

Popular science summary

The aim of the research is the continuation of the archeological work related to the unveiling of fortifications and municipal buildings in western part of ancient town of Tanais (at present Russia). The remains of architecture are dated to the Hellenistic and Roman period. The result of our past excavations is unveiling of unknown previously fortifications in the western part of the town. These are the defensive ditch as well as a bridge spanning over it with a unique stone-wooden construction, and also a stone fortification protecting the entrance to the town. The research carried out within the framework of the project is supposed to bring new data about life, material and spiritual culture of the inhabitants of the city during the Hellenistic and Roman era. In addition they will provide information about trade contacts of the town and relations between its Greek inhabitants and nomadic tribes inhabiting the surrounding steppes. The impulse for the continuation of archaeological work in the western part of Tanais is attempted a detail knowledge of the system of fortifications and inner buildings of the town.