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Editorial

Our site is just 3 months old, and already - what a change!

Coming from universities, education, ancient arts galleries, numismatists or simply web surfers, THANK YOU to all those who gave us encouragement, helped us, opened access to their data or image files, gave us their comments and advices.

Of course, this website will go on extending and deepening its content.

But its ambition goes far beyond:

We wish passing-by visitors to get interested in our civilization's history and that they will not see there only a simple collection of bookish information, but the beginning of an initiatory journey towards the roots of our culture and of our thoughts.

New partners joined us and our future prospects for new pages are quite exciting...

We mention, in the next column, some examples.

Do you wish to support or simply follow our progress?

Please send us your comments, and meet you soon in our pages for the next steps !!

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News of the month

New pages: ancient coins

Ancient coins are not just unique witnesses of their time, they are also artworks (those wonderful old greek coins!), geographical milestones (each city minted its own coins), historical marks if you are interested in their chronology, and often the best source for having portraits of historical figures of ancient history. Where else could you find a portrait of Alexander the Great or Cleopatra?



We enriched our site with pages on the Etruscan, Greek, Roman and Phoenician coinage, thanks to our new partner **CGB** who is not only a top supplier for collectors, but also an invaluable source of information on ancient coins, thanks to its many publications and its website.

A directory of nearly 500 Roman places to visit

The selection was not easy, among the hundreds of buildings that the Romans left behind them : amphitheatres, baths, aqueducts, theatres, bridges, triumphal arches...! You can now download from our site a list of nearly 500 places to visit, sorted by country...

and **many new pictures**, ...thanks to another partner, **Galen R. Frysinger**. If the word "globetrotter" means something, it's precisely the one to use for this American scientist from Wisconsin ! From Uruguay to Uganda and from Cuba to Cyprus, he travelled across most of countries and areas of the world during the last 45 years! With his agreement, we picked up from his huge picture database new photos of archaeological sites...



New projects:

- A new cooperation is in progress with internet's probably richest site on the brilliant and mysterious Etruscan civilization.
- Just coming back from Egypt, I'll try to build up some new original pages about this unbelievable civilization, though many sources already exist - but this is just a MUST !
- Later on, in a quite different field, we'll also try to deal with the mysteries of writing in ancient times, as well as the methods used for counting and calculating in everyday life: a point which may be very surprising for people who are, as everyone in Europe, well accustomed to alphabetic writing and decimal counting ...

In brief:

- A directory of nearly 500 Roman places to visit!

- CGB, a top partner for numismatics.

- Galen R. Frysinger, a passionate traveller.



Our partner **Keramion.com** informs us



Did you notice this in December?

- our "**Phoenician**" section,
- the **Podcast** introducing our site (see "who are we?"),
- our report on **Mediterranean amphoras**,
- our **Collector's corner**.

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