



ΧΡΗΣΤΙΑΝΙΚΗ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΛΟΓΙΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ / CHRISTIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ACADEMIC SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BYZANTINE
AND POST-BYZANTINE ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART, FOUNDED 1884

Athens, November 11, 2025
Ref. no.: 55/2025

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF VASSO PENNA, 2026**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: January 31, 2026

The Board of the Christian Archaeological Society (ChAE) announces for the seventh time the annual international award in memory of the renowned numismatist and professor at the University of Peloponnese Vasso Penna, which has been founded by her husband Dr Charalambos Pennas, honorary director of the Archaeological Service and a member of the ChAE since 1980.

The award endowed with a prize of 500 euros is granted, following the application of the candidates for the best submitted publication that have been published within the last five years, i.e. between 2021 and 2025, within the broader field of numismatics and sigillography in Byzantium and in the areas of Greece and Cyprus under Latin rule. Submissions must fall within the following thematic strands: Byzantine numismatics, medieval numismatics of areas of Greece and Cyprus under Latin rule, imitations of Byzantine coins beyond the borders of the Byzantine Empire, Byzantine sigillography. Articles and monographs or edited volumes or conference proceedings should be published following blind peer-review. For practical reasons, accepted languages are Greek, English, French, Italian or German. Publications in other languages must be accompanied by extensive summary in one of the above languages.

The evaluation will be the task of a three-member ad hoc committee, which will consist of members of the ChAE Board and external experts. The winner will be announced at the annual Symposium of Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Archaeology and Art of the Christian Archaeological Society (April 2026).

The submitted work, accompanied by an application letter mentioning the affiliation and the contacts of the candidate, must be submitted in electronic form to the email address chae.secretary@gmail.com as well as in one hard copy (only for the monographs/edited volumes/conference proceedings) by **January 31, 2026**, to the Secretariat of the ChAE (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9.00-14.00, tel: +30 213 213 9556) or sent by post to Mr Vasilis Chrysanthopoulos (for the Penna Award), Christian Archaeological Society, c/o Byzantine and Christian Museum, 22 Vas. Sofias Ave., ATHENS, GR-106 75.

On behalf of the Board of the ChAE,

The President
Dr Ioanna Bitha
*Former Acting Director, Research Centre for Byzantine
and Post-Byzantine Art at the Academy of Athens*

The General Secretary
Associate Prof. Georgios Pallis
*National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens*