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Kerch, the Republic of Crimea

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Gubaidullin Airat Maratovich – Candidate of Historical Sciences, senior researcher in the Institute of Archaeology named after A. Kh. Khalikov, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan. Was born in 1965 in Kazan, graduated from the History Department of Kazan State University. In 1996 defended the thesis of Candidate of Historical Sciences on the theme "Fortification of Ancient Settlements of the Volga Bulgaria". Scientific interests: ancient and medieval fortification of the people of the Volga-Ural region, settlement of city type of the Volga Bulgaria and Kazan khanate. Author of more than 100 scientific publications, as well as 1 monograph and 3 books. Main publications: Fortification of ancient settlements of the Volga Bulgaria. – Kazan, 2002. – 232 pp. (in Russian); Fortification dictionary. 2nd edition – Kazan, 2006. – 144 pp. (in Russian) *Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan, Russia*

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Vladivostok, Russia

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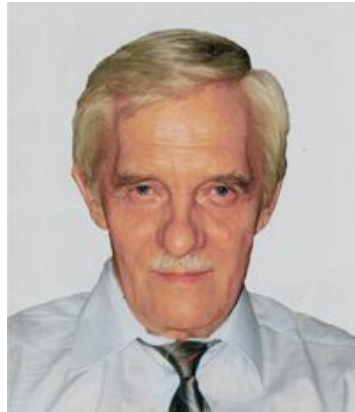
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Koval Vladimir Yurievich - PhD, Head of the Department of Medieval Archaeology at the Institute of Archeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Graduated from the Russian State University for the Humanities. Doctoral dissertation "Ceramics of the East in Russia in the 9th-17th centuries" (1998). Since 1989 he took part in excavations on the territory of Moscow and at various archaeological sites in the Moscow region, since 1999 - a research fellow at the Institute of Archeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Head of excavations in Bolgar (2012-2016), Moscow Kremlin (2007, 2016-2020), Rostislavl (1993 - present). Conducted research of medieval fortifications, a rampart and several ditches of the early Iron Age on Rostislavl, a rampart of the XIV century at the archaeological site Bolgar (in Tatarstan). Main research interests: medieval fortification, archeology of the Russian city, archaeological ceramics, international trade in the Middle Ages. The total number of published works is 350. Among them, two dozen articles and one monograph (Koval V.Yu., Rusakov P.E. Research of the fortification of the city of Bolgar in 2014-2015. Kazan, 2018) is devoted to the archaeological study of earth and timber-earth fortifications in Eastern Europe.

Moscow, Russia

[List of publications of V. Yu. Koval](#)



Morgunov Yury Yuryevich — Doctor of Historical Sciences, leading researcher of Institute of archaeology of Russian Academy of Sciences. He graduated from History Department of Moscow State University. In 1998 defended the thesis of Candidate of Historical Sciences on the theme "Posulskaya defensive line of Ancient Rus (stages of formation and development)". Doctoral thesis: "The Fortification of the 10th–13th centuries Southern Rus" (2007). In 1968-1978 and 1994-2000 participated in archaeological expeditions on the territory of the USSR, Russia and Norway. In 1972-1992 he directed the research of ancient Russian settlements in the Left-Bank Ukraine regions. Main scientific interests are "fortress" archaeology, historical geography of the 10th–13th centuries Southern Rus and the latter's relationship with the nomads of the Northern Black Sea areas. On this subject he published more than 100 scientific works, including 6 monographs: Ancient Rus monuments on the Sula river. – Kursk, 1996 (in Russian); Posulskaya border: stages of formation and development. – Kursk, 1998 (in Russian); Sampsoniev Island: a border fortress on posulskaya outskirts of Southern Russia in the XI–XIII centuries – M., 2003 (in Russian); The earth-wooden fortifications of Southern Rus in the 10th–13th centuries. – M., 2009 (in Russian); Chronicle city of Sneporod and its region. 10th–13th. – SPb., 2012 (in Russian); The ramparts and walls of the 10th–13th centuries Southern Rus. The Study of Chronicles and archaeological sources. – Saarbrücken, 2013 (in Russian).

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Nossov Konstantin Sergeevich – Doctor of Historical Sciences, Director of the History of Fortification Study Centre (HFSC), Editor-in-chief of the collection of articles "Questions of the History of Fortification", Professor at the History Department of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (School of Public Policy). At the Academy, in addition to other historical disciplines, talks on "The history of defensive architecture". Doctoral thesis: "Military architecture in the 16th–17th centuries and its role in the establishment of Russian statehood" (2009). Participated in fortification studying expeditions carried out in many countries. Author of about 100 publications, including over 20 books and monographs, most of which are devoted to the history of fortification.

Moscow, Russia

[List of publications of K.S. Nossov](#)



Pivovarchyk Sergej Arkadyevich, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Belarus history, archeology and special historical disciplines, Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno (Belarus). He graduated from the History Department of Grodno State University. The theme of Candidate dissertation was "Gorodischa of the 10th-13th centuries of the Belarussian Ponemanje" (specialty 07.00.06 - Archeology), and it was defended in 1994. The Doctoral dissertation "Formation and development of the system of fortification construction in Belarus (1772-1941)" (specialty 07.00.02 - Native history) was defended in 2009. The sphere of scientific interests is the history of the peoples of Belarus, medieval archeology and history, the history of fortification. He was appointed as the scientific director of the historical and cultural value "Fortifications of the 68th Grodno Fortified Area (1940-1941) in the zone of the Augustow Canal in the territory of the Grodno Region" in 2009 by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic Belarus. He participated in 150 scientific conferences in Belarus, Lithuania, Ukraine, Russia, Poland and author of about 200 scientific publication.

Grodno, Belarus

[List of main publications of S.A. Pivovarchyk](#)



Pradines Stéphane completed his PhD in Islamic Archaeology from Sorbonne University, Paris IV in 2001. Dr Pradines, Associate Professor, is an archaeologist specialising in the Middle East and East Africa. His PhD was the first inventory and study of all the fortifications on the coast of East Africa, from the beginning of Islam to the late 19th century and the Sultanate of Zanzibar. Dr Pradines' fieldwork includes the direction of Excavations of the Fatimid and Ayyubid Walls of Cairo (2000-2016), Excavations of Kilwa, Swahili medieval harbour of Tanzania and of Gedi, Swahili medieval harbour of Kenya and more recently Excavation of Dembeni (Mayotte, French Comoros). The excavations of the walls of Cairo are the first field school in Islamic archaeology in the Middle-East and the biggest mission in Islamic archaeology for Egypt. Dr Pradines also was Lecturer in Islamic Archaeology at Cairo University and created later the First Field School of Islamic Archaeology in Egypt. He is a member of the Editorial Board, Islamic Archaeological Studies Journal, Islamic Art Museum, Cairo; a Member of the Editorial Board & Book review editor of the Journal of Islamic Archaeology; a Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Dominican Institute, MIDEO, Cairo. His publications include "Fortifications et urbanisation en Afrique orientale" (Cambridge Monographs in African Archaeology, 2004), "Portuguese fortresses in East Africa" (*Forts 44*, Fortress Study Group, Totton, 2016. P. 50-75) among many others.
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