

Winckelmann Award Acceptance Remarks

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Professor Parzinger, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Thank you very much. It is a great privilege for me to be here with you on the occasion of the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Deutsches archäologisches Institut. I am here tonight on behalf of your younger and smaller sister organization, the Archaeological Institute of America, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. Although we may never catch up to you in years, we have great admiration for your many achievements and hope to emulate them as we grow up. You have set a shining example to us as an organization devoted to fostering archaeological research, excavation, and publication in the scholarly world. Professor Parzinger and Foreign Minister Fischer were also most eloquent last night in citing the role archaeology and archaeologists have played in promoting understanding among nations and among cultures in the modern world. You have done much to reach out beyond the scholarly world to increase knowledge of archaeology and appreciation of what it has to teach us about our common human past. These are models that my organization, the AIA, can and does aspire to. And as archaeologists we must *all* work for the preservation of our shared cultural heritage for future generations.

All of us at the Archaeological Institute of America are deeply honored to receive the Winckelmann Medal from the DAI. It is particularly meaningful that this should happen as part of the celebration of our two milestone anniversaries.

We are also eager to open up new avenues of cooperation between our two great organizations. My presence here this week at your anniversary ceremony, and at this wonderful Congress, is a step in that direction. And we are looking forward with pleasure to welcoming your representatives at the AIA's Annual Meeting in Boston in January.

Again, thank you so much for bestowing this great honor on the Archaeological Institute of America.