Attic Vase Inscriptions - News & colloquium

Dear colleagues,

We would like to give you some news regarding our project Attic Vase Inscriptions (AVI), funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and directed by Professor Rudolf Wachter at the University of Basle (https://avi.unibas.ch). Our database, which builds on and continually updates Henry Immerwahr’s monumental Corpus of Attic Vase Inscriptions (CAVI), aims to provide the fullest and most accurate information on inscriptions on Attic pottery.

Since last year’s inclusion of links from our database entries to matching records in the Beazley Archive Pottery Database (BAPD), the Basle Digital LIMC database and some databases of individual collections, we have not only corrected many misleading links to and from our database, but systematically added numerous further links to museum databases which often and importantly provide images and further information on individual pots.

In addition, hundreds of smaller corrections and additions to the database, particularly the bibliography, have been made or are waiting to be integrated, some of them sent to us by database users, to whom we are very grateful, via the feedback form which we introduced last year.

We are particularly glad to announce that we are currently beta-testing a data entry form which will enable registered collections and scholars to add new vases with inscriptions to the database.

We would also like to inform you that our project will hold a second colloquium (after the successful first one whose proceedings were published in 2016) which will take place from 8 to 10 June 2020 at the University of Basle; we are going to publish the programme early next year.

As always, we welcome any comments and suggestions from our users so the database can become an even better resource.

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