

CURRICULUM VITAE et STUDIORUM

of

GIAN LUCA BONORA



Part One: **ANAGRAPHIC DATA:**

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Part Two: **EDUCATION**

MASTER DEGREE (LAUREA), 15 November 1999: Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, University of Bologna. Degree thesis on Palaeoethnology: “*The Chalcolithic collective burials in Middle Asia*”.

PHILOSOPHIAE DOCTOR (November 2001 - October 2005) Department of Asiatic Studies, University of Naples “L’Orientale”. Doctoral Thesis on Iran, Turkey and Central Asia: “*Archaeological Perspectives in the Linguistic Reconstruction of Protohistorical Baluchistan*”. The thesis has been defended the 14th of June, 2006. https://www.academia.edu/43262513/Archaeological_Perspectives_in_the_Linguistic_Reconstruction_of_Protohistorical_Baluchistan

POST-DOCTORAL GRANT in Archaeology (October 2007 – September 2009), Dept. of Archaeology, University of Bologna. Title of the Project: “*The cultural transition between the Bronze and the Iron Age in the Syrdarya Delta among nomadic and sedentary communities*”.

FELLOWSHIP GRANT in Archaeology (February 2011 - January 2012), Dept. of Archaeology, University of Bologna. Title of the Project: “*Social and Cultural Emplacement of the First Eurasian Pastoralists*”.

NATIONAL ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION as ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR in CULTURES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN ASIA (10N/3), March 2017.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES (IN ORDER OF FLUENCY): English
Russian
French
German
Kazakh

Part three: **PROFESSIONAL BOARD**

CURRENT POSITION:

- Member (2012 - current) of the ISMEO - International Association for the Studies of Mediterranean and the East, Rome.
- Director (2018 - current) of the Italian Archaeological Expedition in Kazakhstan (IAEK) “*The Sacred Geography of Saryarka: Genesis, Typology and Semantics*”.
- Co-Director of the Scientific Project “*The Sacred Geography of Saryarka: Genesis, Typology and Semantics*” (2018 - current) in close collaboration with the “K.A. Akishev” Institute of Archaeology of Astana, Kazakhstan (co-directed by Maral K. Khabdulina).
- Researcher, 3rd level (November 2022 - current), at the CNR - National Research Council, ISPC - Institute for Cultural Heritage Science, Milano.

POSITIONS HELD:

- Teacher of Latin Language and Literature, Italian Language and Literature, and History and Geography at the Lyceum of the Human Sciences “G. Cevolani” of Cento (FE) (September 2022 - October 2022).

- Teacher of Latin Language and Literature, Italian Language and Literature, and History and Geography at the Lyceum of the Human Sciences “G. Carducci” of Ferrara (FE) (September 2021 - August 2022).
- Teacher of Italian Language and Literature, History and Latin Language and Literature at the middle school “I.T. Manzi” di Ferrara (September 2020 - June 2021).
- Professor (2018 - 2021) at the Pontifica University Antonianum, Rome: 24 hours Course on Cultural Anthropology (for undergraduate students in Philosophy)
- Visiting Professor at the M. Utemisov West Kazakhstan State University of Ural’sk (April 2019): 20 hours Course on Archaeology of Central and Middle Asia (for graduate students); 15 hours Course on Prehistoric Archaeology and Art (for undergraduate students).
- Co-Director (2014 – 2016) and Scientific Researcher of the Project “*Along the Silk Way: Turkmenistan*”, Institute of History – ONLUS, Vicenza, Italy.
- Director (2006 – 2015) of the Italian Archaeological Expedition in Kazakhstan (IAEK) “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic communities on the Eurasian steppes*”.
- Visiting Professor at the State Art University “Shabyt” of Astana (November 2015): 40 hours Course on Ancient Art and History of Central and Middle Asia.
- Visiting Professor at the “S. Toraygyrov” State University of Pavlodar (September 2015): 60 hours Course on Prehistoric Archaeology of Central and Middle Asia.
- Visiting Professor at the Eurasian National University of Astana (Kazakhstan), from October 2012 to July 2015. Teaching Courses on “Prehistoric Archaeology of Central and Middle Asia”, “Bronze and Early Iron Age across the Eurasian Steppes”, “Funerary Archaeology”, “Mesopotamian and Near Eastern Archaeology”, “Earliest Asian Civilisations” and “Performing Research in Archaeology”.
- Visiting Professor at the Eurasian National University of Astana (Kazakhstan), from October 2012 to July 2015. Presentation of the Italian National Cultural Heritage to develop the tourism to Italy and the knowledge of the Italian Culture.
- Visiting Professor at the Eurasian National University (march – april 2012): 40 hours Course on Prehistoric Archaeology of Central and Middle Asia.
- Member of the International Scientific Project “*URAL PARK DELTA*”, IGRG (Integrated Geoscience Research Group), Dept. of Geology, University of Bologna, Università di Bologna,

Parco del Delta del Po, RER, GEF- UNDP and the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

- Co-Director (2008 – 2011) and Scientific Researcher of the Project “*Religion and Society in Kazakhstan. The study of Institutions and religious practices in the formation of a cultural identity*”, Institute of Social and Religious Sciences – ONLUS, Vicenza, Italy.
- Research fellow (February 2011 – January 2012) in Archaeology at the Dept. of Archaeology, University of Bologna. Main topic of the Research “*Cultural and Social Emplacement of the First Eurasian Pastoralists*”.
- Scientific Curator, Organization and Head of the Scientific Communication of the Exposition “*Gli ori dei principi delle steppe. Dalle collezioni dai musei dell’Ucraina – Gold of the Steppe Kings. From the Collections of the Ukrainian Museums*”. Exhibition held from June to November 2007 at the Castello del Buonconsiglio, Trento (Italy).
- Member (2007) of the Italian Ethno-linguistic Project in Tajikistan “*Yaghnob Valley*”.
- Scientific Curator, Organization and Head of the Scientific Communication of the Exposition “*I tesori della steppa di Astrakhan – Treasures of the Astrakhan Steppe*”. Exhibition held from March to June 2005 at Palazzo di Venezia, Rome (Italy).
- Organization of the 2nd National Congress of Young Researchers in Archaeology, University of Bologna, Department of Archaeology, May 2004.
- Organization and Head of the Scientific Communication of the Documentary Exposition “*Samarqand: the re-discovered town*”, Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 2002, September.
- Member (2002 – 2005) of the Italian Archaeological Project in Uzbekistan “*Samarqand on the Silk Road*”.
- Member (1998 – 2001) of the Italo-Turkmen Archaeological Project “*Archaeological Map of the Murghab Delta*”.

Part three, section 2a: **MEMBERSHIPS:**

- *ISMEO - Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l’Oriente*, Palazzo Baleani, Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 244, Roma.
- *Centro di Cultura Italia - Asia “Guglielmo Scalise”*, via F. Testi 86, 20126 Milano.

Part three, section 2b: **MEMBERSHIPS IN EDITORIAL BOARDS:**

- *East and West, ISMEO, Rome*

- *Quaderni Asiatici, Rivista di cultura e studi sull'Asia* (edito da Centro di Cultura Italia-Asia “Guglielmo Scalise”).

- *Russian Journal of Humanities*

- *Bulletin of the M. Utemisov West Kazakhstan State University of Ural'sk (Kazakhstan) - ВЕСТНИК ЗКГУ*

Part three, section 3: **GRANTS:**

- European Community, three years grant (2002 – 2005) in support for the study of the social and technological development of the material culture in protohistorical Baluchistan.
- Marco Polo, three months (2007) grant in support for the study of Bronze and early Iron Age nomadic societies with pastoral economy in the Eurasian steppes.

Part Four: **PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- IKEA, Casalecchio di Reno (BO), from November 2001 till March 2002, duties: Customer service and support, and Communication with the public in Foreign Languages
- Istituto per le Ricerche di Storia Sociale e Religiosa - ONLUS, Vicenza: Organization of the Main Cultural Events for the Advertising and Promotion of published books

Part Five: **SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:**

1994, September – Marzabotto, Bologna, Italy. Archaeological excavation of the Etruscan city of Marzabotto (Dir. Prof. G. Sassatelli).

1995, June – Zaraisk, Russia. Archaeological excavation of a Palaeolithic camp-site at Zaraisk. Expedition of the University of Moscow and of the Academy of Sciences of Saint Petersburg (Dir. Dr. T. Amirkhanov).

1995, Jule – Castelleone di Suasa, Ancona, Italy. Archaeological excavation of a roman villa of republican and early imperial period (Dir. Prof. S. De Maria)

1995, October – Grotta a Male, Assergi, Italy. Archaeological excavation of protohistorical cave camp-site (Dir. Dr. V. D'Ercole).

1996, Aprile and August– Anagni, Roma, Italy. Archaeological excavation of a Copper Age settlement and graveyard (Dir. Prof. A. Zavattini).

1996, July; 1997, July; 1998, July; – Pantelleria, Trapani, Italy. Member of the Expedition “*Archaeological Map of the Pantelleria Island*”. Surface survey and archaeological excavation of a Bronze Age site (Dir. Prof. M. Tosi).

1997, January and February– Ra's al-Junayz, Oman Sultanate. Member of the joint Italian and French Project “*Joint Hadd Project*”. Topographical analysis and archaeological excavation of the Bronze Age settlement HD-5 (Directors Prof. M. Tosi e Dr. S. Cleuziou).

1998, October; 1999, May and October; 2000, from April to July; 2000, November; June – Ahal, Tedjen and Margiana regions, Turkmenistan. Member of the Archaeological Italian Project sponsored by IsIAO “*Archaeological Map of the Murghab Delta*”. Surface survey, topographical analysis and Archaeological excavation of Bronze and Iron Age sites (Dir. Prof. M. Tosi, B. Genito, M. Vidale and S. Salvatori)

2000, April - July – Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Teacher of Italian language and culture at the Historical Faculty of the Turkmen State University;

2001, July – September – M.te Montagnana, Parma, Italy – Archaeological excavation of a mesolithic camp-site. (Dir. Dr. M. Bernabò Brea).

2002, September and October; 2003, September and October; 2005, September and October – Samarcand, Uzbekistan. Member of the Archaeological Project in Uzbekistan “*Samarcand on the Silk Road*”. Surface survey, topographical analysis and archaeological excavation of protohistorical and Iron Age sites (Dir. Prof. M. Tosi).

2005, October – Almaty, Kazakhstan. Member of the Italian Archaeological Project in Kazakhstan “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic communities on the Eurasian steppes*”. Study of the material culture of the nomadic tribal groups at the Archaeological Institute of the Kazak Science Academy (Dir. Prof. M. Cattani).

2006, July - August – Tald'say, Kazakhstan. Director of the Italian Archaeological Project in Kazakhstan “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic*

communities on the Eurasian steppes”. Excavation, surface survey and topographical analysis of the Bronze Age site of Tald’say (Project co-directed by Zh.K. Kurmankulov).

2007, September – October; 2008, September – October; 2009, September – October; 2010, September – October; 2011, September – October; – Syrdarya Delta, Kazakhstan. Director of the Italian Archaeological Project in Kazakhstan “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic communities on the Eurasian steppes*”. Excavation, surface survey and topographical analysis of Bronze Age and Early Iron Age sites in the Syrdarya Delta (Project co-directed by Zh.K. Kurmankulov).

2012, June - July; 2013, June - July; 2014, June - July, 2015, June - July; – Kenotkel’ and Besoba (Akmola Oblast’), Kazakhstan. Director of the Italian Archaeological Project in Kazakhstan “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic communities on the Eurasian steppes*”. Excavation, surface survey and topographical analysis of Bronze Age site of Kenotkel’, in close collaboration with the Eurasian National University of Astana (Project co-directed by M.K. Khabdulina).

2012, August – September – Aral Sea Region, Kazakhstan. Director of the Italian Archaeological Project in Kazakhstan “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic communities on the Eurasian steppes*”. Surface survey and topographical analysis of Bronze Age and Early Iron Age sites on the northern shores of the Aral Sea (Project co-directed by V.K. Merz).

2014, July – Burly (Pavlodar Oblast’), Kazakhstan. Director of the Italian Archaeological Project in Kazakhstan “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic communities on the Eurasian steppes*”. Excavation of the neolithic site of Borly. Project managed by V.K. Merz of the “S. Toraigyrov” Pavlodar State University (Project directed by V.K. Merz).

2014, July – Atbasar and Zhaksy (Akmola Oblast’), Kazakhstan. Director of the Italian Archaeological Project in Kazakhstan “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic communities on the Eurasian steppes*”. Surface survey along the Ishim river. Excavation of the Iron age and early Mediaeval burial ground of Kosagal. Project carried out in close collaboration with the Eurasian National University of Astana (Project co-directed by M.K. Khabdulina).

2015, June – Mangystau region of Kazakhstan. Director of the Italian Archaeological Project in Kazakhstan “*Archaeology and Society. The historical and social evolution of the nomadic communities on the Eurasian steppes*”. Surface survey and topographical analysis of Neolithic and

Copper and Bronze Age sites between the Caspian and the Aral seas. Project carried out in close collaboration with the “A.K. Akishev” Institute of Archaeology of Astana (Project co-directed by D. Baytyleu).

2015, June – July - Kenotkel' or Shagalaly II (Akmola Oblast'), Kazakhstan. Excavation, surface survey and topographical analysis of the Bronze Age site of Kenotkel' (Shagalaly II). Project carried out in close collaboration with the Eurasian National University of Astana (Project co-directed by M.K. Khabdulina).

2015, 30th November and 1st December - Berlin, Eurasian Abteilung, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, International Conference: *Farmers, Traders and Herders. The Bronze Age in Central Asia and Khorasan (3rd - 2nd Millennium BCE)*. Presentation: A Podstavka incised with a tridet-like potter's mark from the Bronze Age site of Shagalalay II (Akmolinsk Region, Kazakhstan) and its links with Middle Asian sites.

2016, 25th - 29th January, Padua, Vicenza and Brescia, Università degli Studi di Padova, International Winter School: *The Golden Legacy. Seven Millennia of Technological Growth and Social Complexity*. Presentation: Current Perspectives on gold jewelry of the Scythians.

2016, 4th - 6th February, Bern, University of Bern, International Archaeological Conference on *Urban Culture of Central Asia*. Presentation: Walled Sites in the Inner Syrdarya Delta: Evidences of Non-Permanent Urbanism during the Iron Age (2nd half of the 1st Millennium BC).

2016, 25th - 29th April, Wien, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology, 10th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (10th ICAANE). Presentation: Double-spiral Headed Pins across Central and Middle Asia: their Origin, Diffusion and Transformation in the Protohistory of the Eurasian Continent.

2016, 17th - 18th October, Bordeaux, Ausonius Institute UMR 5607 CNRS, University of Bordeaux Montaigne, Archéopôle d'Aquitaine, International Conference on: Ancient Chorasmia, Central Asia and the Steppes. Cultural Relations and Exchanges from the Achaemenids to the Arabs. Presentation: A general revision of the chronology of the Tagisken North burial ground.

2017, 15th - 17th February - Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), International Conference: “*Empty Spaces or Creative Interfaces? A Multi-scalar Perspective on Current Dryland Archaeology*”. Presentation: Human-Environment Interactions in the Inner Syrdarya Delta during the 2nd and 1st Millennia BC: the Creation of the Chirik Rabat Culture”.

2018, January - June - Almaty, Kazakhstan. Collaborator of the scientific project LANGEVIN (ERC-2011-AdG 295733 grant), directed by Prof. Davide Pettener, Department of

Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences, *Alma Mater Studiorum* – University of Bologna. Topic: C14 and mtDNA analyses across the Eurasian Steppes: archaeological and anthropological studies of prehistoric and early historic burial grounds in Kazakhstan.

2018, January - 2020, December. Co-Director of the scientific Project “*The Sacral Geography of Saryarka: Genesis, Typology, and Semantics*”. Astana (Kazakhstan).

2018, 2 - 6 June, Naples (Italy). 24th Conference of the European Association for South Asian Archaeology and Art. Presentation: Topographical Notes on Bronze Age Altyn-depe (Southern Turkmenistan): Residential Complexes, Perpendicular Streets and Craft Locations (co-authored by Luca Sciola and Massimo Vidale).

2018, July - September, Astana, Kazakhstan. Excavation, surface survey and topographical analysis of the Early Iron Age sites of Kuygenzhar, Koyandy and Taytobe. Study of the pottery from the Bronze Age Settlement of Shagalaly II. Project “*The Sacral Geography of Saryarka: Genesis, Typology, and Semantics*” carried out in close collaboration with the “K.A. Akishev” Institute of Archaeology of Astana, Kazakhstan (Project co-directed by M.K. Khabdulina).

2018, September. Karaganda, Kazakhstan. Lessons in English and Russian about “The earliest mining and metallurgical evidences across Eurasia” for the Summer School “*Everyday Kazakhstan: Past and Present*” organised by Tommaso Trevisani and Xeniya Prilutskaya at the “E.A. Buketov” Karaganda State University.

2019, April. Ural'sk, Kazakhstan. International Conference on: The Spiritual Modernisation of Kazakhstan: a Base of Ideas for the Future. Talk and Presentation about: “Exporting the Contemporary Image of Astana (Nur-sultan): Spiritual and Cultural Sites Create the Multi-ethnic and Poly-confessional Capital of Kazakhstan”.

2019, June - July and August. Nur-sultan, Kazakhstan. Surface survey and topographical analysis of Bronze and Early Iron Age sites along the Siley and Zhanbayka river valleys, as well as along the shores of the Zhaksy-Zhangyltau lake. Project “*The Sacral Geography of Saryarka: Genesis, Typology, and Semantics*” carried out in close collaboration with the “K.A. Akishev” Institute of Archaeology of Astana, Kazakhstan (Project co-directed by M.K. Khabdulina).

2019, September. Venice, Italy. D.R. 341/2019 Chiamata professore II fascia ai sensi dell'art. 18 comma 4 della Legge 30 dicembre 2010, n. 240, settore concorsuale 10/N3 (Culture dell'Asia Centrale e Orientale), settore s-d L-OR/16 (Archeologia e Storia dell'Arte dell'India e dell'Asia Centrale). Secondo posto, giudizio: molto buono.

2019, October 4th. Rome, Italy. *Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche. Codice Bando 368.48 Patrimonio Storico-Culturale*. Concorso pubblico per titoli ed esami per l'assunzione di sei unità di personale profilo ricercatore - livello professionale. Graduatoria finale: 26-esimo posto con 80 punti.

2019, October. Milan, Italy. Biblioteca Ambrosiana, XII Dies Academicus, 17-18 October 2019. *Classe di Studi sull'Estremo Oriente: Forme della diversità nell'uomo e nella natura - Forms of the diversity in the man and nature*. Presentation: Ricerche sulla storia del Cristianesimo in Asia Centrale - Researches about the history of Christianity in Central Asia (co-author: Don Edoardo Canetta).

2019, October. Milan, Italy. Mudec, Museum of the Cultures. *Identità e storia dei tessuti in Asia - Identity and history of fabrics in Asia*. Presentation: Indumenti, copricapo e tappeti dalle steppe dell'Eurasia nell'età del Bronzo e del Ferro (II e I millennio a.C.). Analisi dell'identità culturale attraverso le scoperte archeologiche di tessuti - Garments, headgear and carpets from the Eurasian steppe in the Bronze and Iron Ages (2nd and 1st millennium BC). Analysis of the cultural identity through archaeological discoveries of fabrics.

2020, February. Bern, Switzerland. Second International Conference on Central Asian Archaeology held at the University of Bern, Switzerland, 13-15 February 2020. Presentation: Lock-shaped Stone Handbags (Pierre Ansées) from Central Middle Asia: Typology, Distribution and new Findings.

2020, June - July. ISMEO and Conway srl. Cycle of 6 online lessons: "Gog and Magog. The threat of the Barbarians from East".

2020, June. Zahedan, Iran. International Virtual Conference on Archaeology of Iran and Adjacent Regions, 20-21 July 2020. Presentation: The Oxus Civilisation Graveyard of Adji Kui in Margiana: A General Overview about Funerary Practices and Cultural Interactions in Middle Asia.

2020, November. St. Petersburg, Russia. Ancient and Mediaeval Cultures of Central Asia. International Scientific Conference, celebrating the 100th birthday of A.M. Mandel'shtam and the 90th birthday of I.N. Khlopin, 10 - 12 November 2020. Presentation: A thymiaterion from the Oxus Civilisation Graveyard of Adji Kui in Margiana.

2020, December. Nur-sultan, Kazakhstan. Объекты историко-культурного наследия как туристские дестинации: проблемы и перспективы продвижения (Sites of the historical and cultural heritage as tourist destinations: problems and prospects of promotion), International Scientific Conference organised by the State Historic-cultural Museum "Bozok", 11 December

2020. Presentation: The Silk Road in the Prehistory of Central Eurasia: Shagalaly II and the Trade of Copper and Tin in the 3rd and 2nd millennia BC.

2022, June - July. Astana, Kazakhstan. Surface survey and topographical analysis of Bronze and Early Iron Age sites in the region surrounding Astana: Stepnogorsk, Makinsk and Shchuchinsk. Project “*The Sacral Geography of Saryarka: Genesis, Typology, and Semantics*” carried out in close collaboration with the “K.A. Akishev” Institute of Archaeology of Astana, Kazakhstan (Project co-directed by M.K. Khabdulina).

2023, February 28th. Milan, Italy. Seminar Series on “The Palaces of Power in Asia” organised by Associazione Italia - Asia. Presentation: The yurt as a palace of power among the mobile communities across the Eurasian Steppes.

2023, March 18th. Beijing, China. Exhibition at the Tsinghua University Art Museum, titled “The Craft of Metalwork: Cultural Exchanges and Mutual Learning in Early Metallurgy across the Eurasian Continent”. Lecture on “Metallurgy and Metal Artefacts of the Bactria-Margiana Archaeological Complex (BMAC)”.

2023, April, 15th. Beijing, China. Exhibition at the Tsinghua University Art Museum, titled “The Craft of Metalwork: Cultural Exchanges and Mutual Learning in Early Metallurgy across the Eurasian Continent”. Lecture on “The Bronze Age in Kazakhstan: Andronovo communities of mobile pastoralists and metallurgists across the Eurasian Steppe”.

2023, May 22nd. Astana, Kazakhstan. International conference “Traditional ritual as a manifestation of a remembering culture: resources and strategies of the symbolic capital of the Eurasian steppe”. Presentation: Late 3rd Millennium BC Ritual Behaviours in the Adji Kui Burial Ground.

2023, May 30th. Firenze, Italia. Conferenza Internazionale: Eredità e Trasformazione architetture religiose fra Est Europa, Caucaso e Asia Centrale. Presentation: Early Iron Age Funerary Barrows in Central Kazakhstan: Sanctuaries in the Steppe Landscape.

2023, June - July. Astana, Kazakhstan. Surface survey and topographical analysis of Bronze, Early Iron Age and Mediaeval sites in the region surrounding Astana: Karaganda, Atbasar, Zerinda, Burovoe, Karagayly, Dzhezkazgan and Ulytau. Project “*The Sacral Geography of Saryarka: Genesis, Typology, and Semantics*” carried out in close collaboration with the “K.A. Akishev” Institute of Archaeology of Astana, Kazakhstan (Project co-directed by M.K. Khabdulina).

2023, July 5th and 6th. Astana, Kazakhstan. International conference “Bozok in the history of the urbanised areas of mediaeval Eurasia”. Presentation: Perspectives of Archaeological Studies and the future cooperation between Kazakhstan and Italy (in Russian).

2023, July 13th and 14th. Zhezkazgan and Zhezdy, Kazakhstan. International conference “Ulytau - Copper Region: Research and Museumification Problems” dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Maken Toregeldin. Presentation: The Oxus Civilisation and the Steppe of Central Kazakhstan in the Bronze Age (in Russian).

2023, October - Tartus, Syria. Inventory of the Bronze Age archaeological artefacts from Tell Kazel, preserved in the storeroom of the Archaeological Park of Amrit. Project (Project directed by T. Pedrazzi).

2023, October 25th - Rome, Italy. Giornata di Studi. DIPLOMAZIA CULTURALE: le scienze del patrimonio come ponte per il dialogo. Sessione 5: Diplomazia e Archeologia: i risultati dei progetti internazionali ISPC e la collaborazione con il Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale”. Presentazione: I risultati delle ricerche di CNR ISPC (co-authored by L. Alberti, A. Allegrini, A. Angelini, G. Capriotti, F. De Luca, P. Merola).

2024, January 11th - 13th. Bern, Swiss. Third International Conference on Central Asian Archaeology “Mobility and Archaeogenetics in Central Asia. People - Goods - Ideas”. Presentation: The Mobility of Goods, Ideas, and Technologies from the Oxus Civilization Graveyard of Adji Kui in Margiana (South Turkmenistan)”.

2024, 11th - 15th. Allan, Jordan. Analysis of about 50 microbeads in steatite and faience from the third-millennium BC site of Adji Kui, in south Turkmenistan, at SESAME, Synchrotron-Light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (Participants: Gianluca Iori (SESAME), Elena Possenti and Gian Luca Bonora (CNR ISPC) Nicoletta Marinoni and Sara Monico (Department of Earth Science “Ardito Desio”, University of Milan).

2024, May 24th-25th. Milan, Italy. Seminar Series on “Il corpo decorato in Asia: identità e simboli” organised by Associazione Italia - Asia. Presentation: Origini archeologica del tatuaggio in Asia. Reperti dall’Altai.

2024, June - July. Astana, Kazakhstan. Surface survey and topographical analysis of Bronze, Early Iron Age and Mediaeval sites in the region surrounding Astana: Karaganda, Atbasar, Zerinda, Burovoe, Karagayly, Dzhezkazgan and Ulytau. Project “*The Sacral Geography of Saryarka: Genesis, Typology, and Semantics*” carried out in close collaboration with the “K.A. Akishev” Institute of Archaeology of Astana, Kazakhstan (Project co-directed by M.K. Khabdulina).

2024, September 6th. Karaganda, Kazakhstan. International Scientific Conference “Saryarka in the Historical Eurasian Expanse”, organised by the E.A. Buketova Karaganda State University. Presentation: Urban-like Evidences of Large Agglomerations in Bronze Age Central Kazakhstan.

2024, September 25th-27th. Almaty, Kazakhstan. First International Symposium “Horizons and Paradigms of the Archaeology of Eurasia at the Present Stage on the 100th anniversary of the birth of K.A. Akishev”, organised by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Margulan Institute of Archaeology, L.N. Gumilev Eurasian National University, K.A. Akishev Scientific Research Institute of Archaeology, and Central State Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Presentation: Preliminary Analysis of the Silver Plaques from the Issyk Burial Ground.

2024, October 1st. Milan, Italy. Seminar Series on “Appunti di viaggio sulle orme di Marco Polo” organized by Associazione Italia - Asia, in collaboration with MAS Museo d’Arte e Scienza. Presentation: Le terre di Gog e Magog prima di Marco Polo (1275).

2024, October 17th-18th. Bucharest, Romania. Melammu Workshop 24: Crossing Geographical Barriers and Conceptualising Expansion in Eurasia. Exploration, Conquest and Ideology in Antiquity and Beyond. Presentation: Crossing the Kyzyl Kum and Kara Kum Deserts in Bronze Age Eurasia.

2024, December 11th-12th. Roma, Italia. Dialoghi per la Storia. Primo incontro di studi “Ex nihilo nihil fit. L’interazione tra uomo e natura nel mondo antico”. Presentazione: Mobilità umana, ambiente naturale e interazioni socio-culturali e commerciali su lunga distanza nell’età del Bronzo nelle steppe dell’Eurasia.

2025, February 26th. Astana, Kazakhstan. International scientific seminar “Urbanized spaces of Turkic culture from the Hsiung-nu to Bozok”, organised by the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republican State Enterprise “State Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve “Bozok”. Presentation in Russian: Итальянские письменные источники о торговых связях золотордынских городов (Italian written sources on trade relations of the Golden Horde cities).

2025, March 19th. Milan, Italy. Presentation of the volume “The Bronze Age Graveyard of Adji Kui (Margiana, Turkmenistan). Catalogue of the Graves”, organised by the Civico Museo Archeologico of Milan.

2025, May 8th. Milan, Italy. Presentation of the volume “The Bronze Age Graveyard of Adji Kui (Margiana, Turkmenistan). Catalogue of the Graves”, organised by CNR - ISPC and ISMEO.

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