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“Orient and Occident”, 1922. Excavations at Asine and a Swedish Institute – Athens, Constantinople, Rome, Smyrna?

ABSTRACT

The early 1920s witnessed discussions regarding the establishment of a Swedish or a Scandinavian research institute in “classical” lands. The Swedish Orient Society (*Svenska Orientsällskapet*) was established in 1921, with the aim to set up a research institute in Constantinople (Istanbul). This was indeed achieved, although the creation was short-lived; the research institute was forced to close in 1924, but an enduring Swedish institute was instead established the following year, in Rome. The Swedish-led excavations at Asine took place in the same period (1922–1930). A Swedish institute in Athens followed after the Second World War. This lecture focuses on developments before, during and after the year 1922, and the connections between the Asine excavations and the later Swedish institutes in Rome, Athens and Istanbul.

The lecture will be given in a hybrid format on **Wednesday, 22 June 2022, at 19.00** (Athens time), with live presence at the Swedish Institute at Athens, Mitseon 9, and via Zoom link.

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