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Editorial

"Russians are Etruscans"

This is the laconic comment that a visitor of our site sent me. I confess I'm still flabbergasted. I asked my mysterious correspondent some clarification. His remark - I'll do not know more, I think, since I got no further news - was based on studies of a Russian, Valery Alekseevich Chudinov ... which were published under the however less assertive title: "[Were Etruscans a Slavic people?](#)"

Without assessing the scientific value of this work (I am unable to do this), I give our readers the website address where they can learn more about this unexpected assumption and try to think about it.

Unfortunately, only abstracts are available in English on the author's website <http://chudinov.ru/category/statina-angliyskom-yazyike> the rest being in Russian, but you must admit that it raises a lot of questions, and not only on the historical field!

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A new archaeological museum in France

The Museum of Classical Art in Mougins (MACM) opened on June 10, 2011. It is dedicated to ancient art, but it houses also neo-classical, modern and contemporary works, thus showing the major influence of the ancient world on the creations of later times.



Located between Nice and Cannes, it displays on about 400 m² some of the 700 items of the collection in an ancient house of the post-medieval period. The basement is devoted to Egypt, the ground floor and first floor to Rome and Greece. On the second floor, the collection of armors, helmets, shields and weapons.

After having heard so much criticism of the United Kingdom (when will the Parthenon marbles return to Greece?), of collectors (which are, as everyone knows, looters of cultural inheritance) and traders (no comments) here comes now Christian Levett, a British trader and collector, opening to the public a series of ancient works of high quality: an event that is worth mentioning!

MACM, 06250 Vieux Village de Mougins, www.mouginsmusee.com

What's new on our website?

Where to go to see ancient art ? Our "[Museums and Sites](#)" section already presented the French museums. We supplemented this information by adding, in the "Ancient Worlds" section, for Egyptians, Greeks, Etruscans and Phoenicians, [Egyptians](#), [Greeks](#), [Etruscans](#) and [Phoenicians](#), a new page dedicated to the collections of museums all over the world, including links to their websites - which are often fascinating... A new resource for our visitors!



Did you notice?

In november 2011, we fully restructured and supplemented our section "[Archaeo-Passion](#)" which now contains 3 parts, each one displaying useful advices for those who want to approach archaeology:

- Own an artifact
- The Collector's corner
- Useful links

You'll find other pages in the french language section :

- Be an amateur archaeologist
- Act like Romans!
- High schooler's corner
- ...and a summary of laws regarding archaeology.



A happy new archaeological year !



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