

INSTITUTE FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN ARCHAEOLOGY



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Dear Friend,

The Institute for Southeast Asian Archaeology (ISEAA) has had an amazing third year!

Thanks to support from donors like you, ISEAA has had the basic finances to complete and submit the manuscript for the Ban Chiang metals monograph to Penn Museum Publications. Your support is critical for providing our basic operating expenses, including one full-time and three part-time employees. Comments by scholars who have read parts of the manuscript include statements like “a perfect summation of key issues” and “your scholarship is overwhelming.” Of course anonymous peer reviewers may have sharper words, but so far we feel we have produced a product of weight and potential great impact.

As you can see from our annual newsletter, your generosity has enabled us to undertake many more activities that help us fulfill our mission to advance Southeast Asian archaeology, for the benefit of both scholars and laypersons. These range from recognizing early career archaeologists with awards to assisting in helping stem the illegal trade in antiquities.

We need your help to continue to move our internationally renowned program forward in 2017.

We anticipate completion, following peer review, of the final manuscript for the metals monograph, the start of the next Ban Chiang monograph on the excavations and stratigraphy, and an expansion of our field program in Laos. Our needs for new FY2017 funds (beyond basic operating expenses) include:

\$15,000 towards a study and survey season in Luang Prabang Province, Laos, in late December 2016 and January 2017. Our field seasons include training of Lao scholars and heritage managers, and outreach endeavors that most institutional scientific grants do not fund.

\$20,000 for a consulting IT professional to update and refine our current field GIS survey database technology to support rapid recording of archaeological sites and create a new platform for our online bibliography of Southeast Asian archaeology; with more than 15,000 references. This is an ISEAA resource that is used world-wide.

\$25,000 publication subvention to support printing of the metals volume, along with the inclusion of an eight-page section of color images and preparation of a book jacket to promote the marketability of the volume.

ISEAA will continue to leverage our expertise and experience in partnerships with other institutions and collaborators, including Penn Museum (archives and the Center for the Analysis of Archaeological Materials or CAAM), and international scholars from many disciplines and academic centers. I have already begun a consultancy with an Asian Development Bank-funded program to develop several archaeological sites in Laos for

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tourism. We anticipate that grants will fund some aspects of our future work, but ISEAA needs to expand and develop essential capabilities so that our grant applications have the best chance to be successful.

Thanks to supporters like you, we've had a remarkable third year. But ISEAA is still in the early stages of development. Your contribution this year will not only help sustain the current endeavors, which focus on monograph publication and the archaeological work in Laos, but also assist us in moving toward fulfilling the ISEAA mission: **multidisciplinary investigation of Southeast Asia's archaeological past in order to advance that knowledge for the benefit of both scholars and the public.**

Please join with the many others who care about the future of Southeast Asian archaeology and invest in the Institute for Southeast Asian Archaeology.

Please make your fully tax-deductible donation today by any of the means explained in the form below. Thanks in advance for your interest, support, and help.

Sincerely,

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