IÉA is an inter-faculty institute pooling ancient studies expertise with a view to ensuring coordinated development of teaching and research and raising the profile of ancient studies. This is achieved through collaborative projects by professors working in all areas of the field, without regard to their faculty appointments. The IÉA works to offset the dispersal of resources caused by the absence of an ancient studies department or other resource centre.

IÉA was created in 1999 to foster the advancement of knowledge and train the next generation of scholars in the field of ancient studies.

The institute’s professors and researchers work in a host of areas: Greek and Latin language, literature, and linguistics; Greek and Roman history; Near-Eastern and Greco-Roman archeology; early Christianity; Gnosticism and Manichaeism; Eastern Christian languages and literatures (Syriac, Coptic, Ethiopian, etc.); ancient philosophy and its extension into the Middle Ages; the survival of the classical heritage in the Middle ages; the Latin influence on the Renaissance; ancient Egypt, Sanskrit language and literature; and classical values in contemporary Quebec.

INSTITUTE DESCRIPTION

IÉA is a uniquely welcoming and rigorous academic environment where students and researchers collaborate closely on a diverse range of research projects.

The institute brings together all Université Laval resources and expertise in ancient studies in the pursuit of original research on themes determined on the basis of professors’ specializations and students’ interests.

STATISTICS AT 1 JUNE 2013

20 regular members
7 special regular members
23 associate members
90 students
The Institute of Ancient Studies brings together students in ancient studies programs as well as those in related disciplines (philosophy, history, archaeology, religious studies and theology) whose research area is Greco-Roman or Eastern antiquity. IÉA’s student members enjoy an outstanding learning environment characterized by close relationships with researchers in a range of ancient studies disciplines. Through the institute, students work alongside member professors and researchers on specific research projects. Graduate students are allotted individual work spaces at the institute itself, while students of all levels have access to a study hall and resource centre. IÉA offers a select number of scholarships, such as the Trakas foundation scholarship, for study and research in Greece, as well as travel grants for students presenting papers at conferences in Canada and abroad. Under agreements with foreign universities, students can elect the international profile for their ancient studies degree. They can also work as research assistants with professors and researchers with SSHRC or FORSC funding. IÉA hosts a lunchtime lecture series every year, as well as a seminar program (part of the interdisciplinary ancient studies seminar) featuring Canadian and foreign experts, a chance for students to keep abreast of the latest developments in ancient studies. In 2012-13 the institute welcomed 17 Canadian or foreign researchers.

IÉA researcher also secured a substantial research team grant from FORSC (Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture) for 2013-2017.

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IÉA also organized a day of presentations at the recent ACFAS (Association francophone pour le savoir) conference, which drew large crowds and considerable media attention (Le Devoir, May 11, 2013).

IÉA member publications remain the institute’s most noteworthy achievements. While publications released over the last two years are too numerous to mention, highlights include the reprinting (20,000 copies) of Écrits Gnostiques, edited by Paul-Hubert Poirier and Jean-Pierre Mahé, (Bibliothèque de la Pléieade; Paris: Gallimard, 2012) and the first volume of a new edition of the works of Greek philosopher Plotinus, under chief editor Jean-Marc Narbonne (Jean-Marc Narbonne, Martin Achard, Lorenzo Ferroni, Plotin. Oeuvres complètes. Tome I, volume I: Introduction; Traité 1 (I 6), Sur le beau. Collection des Universités de France. Série grecque, 482. Paris: Les Belles Lettres, 2012.).

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