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Notes and Acknowledgements

This document is a supplement to the 2011 publication *The Archaeology of the Hellenistic Far East: A Survey*. In the following sections, I assume that the reader has the 2011 literature review (hereafter, 'HFE 2011') and previous supplements to hand. It is available online (www.bactria.org), or may be purchased in hard copy from Oxbow Books (www.oxbowbooks.com).

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As ever, this Supplement reflects both new publications in the period late-2018-2019, and earlier publications which had not yet come to my attention. Readers are invited to submit corrigenda or details of new publications for inclusion to rachel.mairs@gmail.com – any such information will be gratefully received, and acknowledged in subsequent updates.

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UPDATES BY CHAPTER AND SECTION

1.2 Chronological and Geographical Parameters

On the archaeology of Central Asia in the Achaemenid period, see Lhuiller 2018. King 2019 discusses taxation in Achaemenid Arachosia, as seen from Persepolis.

4.2 Historical Studies (General Publications >)

Bordeaux 2018 presents a political history of the Graeco-Bactrian and Indo-Greek kingdoms, based on die studies.

4.3 Edited Volumes (General Publications >)

Baumer and Novák 2019 contains several contributions of relevance to the Iron Age and Hellenistic period in Central Asia, noted in the relevant sections below.

The new Handbook of Ancient Afro-Eurasian Economies includes Central Asia (von Reden 2019); see in particular Morris 2019.

5.1.3 Research Tools and Thematic Studies (Archaeology > Introduction >)

The revised edition of the Archaeological Gazetteer of Afghanistan (Ball 1982) is now available: Ball 2019.

5.2.1 Takht-i Sangin and the North-East (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

Lindström 2017 discusses ritual practices at the Hellenistic temple at Torbulok.

5.2.2 Ai Khanoum and its Hinterland (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

On religious life in Hellenistic Bactria, see Martinez-Sève 2018.

Hoffmann and Thiollier 2017 present a 3D reconstruction of the stele of Kineas from Ai Khanoum.

5.2.3 Bacra and its Oasis (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

The second volume of the Czech-Uzbekistani excavations in the Sherabad-darya is now available: Stančo and Tušlová 2019.

5.2.5 Derbent – the 'Iron Gates' (Archaeology

> Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

On the Hellenistic fortress at Uzundara, see Dvurechenskaya 2019.

5.2.6 Samarkand and the Zeravshan Valley (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

Genito 2019 presents preliminary results from several seasons of excavations at the site of Kojtepa, where occupation stretched from the third century BC until at least the third century AD.

For new excavations at Paikend/Pajkend, see Omel'chenko 2019.

5.2.8 Herat and Areia (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

Franke and Urban 2017 present new excavations at Herat; there is as yet no securely dated material of the Hellenistic period from the site..

5.2.9 Merv and Margiana (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

Coloru 2016 surveys the history of Turkmenistan from the Achaemenids to Alexander.

5.2.10 Chorasmia (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

On settlement patterns in the Inner Syr Darya Delta in the second half of the first millennium BC, see Bonora 2019.

Sinisi 2018 discusses influences on Chorasmian royal imagery from Parthia and Bactria. Minardi 2018 treats evidence from Akchakhan-kala for connections with Bactria more broadly.

On a 'royal fire' at Akchakhan-kala, contemporary with the Hellenistic period, see Sinisi, et al. 2018.

5.3.3 Gandhāra and Northwestern India (Archaeology > South of the Hindu Kush: The Kabul Region, Arachosia and India >)

Olivieri, et al. 2019 publish radiocarbon dating results from Barikot, which make it possible to "discover or better define the Achaemenian, Graeco-Bactrian and Indo-Greek acculturational phases."

Olivieri 2018 discusses ceramic data from Barikot.

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6.2 Greek (Language and Texts >)

Veksina 2012 (omitted from earlier supplements) discussed the dating of the Greek votive inscriptions on moulds from the Temple of the Oxus at Takht-i Sangin.

Coloru 2018 publishes the Greek inscriptions from two silver bowls whose apparent provenance is Baluchistan.

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