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Sincere thanks to the AIA for support provided to INA's Albanian Ancient Ship Survey project. The funds awarded made possible (1) the first-ever deployment of Archaeological Research Vessel *Virazon II*, (2) safe exploration of multiple shipwrecks by archaeological divers, and (3) movement and feeding of personnel throughout the project.

As discussed in the proposal, our initial budget for this project was \$80,000-\$100,000. The \$20,000 received from AIA in the form of a MacDonal Iliad Grant supplemented funding provided by INA (~\$50,000) required to hire the necessary crew for the voyage from Turkey to Albania. Owing to the challenge of finding a crew on short notice, the project lasted just six weeks and cost a total of about \$70,000.

The awarded funds were expended in the following categories:

Category	Amount
Supplies & Food (food for team and crew, cleaning and medical supplies)	\$7504
Travel / Transportation (international airfare, bus, taxi, ferry, ROV import)	\$7174
Fees & Services (bank fees, agent fees, legal ship paperwork, internet access)	\$4050
Equipment (oxygen tanks, maps, batteries, diving gear)	\$1372
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,100</b>

The majority of awarded funds covered airfare/travel/food supporting archaeologist movements to and from the states to the ship. While the purchase of a brand new ROV, made possible by an INA donor, was for the specific benefit of the project, delays in Albanian Customs prevented full deployment of this technology. The ROV is now part of the ship's equipment and will return to Albania with the ship in 2019.

We were very pleased that Staci Willis was able to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of the AIA in San Diego and present the attached poster summarizing our research accomplishments.

Without AIA's funding, this project could well have been deferred to a future season. Thank you again! The future for underwater archaeology in Albania is brighter thanks to the award of a MacDonal Iliad Grant. A most hearty 'thank you' to AIA for this outstanding support!