



Monastic Life, Art and Technology at the Bizere Monastery (Arad County, Romania)

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Project manager: Ileana Burnichioiu, PhD

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Annual Report

January - December 2014

1. Articles published in IDB indexed journals:

Adrian Andrei Rusu, Oana Toda, *Archaeological Evidence for Historical Navigation the Mureș (Maros) River. Enquiries Based on a Medieval Boat Imprint from Bizere Abbey (Romania)*, in *Acta Archaeologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, 65/1, 2014, pp. 139-154.

2. Papers presented at conferences, symposiums, scientific workshops:

Adrian Andrei Rusu, *Manifestations of Violence in the Benedictine Abbey in Bizere (Frumușeni, Arad County)*, at the international conference: *Violence in the Ancient and Medieval World*, Lisbon University, Portugal, February 17-19th, 2014.

Adrian Andrei Rusu, *Repaired Copper-Based Alloy Medieval Artefacts in Transylvania and Western Romania*, at the international colloquium: *Medieval copper, bronze and brass. History, archaeology and archaeometry of the production of brass, bronze and other copper alloy objects in medieval Europe (12th-16th centuries)*, Dinant/Namur, Belgium, May 15-17th 2014.

Luminița Andreica, *Meeting a medieval community of Bizere Monastery: lifestyle, occupation and nutritional status*, at the international symposium, *Homines, Funera, Astra: Time and Cause of*

Death from Prehistory to Middle Ages, “1st December 1918” University of Alba Iulia – “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, September 21st-23rd 2014.

Ileana Burnichioiu, *Architecture and decoration. Decorative heritage of Bizere monastery*, at the international conference *Monastic life, art and technology in 11th - 16th centuries. International conference*, October 16th-18th 2014, „1st December 1918” University of Alba Iulia (<http://diam.uab.ro/index.php?s=9&p=109>).

Adrian Andrei Rusu, *Spatial organization and monastic life in Bizere monastery*, at the international conference *Monastic life, art and technology in 11th - 16th centuries. International conference*, October 16th-18th 2014, „1st December 1918” University of Alba Iulia (<http://diam.uab.ro/index.php?s=9&p=109>).

Oana Toda, *The river island monastery: long distance connections and micro-regional isolation in the case of Bizere Abbey?*, at the international conference *Monastic life, art and technology in 11th - 16th centuries. International conference*, October 16th-18th 2014, „1st December 1918” University of Alba Iulia (<http://diam.uab.ro/index.php?s=9&p=109>).

Xavier Barral i Altet (Universités de Rennes2 et de Venise Ca'Foscari, Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University, Budapest), *Les mosaïques de pavement romanes de Bizere: un programme iconographique et décoratif occidental de style très original aux portes de l'Orient byzantin*— keynote lecture at the international conference *Monastic life, art and technology in 11th - 16th centuries. International conference*, October 16th-18th 2014, „1st December 1918” University of Alba Iulia (<http://diam.uab.ro/index.php?s=9&p=109>).

Béla Zsolt Szakács (Central European University, Budapest), *The early phase of cloister architecture in Central Europe*, at the international conference *Monastic life, art and technology in 11th - 16th centuries. International conference*, October 16th-18th 2014, „1st December 1918” University of Alba Iulia (<http://diam.uab.ro/index.php?s=9&p=109>).

Beatrix F. Romhányi (Institute of History, Károli Gáspár Calvinist University, Budapest), *Church and Salt. Monasteries and the Salt in the Medieval Kingdom of Hungary (11th–13th century)*, at the international conference *Monastic life, art and technology in 11th - 16th centuries. International conference*, October 16th-18th 2014, „1st December 1918” University of Alba Iulia (<http://diam.uab.ro/index.php?s=9&p=109>).

3. Articles and studies in peer review:

Adrian Andrei Rusu, *Manifestations of Violence in the Benedictine Abbey in Bizere (Frumușeni, Arad County)*, in the conference proceedings: *Violence in the Ancient and Medieval World*, Lisbon University. Portugal.

Luminița Andreica, *Meeting a medieval community of Bizere Monastery: lifestyle, occupation and nutritional status*, in vol. *Homines, Funera, Astra: Time and Cause of Death from Prehistory to Middle Ages*, "1st December 1918" University of Alba Iulia – "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași.

Ileana Burnichioiu, *Architecture and decoration. Decorative heritage of Bizere monastery*, in peer review for the proceedings of the international conference *Monastic life, art and technology in 11th - 16th centuries*, Mega Publishing, Cluj-Napoca, 2015.

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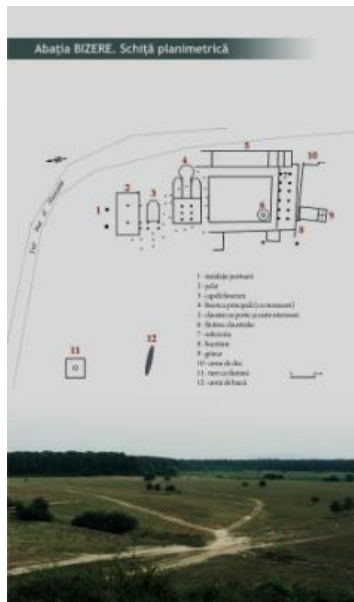
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4. Organized conferences and scientific workshops:

- international conference **Monastic Life, Art and Technology(10th-16th Centuries)** held during October 16-18th 2014 at the „1st December 1918” University of din Alba Iulia, G. Bethlen, no. 5 (Ileana Burnichioiu, Adrian Andrei Rusu, Oana Toda).



5. Bizere exhibition. *Monastic life, art and technology*, October 2014-February 2015.

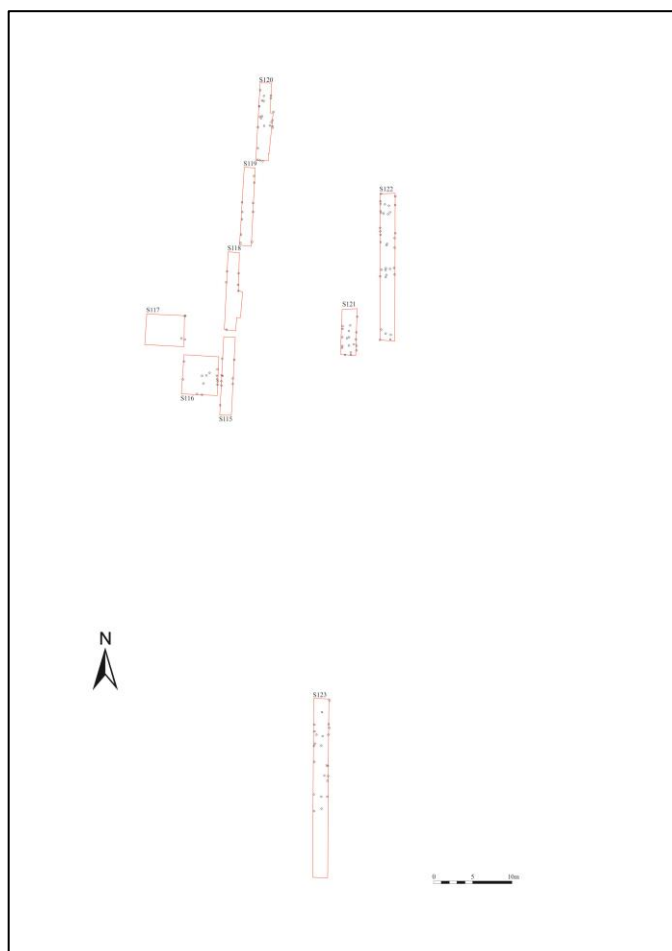
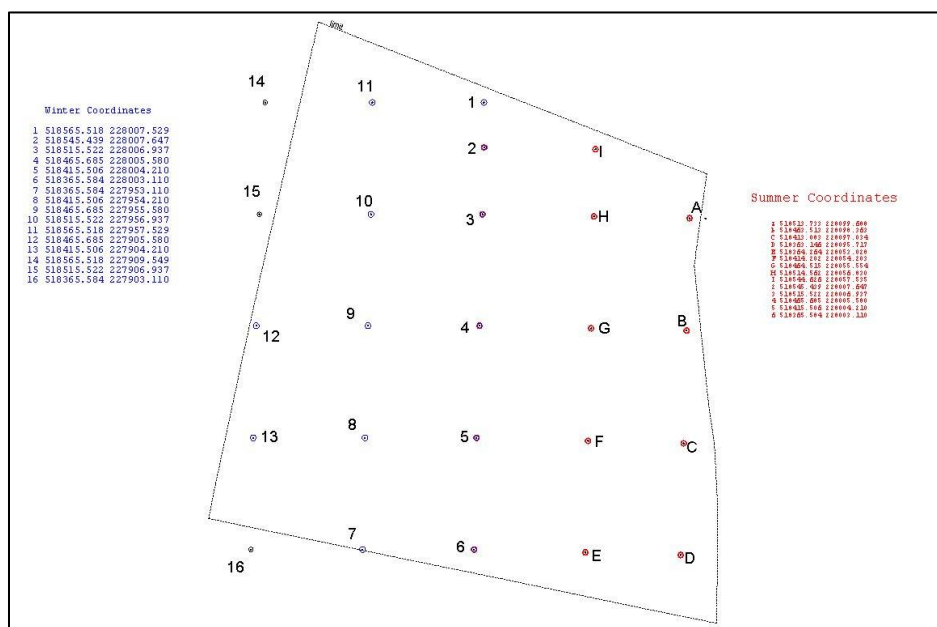




6. Archaeological research: July 13th – August 30th 2014 (Adrian Andrei Rusu, Oana Toda, Ileana Burnichioiu, Ancuța Cotaș).



7. Stereo70 topographical plan for the archaeological site „Bizere Monastery” 2014 campaign
 (according to the Work plan/Activity plan approved as a contract annexe) (Florin Mărginean, Robert Ilie)



8. National and international research internship (libraries, archives, museum collections)

Oana Toda: Arad Museum Complex; Budapest

Ileana Burnichioiu: Arad Museum Complex; Budapest

Adrian Andrei Rusu: Arad Museum Complex; Budapest

9. Artefact inventory; artefact forms (at the Arad Museum Complex – according to the *Activity plan* approved as a contract annexe): 2.500 archaeological small finds and construction material fragments retrieved during the years 2001-2009 (Florin Mărginean, Ancuța Cotaș)

10. Digitising of the documentation done during the archaeological campaign from 2014.

11. Reconstruction of the general ground plan of the Bizere Monastery (according to the research results from the years 1981, 2001-2009, 2014)

12. The generation of the project database:

http://diam.uab.ro/bizere/cercetare.php?fx=lista_fise_admin

(Mădălin Ordean)



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13. Project website: <http://diam.uab.ro/index.php?s=10&p=56> (Mădălin Ordean).

14. Under preparation for publication (evaluations, editing, proof-reading) in 2015: the volume of the international conference *Monastic life, art and technology in 11th - 16th centuries*, Mega Publishing, Cluj-Napoca, 2015.