

PLEIADES: BEYOND THE BARRINGTON ATLAS

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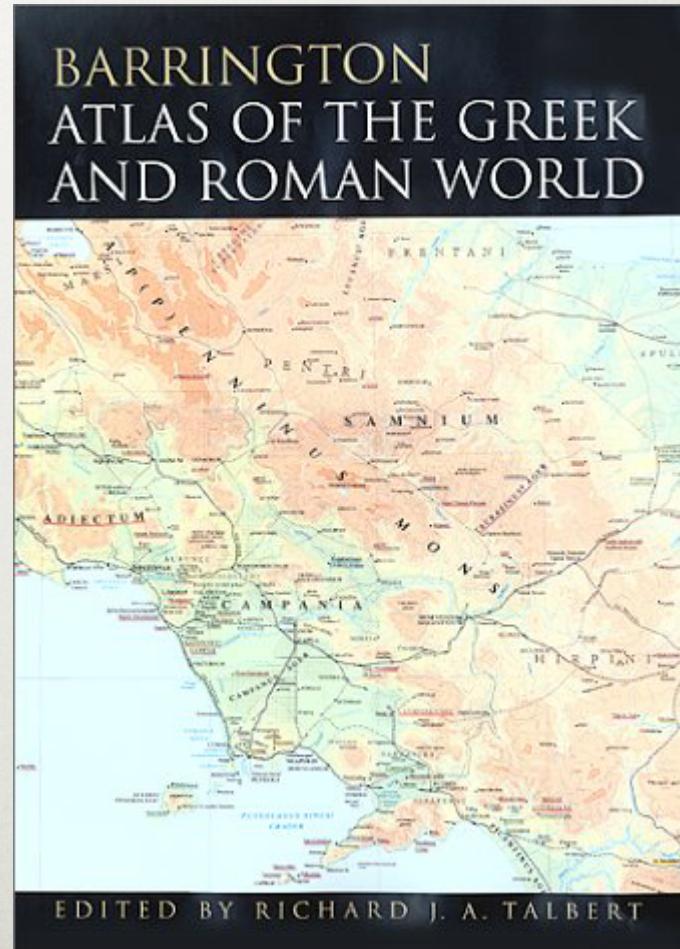
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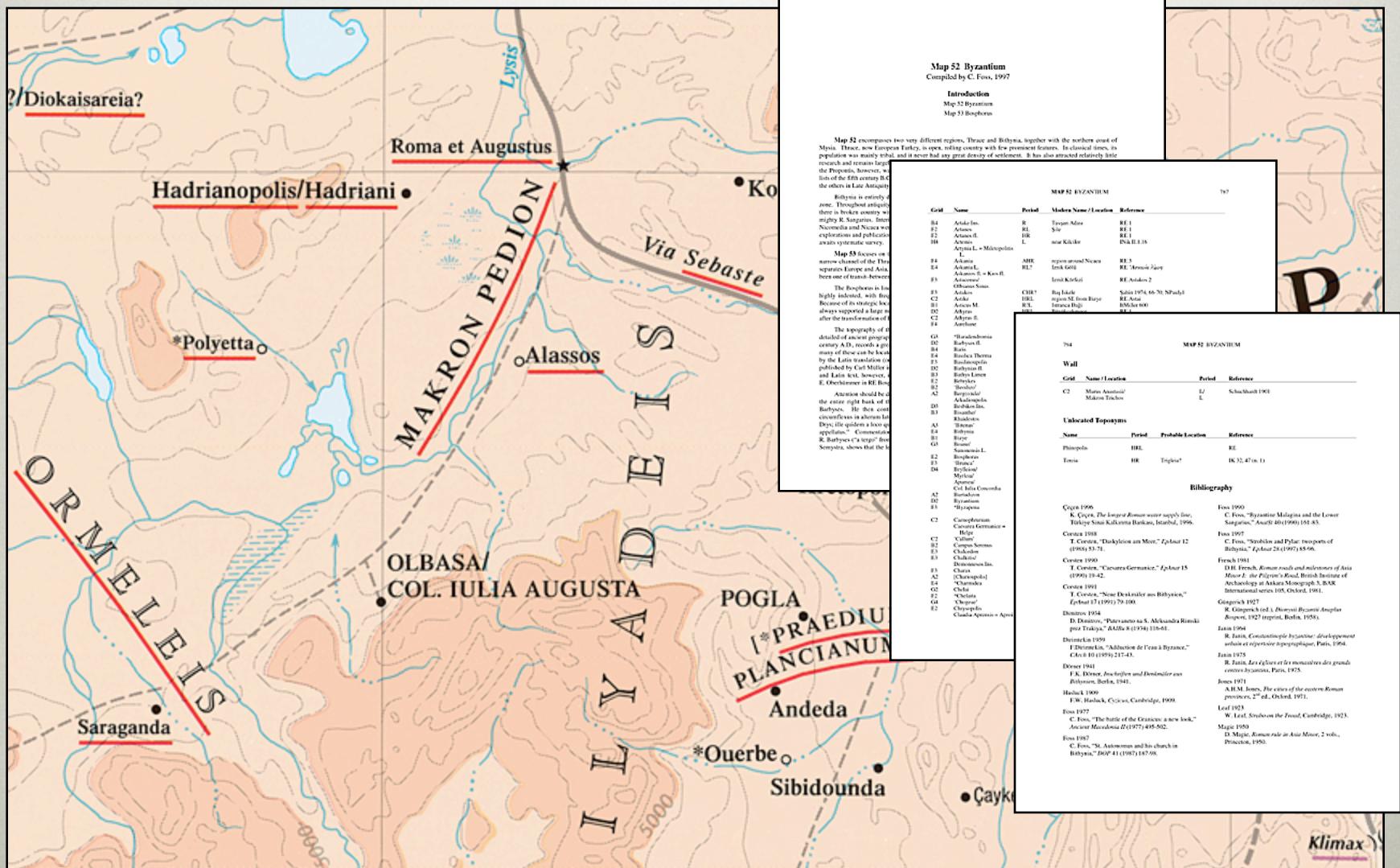
OVERVIEW

- Perpetual update, diversification and dissemination of the Classical Atlas Project dataset
- Open for public participation in early 2008



BARRINGTON ATLAS:

MAP 65 AND DIRECTORY



ANCIENT PLACES IN PLEIADES

[Apollonia/Sozousa/Portus Cyrenorum](#)



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Modern Location:

Marsa Susa

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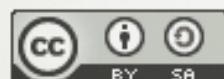
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settlement

Certainty of association:
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- [Point 941250347](#)

Names:

- [Apollonia](#)

Secondary References:

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- [Humphrey 1976](#)
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Name as Attested:

Ἀπολλωνία

Language and Writing System:

Greek (ancient)

Transliterated name:

Apollonia

Name type:

geographic name

Accuracy of Attestation:

accurate

Completeness of Attestation:

complete

Temporal attestations:

- [Attested: Archaic \(pre-550 BC\)](#)
- [Attested: Classical \(550 - 330 BC\)](#)
- [Attested: Hellenistic/Republican \(330 - 30 BC\)](#)
- [Attested: Roman \(30 BC - AD 300\)](#)
- [Attested: Late Antique \(AD 300 - 625\)](#)

Primary References:

- [Ptol., Geog. 4.4.5.2](#)
- [Strab. 17.3.20.59](#)

PLEIADES FOLLOWS BEST OPEN SOURCE PRACTICES

- Based on our experiences with EpiDoc, MapServer and Plone
- Informed by Karl Fogel's "Producing Open Source Software"
- Uses Subversion and Trac
- Networked with other open source projects

PLEIADES DATA MODEL

- Models our understanding of ancient geography
- Locations
- Names
- Places and temporal attestations
- References

PLEIADES SITE AND SERVICES

- Based on Plone (<http://plone.org>)
- Entity implements the model
- Geocoder provides KML and GeoRSS
- OpenLayers provides a map interface
- Web-style service architecture
- Implements Web and GIS standards

PHASE I (EARLY '08): PERPETUAL UPDATE

- Core capability for Phase I: collaborative, web-based editing environment
- Users suggest improvements to content
- Users provide rationale and citations (including web links)
- Suggestions are rigorously reviewed
- Changes are tracked, versioned and attributed

PHASE II: INTEROPERABILITY

- Address humanities geocomputing challenges: expense, expertise, complexity, data readiness, sustainability
- Implement web services for geohistorical data processing
- Produce free, open source mapping toolkit

PHASE II: INTEROPERABILITY

- Collate geographic metadata in key projects with Pleiades
 - Primary sources (epigraphy, papyrology, numismatics, literature)
 - Modern literature (analysis, reference, bibliographic review)
 - Archaeological data
 - Multimedia resources

PHASE II: INTEROPERABILITY

- Examples:
 - Ethnica recorded by the Lexicon of Greek Personal Names
 - Mints in the American Numismatic Society database
 - Epigraphic findspots in the Epigraphische Datenbank Heidelberg

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

- Advanced Papyrological Information System (New York)
- American Numismatic Society (New York)
- Campo Arqueologico de Tavira (Portugal)
- Centre for Computing in the Humanities, King's College (London)
- Center for Hellenic Studies (Washington)
- Collaboratory for GIS and Mediterranean Archaeology (Greencastle, Indiana)
- Duke Databank of Documentary Papyri (Durham, North Carolina)
- Electronic Archive of Greek and Latin Epigraphy (Rome, Heidelberg, Bari)

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

- Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative (Berkeley)
- EpiDoc: Epigraphic Documents in TEI XML
- Exploitations agricoles et espace rural antiques (Lille)
- Heidelberger Gesamtverzeichnis der griechischen Papyrusurkunden Ägyptens
- Lexicon of Greek Personal Names (Oxford)
- Open Context (Berkeley)
- Perseus Digital Library (Boston)
- Portable Antiquities Scheme (London)
- Stoa Consortium for Electronic Publication in the Humanities (Lexington, Kentucky)

DEMONSTRATION

- Two emerging geospatial standards
- KML: search and view Pleiades places using Google Earth
- GeoRSS: manipulate Pleiades places using Yahoo Pipes
- GeoRSS: geoprocessing feeds using Mush

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