 July 15. Betty Anderson, Boston U., The Jordanian National Movement of the 1950s: Socio-Economic and Political Influences
 July 17. S. Thomas Parker, North Carolina State U., The Roman Aqaba Project: The 2000 Campaign at Ancient Aila on the Red Sea
 July 24. Jerome C. Rose, U. of Arkansas, Byzantine Tombs in North Jordan
 July 26. Thomas E. Levy, U. of California, San Diego, Russell B. Adams, U. of Bristol, UK, The Phase I Research in Jebel Hamrat Fidan: Social Archaeology and Ancient Metal Working in Southern Jordan
 July 29. Bethany Walker, Oklahoma State U., Mamluk Administration in Southern Bilad al-Sham
 July 31. Larry G. Herr, Canadian U. College, Douglas R. Clark, Walla Walla College, Report on the 2000 Excavations of the Madaba Plains Project: Al-Umayri
 Aug. 1. Douglas C. Comer, CSRM, Analyzing the Cultural Landscape of Beidha with the Assistance of Satellite and Aerial Remote Sensing Data
 Aug. 3. John P. Oleson, U. of Victoria, Excavations in the Roman Fort and Late Roman House at Humeima, 2000
 Aug. 9. Chang-Ho Ji, La Sierra U., Iraq al-Amir and Wadi al-Kafra Project

Aug. 14. Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Brown U., The Brown U. Excavations at the Petra Great Temple, 2000
 Aug. 23. Timothy P. Harrison, U. of Toronto, Results of the Tell Madaba Archaeological Project, 2000
 Aug. 26. Jonathan Lawrence, U. of Notre Dame, Living Water? Investigating the Development of Jewish Ritual Bathing and Christian Baptism

Happenings at ACOR

July 13. ACOR hosts a reception for the Madaba Plains Project team.
 July 16. Pierre and Patricia attend Hani's engagement party.
 July 24. Pierre gives a paper at the North Arabic Inscriptions Round Table.
 July 25. The second heat wave of the summer hits; the temperature soars to 43° Celsius.
 July 26. Patricia leaves for Petra to attend the Petra Management Plan conference. Amazingly, there are scattered rain showers in Amman and vicinity during the night.
 July 31. There are 55 people in the house, and the water does not arrive as scheduled. Much to everyone's relief, it does arrive later on.
 Aug. 2. The heat wave finally breaks. Temperatures had reached 45° Celsius—the hottest summer in 50 years.
 Aug. 15. Arte, Martha and Pierre go to Hashemite University to discuss the various Petra projects.
 Aug. 16. ACOR Vice President H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda host a dinner for ACOR's Jordanian Trustees.
 Aug. 22. Patricia presents a lecture on Nabataean pottery for the pottery conference.
 Aug. 30. Riet and Marjo finish putting the stamps on 3,400+ envelopes for ACOR's fellowship advertisement poster. Thank you Riet and Marjo!
 Sept. 1. Pierre and Patricia return from a one-week vacation in Sharm es-Sheikh. The snorkeling was fantastic.
 Sept. 2. ACOR residents attend the opening day of Limes XVIII, the International Congress of Roman Frontier Studies.
 Sept. 8. ACOR hosts a reception for the Limes conference. Over 200 persons attend. Pierre & Co. have prepared enough food for an even larger army!

The *Newzette* (circulation 120) is produced by Patricia M. Bikai and Kurt Zamora for distribution to ACOR residents, staff families, trustees, and a few other friends of ACOR. This month's logo is the face of the personification of Summer from the mosaics of the Petra Church. Photo by Patricia M. Bikai.

ACOR Newzette



Vol. 8.10/11—October/November 2000

ACOR Projects

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

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

Petra, Petra North Ridge Project, Patricia Bikai and Naif Zaban, USAID Petra Endowment

Petra Scrolls Project, Petra Scrolls Project, U. of Michigan: Ludwig Koenen; Brigham Young University, CEPART, Steve Booras

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Guido Vannini, University of Florence, Medieval Petra

Denyse Homès-Fredericq, Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire, Archaeological Excavations at Lehun

ACOR Fellows

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

Stephanie E. Nanes, U. of Wisconsin, The Hidden Side of Politics: Women and Informal Networks in Jordan

United States Information Agency/Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellows:

Benjamin Dolinka, North Carolina State U., Nabataean Aila from a Ceramic Perspective: Local and Intra-Regional Trade in Aqaba Ware from the 1st Century B.C. through the Early 2nd Century A.D.

Lectures

Sat. 28. Stephanie Nanes, U. of Wisconsin, Citizenship and Identity in Jordan

Happenings at ACOR

Sept. 10. Denyse Homès-Fredericq and Claude Saba arrive to begin their season at Lehun.

Sept. 13. Theresa Mastrangelo, a Senior Program Officer with the Dept. of State's ECA Bureau, and Alain McNamara, Director of the Fulbright

in Jordan, visit ACOR and meet with current fellows.

Sept. 21. Pierre and Patricia attend a reception welcoming new USAID Jordan Mission Director Toni Christiansen-Wagner.

Sept. 26. Pierre and Patricia attend a barbecue at the German Institute.

Sept. 30. Kathy and Nisreen are kept busy closing the fiscal year.

Oct. 1. Pierre takes former Senator Timothy Wirth (Colorado) and his wife Wren Wirth on a tour of Petra and later of the Dead Sea and Jerash.

Oct. 3. Humi leaves for Cairo for a month long training course on the Overseas Digital Library Project which is sponsored by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC).

Oct. 5. Pierre meets the Australians Studying Abroad tour group in Jerash and leads them on a tour of the site. Over the following three days, he takes the group on tours of the Desert Castles, Petra, the Dead Sea, Madaba and Mt. Nebo.

Oct. 9. In the basement, Naif frantically tapes up pots from Petra so that Pierre can draw them and Patricia can comment on them for an article that is due on Oct. 15.

Oct. 10. Abed, Hani, and an army of plumbers and sheet metal workers extend the vents above the roof, and everyone breathes easier.

Oct. 14. Amman and the surrounding region receive rain for the first time this Fall.

Oct. 21. Pierre and Said go to Petra to register ACOR's dump truck, backhoe, and crane. The crane is brought up to ACOR in the evening.

Oct. 23. Abed turns on the heat for the first time this season.

Oct. 26. Jerry White of the Landmine Survivors Network visits ACOR to discuss the group's tour of the region next April.

Oct. 27. Pierre gives a tour of ACOR to Archaeological Tours.

Oct. 29. Humi returns after completing the

training course in Cairo.

Oct. 31. ACOR hosts a Halloween breakfast for staff and residents. Kurt outdoes himself with the cakes!

Nov. 1. Fellow Stephanie Nanes leaves for home.

Nov. 2. Pierre gives a tour of ACOR to a group from the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

Nov. 2. Pierre leaves for Petra.

Nov. 4. Margaret and Ludwig Koenen leave for a trip to Aqaba and Petra. If anyone is keeping track, there is now almost no one left in the building.

Nov. 5. Pierre returns from Petra where he has led two back-to-back tours for TCS Expeditions.

Nov. 5. Nancy Wilke, President of the American Institute of Archaeology, drops by for a visit. She invites Pierre to join her in a session on Cultural Heritage at the Peace through Tourism Conference.

Nov. 5. In the evening, Deborah Kooring arrives. She too is here for the conference. Deborah was the area supervisor when the Petra Papyri were found. Her account of the discovery was featured in *ACOR Newsletter* 5.2 (Winter 1993), pages 2-3.

Nov. 8. Pierre and Patricia leave for the U.S. to attend the ASOR Annual Meeting.

The following is part of what Pierre will report:

Summary Report: 1999-2000

Projects

... In addition to its own projects at Petra, ACOR also assisted 16 excavation projects over the past year. All the project directors reported having very successful seasons. We were impressed by the high level of investment the directors have put into the conservation, preservation, and presentation of their sites. In addition, ACOR had a ... well-attended Summer Lecture Series that included 16 presentations by excavation directors and scholars. ACOR also hosted other 10 lectures by fellows and scholars throughout the year.

Fellowship Program

ACOR's fellowship program continues to be successful. We had 20 fellows this year working on projects that will make important scholarly contributions in their respective fields. These fellows worked on such various topics as the Social History of the Internet in Jordan, Palestinians in the Margins of State Building, Umayyad Art and Architecture in Jordan, the Use of Information Technology in Hu-

man Resource Development, Mamluk Administration in the Transjordan, the Influence of Islamic Law on Jordanian Contract Law, Citizenship and Identity in Jordan, and Roman Marble Sculptures at Jerash.

Grants

In early April, ACOR was awarded an NEH grant to continue its NEH fellowship program. This program will award one \$20,000 NEH fellowship annually over the next three years. We were also awarded a grant in the amount of \$70,805 by the Department of Education to purchase books for our library over the next three years. In late September, ACOR was awarded a Department of State grant, through the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). This grant will support fellowship awards until August 2002.

Library

The library acquired 655 new books and bound periodicals during the year. The total library collection now contains 20,938 books and bound periodicals (many of these contain multiple issues). We also added a new computer to our computer lab that will be used for GIS.

Publications

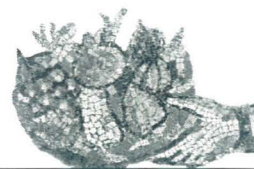
ACOR's publication series is doing very well. Patricia continues to work on the Petra Church volume. ACOR's latest "Archaeology in Jordan" newsletter appeared in volume 104.3 of the *American Journal of Archaeology*. After five and four years respectively, Patricia and Virginia Egan will no longer be editing the newsletter due to other obligations. The newsletter will now be edited by ACOR's two assistant directors and Steve Savage, an adjunct assistant professor at Arizona State U. with extensive archaeological experience in Jordan. The University of Michigan and University of Helsinki Petra Papyri Publication teams have recently been granted a three-year extensions to continue their work. Steve Booras of Brigham Young University's Center for the Electronic Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts (CEPART) has begun work on "stitching" the scanned papyri segments together and expects to finish the first two rolls in November.

Hostel and Services

ACOR continued to expand and improve on its hostel services this year. We rented and restored another house in Madaba to support excavation teams working in the Madaba region during the summer.

The *Newzette* (circulation 120) is produced by Patricia M. Bikai and Kurt Zamora for distribution to ACOR residents, staff families, trustees, and a few other friends of ACOR. This month's logo is a hare from the mosaics of the north aisle of the Petra Church. Photo by Patricia M. Bikai.

ACOR Newzette



Vol. 8/12 -9.6—December 2000-June 2001

ACOR Projects

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

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

Petra, Petra North Ridge Project, Patricia Bikai, Megan Perry, and Naif Zaban, funded by the USAID Petra Endowment and by a donation given in honor of Dan and Gert Vos

Petra Scrolls Project, U. of Michigan: Traianos Gagos; U. of Helsinki/Academy of Finland: Antti Arjava, Jaakko Frösén, Jorma Kaimio, Maarit Kaimio, Marjo Lehtinen, Mari Mikkola, Tiina Rankinen, Marja Vesterinen, Marja Vierros; Brigham Young University, CEPART, Steve Booras

ACOR-Assisted Projects

Phillip Edwards, La Trobe University, and Steven Falconer, Arizona State University, Archaeology and Environment of the Dead Sea Plain Project: Zarat adh-Dhra 2.

Tim Harrison, University of Toronto, Tell Madaba Archaeological Project

Donald O. Henry, University of Tulsa, 'Ain Abu Nekheileh Archaeological Project

Chang-Ho Ji, LaSierra University, 'Ataruz Excavation and Survey Project

Burton MacDonald, St. Francis Xavier University, The Tafila-Busayra Archaeological Survey Project
Tina Niemi, University of Missouri, Kansas City, The Dead Sea Rift Earthquake Project

Fellows in Residence

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellow:
Fred M. Donner, University of Chicago, The Rise of Islam

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Senior Fellows:

Denise Schmandt-Besserat, University of Texas, Austin, The Plastered Skulls at 'Ain Ghazal

Donald J. Zeigler, Old Dominion University, Changing Geographies of the Christian Population in Amman

Near and Middle East Research and Training Program (NMERTP) Post-Doctoral Research Fellow:

Salman H. Al-Ani, Indiana University, Arabic Prosody: An Acoustic Syllable Based Analysis

Near and Middle East Research and Training Program (NMERTP) Pre-Doctoral Fellow:

Juan F. Moreno, Jr., University of Liverpool, Spatial



Fellows Juan F. Moreno, Jr., Donald J. Zeigler, Denise Schmandt-Besserat, and Fred M. Donner

Distribution and Lithic Analysis at Site WF001: A Pre-Pottery Neolithic B Site in Southern Jordan

Lectures

Feb. 12. Phillip Edwards, La Trobe University, The Dead Sea Plain at the Dawn of the Holocene:

The Latest Results from ZAD 2

May 5. Fred M. Donner, University of Chicago, The Rise of Islam

May 19. Juan F. Moreno, Jr., University of Liverpool, Spatial Distribution and Lithic Analysis at Site WF001: A Pre-Pottery Neolithic B Site in Southern Jordan

May 30. Tina Niemi, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Locating Historical Ground-rupturing Earthquakes along the Dead Sea Rift, Jordan

Happenings at ACOR

Jan. 9. Kathy and Nisreen are temporarily displaced, along with all their files, while Abed and Hani paint their office.

Jan. 26. Pierre leaves for Beirut to meet Trustee Neil Silberman.

Feb. 5. Trustee Randy Old stops in for a visit.

Feb. 10. ACOR hosts a lunch to bid farewell to Jonathan and Fiona Addleton of USAID.

Feb. 19. Abed and Kurt hang ACOR's new



Generations of directors: Director Pierre Bikai, Board Chair Artemis Joukowsky, former Director David McCreery, Assistant Director Kurt Zamora, and former Director Bert de Vries

carpet in Kurt's newly painted office. Kathy and Nisreen are jealous because Kurt's office is nicer than theirs.

Feb. 20. Amman receives a very light snowfall during the evening. It is the only snowfall of the season.

March 9. Pierre takes a group, including H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad, H.R.H. Princess Majda, Karen Asfour, Maroussia Zimmerman, Aysar Akrawi, and the Austrian Ambassador and his wife out to the desert to see Safaitic rock art.

March 21. ACOR staff host a breakfast for Patricia and Megan who will leave for the field shortly. Pierre delivers a lecture at Yarmouk University's workshop "Conservation and Management of Cultural Resources: Reality and Ambition."

March 22. ACOR staff attend Hans Dieter Beinert's farewell reception at the German Institute.

March 23. A rainstorm is welcomed by Amman and the surrounding region.

March 31. H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad donates 140 books from his personal library to the ACOR library.

April 5. Chrys Kanellopoulos arrives for a night before heading down to Petra to work on the North Ridge Project

April 15. Humi leaves for Peru for a month long vacation.

April 21. This is a big day in the history of ACOR.



Petra Regional Planning Council Director Shahadeh Abu-Hdeib, U.S. Ambassador William J. Burns, Representative James T. Kolbe, and Pierre Bikai with the Memorandum of Intent in the Petra Church

Pierre takes a congressional delegation, led by Representative James T. Kolbe (R-Arizona), on a tour of Petra. At the Petra Church, a Memorandum of Intent from USAID to add \$2 million to ACOR's existing Petra Endowment is signed by Pierre, Rep. Kolbe, and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan William J. Burns. The memorandum was also signed earlier by H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad bin Zeid. The funds came to ACOR through the assistance of Senator Richard Shelby (R-Alabama). After the signing ceremony, ACOR staff and Trustee Widad Kawar celebrate by

having ice cream at the Movenpick.

April 29. Kurt takes Fred Mednick, Executive Director of Teachers Without Borders, to Madaba to meet with school officials about donating computers to schools.

April 30. Pierre delivers a lecture at Yarmouk University on dendrochronology.

May 12. Patricia attends a lunch for a World Monuments Fund group hosted by Trustee Widad Kawar.

May 13. H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad bin Zeid hosts a dinner for the World Monuments Fund visitors.

May 15. Pierre, Fawwaz al-Khaysheh, Ghazi Bisheh, and Mohammed Najjar attend the University of California at San Diego Workshop on Jordanian Archaeology.

May 19. The Board of Trustees meets in Providence and welcomes two new members, Mary Wilson, a history professor at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Vincent Fay, an attorney from New York.

May 26. Pierre gives a tour of Petra to U.S. Embassy employees.

May 28. Patricia presents a lecture, hosted by Karen Asfour, on the North Ridge Project to the Basira Club.

May 31. Congratulations to Hani and Jihan who are married today. Arte and Martha Joukowsky arrive.

June 5. There is a reception at the Bikais for a group from Brown University. H.R.H. Prince Faisal bin



Pierre Bikai, H.R.H. Prince Faisal, and Artemis Joukowsky al-Hussein (Brown '65) and H.R.H. Prince Ra'ad bin Zeid attend.

June 8. Word comes that ACOR has received a 3-year grant for the library from the Getty Foundation. Kurt, who wrote the application, is ecstatic.

June 9. ACOR celebrates Kurt's birthday and Pierre's birthday (his a day early).

The *Newzette* (circulation 120) is produced by Kurt Zamora and Patricia M. Bikai for distribution to ACOR residents, staff families, trustees, and a few other friends of ACOR. This month's logo is from the mosaics of the Petra Church.