

Description for the general public

Led by our Center 15-year study of ancient Rhizon / Risinium thanks to a very important discoveries (two hoard of Hellenistic coins, gold ring, marble head of Caryatids, plaque with representation of Maenad - according to the pattern Kallimachos, the figure of Dionysus / Silen and others) have shown that we are dealing with an extremely rich position, which provides us with completely new materials. It allows us to solve many problems associated with the Illyrian archeology. But still many very important questions we received no response. The study ancient cities are always difficult and slow, so they must be divided into stages. Each of them focuses on a separate group of research questions. In the current project we want to focus our attention on the functions of the Hellenistic insul Rhizon, characterization "Illyrian" Akropolis and capture, as a result of the surveys, elements of the settlement netting around the city. These studies should bring us closer to understanding what was the specificity of urban Illyrian settlement. We assume that both the urban layout of the Lower Town, acropolis and buildings were not automatic mapping of the Greek city model, but contain specific elements resulting from Illyrian building traditions. General scientific problem is focused to the characteristics of Illyrian cities, and as we explore the capital of one of the kingdoms of Illyrian, so we should also obtain data on its organization and character. The above-mentioned problems are still only being discussed and is still unresolved. Because the place of our study is unique, so there is a good chance of finding answers to at least some of the questions. If we do not do this we are examining the capital, it does not do it no one else, because other research expeditions focused on lying Greek cities in Illyria. If we do not take this challenge now, continuing the program, it will waste the only chance, for this reason, that part of the excavation area is scheduled for new buildings. No less important profit from the implementation of the proposed project is to develop, reconstructed by our new specialization - Illyrian archeology. We also cannot forget that our excavations are also important for Montenegro and Polish-Montenegrin relations.