

"Epigraphy of the Black Sea Region in the 21st century".

The aim of this section is presenting the results of research in the field of Greek and Latin epigraphy of the Black Sea region during the first 20 years of the 21st century as well as discussing the perspectives for the development of this discipline in the years to come. Its dynamism can be explained on the one hand by active excavations at sites of the region which bring new inscriptions every year, and on the other hand by the existence of active projects of regional corpora. New methods and approaches to known material are also renewing research in this field. The archaeological excavations in recent years have yielded important epigraphic finds which shed new light on various problems of the history of the region, especially on the relationship of Greek cities with the Achaemenid Empire and the indigenous peoples, as well as with the Roman Empire, the history of institutions, the history of religion etc. The main topics that can be covered in the section include : Regional corpora: Assessment and Prospects; Black Sea Onomastics: Greeks, Romans and the Indigenous Peoples; Ethnic, Political and Cultural Identities in the Pontic Region: Contribution of Inscriptions; Institutions of the Pontic Cities - New Data. Papers presenting the epigraphy of the whole Pontic region (Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Turkey) are welcome.