21ST SUYANGGAE AND HER NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (LARAMIE, WYOMING, USA) *

The 21st "Suyanggae and Her Neighbors" International Symposium took place at the University of Wyoming (Laramie, USA) 26 July – 3 August, 2016.

This representative scientific forum was organized by an international team headed by professor Lee Yung-jo (President of the Suyanggae International Symposium Executive Committee, Institute of Korean Prehistory) and professor Marcel Kornfeld (University of Wyoming, Department of Anthropology). Since the discovery of the Suyanggae archaeological site (Danyang, Republic of Korea) in 1983, this event is held for archaeology and anthropology scholars from various countries to join forces at a highly scientific level, due to the comprehensive efforts of the Korean delegation and above all, professor Lee Yung-jo, President of the Institute of Korean Prehistory and founding father of the "Suyanggae family".

The theme of the symposium on the American continent was "From The Cape of Good Hope to Tiera del Fuego: A Human Journey." The presentations covered a broad perspective and a considerably large geographic range such as topics about: Archaeology and Archaeological Problems from Bay of Biscay to Sea of Okhotsk, from Cape of Good Hope to the Caucuses from North Sea to South China Sea, from South China Sea to Bering Strait, from Bering Strait to Tierra del Fuego, and others.

The 21st meeting of the "Suyanggae family" included archaeologists, geologists and anthropologists from countries such as USA, Republic of Korea, Poland, Czech Republic, Russia, China, Japan, Israel, and Canada reporting their latest work. All professional meetings provided scope for academic communications and collaboration from Eurasia to North America. From the words of professor Gao Xing, current President of the Asian Paleolithic Association (China): 'The human journey from all continents has many marvelous episodes, and the Paleolithic archaeologists have the privilege and opportunity to trace the ancestors' footprints all over the world, investigating their technologies, lifestyles, adaptive strategies, social structures, and discussing the significance of their history to modern human societies' [Suyanggae and Hell Gap, 2016. P. 12].

A real highlight at this year's forum was the participation of Professor Emeritus of University of Wyoming George C. Frison, widely known for his pioneering work within the areas of American archaeology and World Prehistory.

It's also worthy to note and acknowledge the hosts' team led by professor Marcel Kornfeld who put in a great deal of effort to organize a number of field trips and post-symposium excursions to some of the neighboring regions. Unforgettable trips included the Laramie Basin, Medicine Bow Mountains, Wooden Shoe Ranch, Hell Gap, Vore Bison Jump, Casper, Muddy Creek Bison Kill (Wyoming), Agate Fossil Beds, Ft. Robinson, Hudson-Meng (Nebraska), Black Hills, Hot Springs Mammoth and Deadwood (South Dakota), as well as several museum collections, sites and exhibitions [Grund, Kornfeld, 2016]. All participants of the Suyanggae Symposium noted the high scientific level of reports and perfect organization of this prestigious and important international scientific event.

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The participants of the 21st Suyanggae Simposium at the Hell Gap site, one of the well-known Paleoindian localities (Wyoming, USA). Photo by Brigid Grund

Next symposium of the "Suyanggae family" will take place in July 2017 at the Sakhalin State University (Russian Federation).

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XXI МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫЙ СИМПОЗИУМ «СТОЯНКА СУЯНГЭ И ЕЕ СОСЕДИ» (ЛАРАМИ, ВАЙОМИНГ, США)

С 26 июля по 3 августа 2016 г. в университете Вайоминг (Ларами, США) проходил XXI Международный симпозиум «Стоянка Суянгэ и ее соседи», организованный Институтом древней истории Кореи (Institute of Korean Prehistory), Исполнительным комитетом международного симпозиума Суянгэ (SISEC) и отделением антропологии университета Вайоминг. Со времени открытия стоянки Суянгэ в 1983 г. регулярные встречи профессионального сообщества археологов и антропологов проходят на высоком научном уровне благодаря всесторонним усилиям корейской стороны и, прежде всего, профессора Ли Юнджо, президента Института древней истории Кореи и бессменного лидера «семьи Суянгэ».

В этот раз симпозиум, тема которого была обозначена как «От Мыса Доброй Надежды до Огненной Земли: миграция людей» проходил впервые в Северной Америке, в университете Вайоминг, основанном в 1886 г. Организационный комитет в лице профессора Марселя Корнфельда и его коллег из музея Антропологии и лаборатории палеоиндийских исследований взял на себя ответственность за проведение научных сессий и полевых экскурсий. За два дня рабочих заседаний было заслушано свыше 25 докладов по актуальной проблематике, сделанных учеными из Кореи, США, Канады, Чехии, Польши, России, Китая, Японии, Израиля. Большую познавательную и эмоциональную ценность представляли выездные полевые экскурсии на стоянки, связанные с палеолитической и палеоиндийской традицией, и встречи с коллегами, продолжающими там научные изыскания. Гости симпозиума познакомились также с музейными и археологическими коллекциями крупнейших историко-культурных объектов штатов Вайоминг, Небраска и Южная Дакота.

Следующий симпозиум «Стоянка Суянгэ и ее соседи», запланированный на начало июля 2017 г., будет проходить в Сахалинском государственном университете (Южно-Сахалинск, Россия).

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