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The International Association for Classical Archaeology is an Association of archaeologists and scholars of Antiquity. It was founded in 1945 in Rome, to harbor and increase the sentiments of international collaboration and cultural community after the war. Its special concern is the development of scientific research, with the safeguarding of Classical Studies, and with the protection of the heritage of antiquity, in the field of Greek and Roman archaeological studies.

Finnish scholars have, during the past decades, been active members of AIAC working in various excavation and research projects in the Mediterranean area, giving important contributions in the field of Classical Archaeology. They are highly appreciated and respected members of the international academic community in many fields of study. Moreover, the Director of the Finnish Institute in Rome is currently Vice-President of our Association.

According to the Classics Student Association Symposion the University of Helsinki, the only university in Finland to offer lectures in this discipline, is planning to disband the teaching of Greek and Roman Archaeology and material culture of the ancient world, starting from the summer of 2024.

The members of the Board of the Association strongly support the students of the University of Helsinki in their quest to maintain the teaching and research, of Classical Archaeology and Mediterranean material culture as an independent discipline in the Finnish Universities.

We sincerely hope that this University's proposal will be corrected. Faithfully

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