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About SOMA 2023

With the support of the University of Udine, the prestigious premises of the University's Scuola Superiore in Palazzo di Toppo Wassermann hosted the XXIV Symposium on Mediterranean Archaeology from 2 to 4 February 2023. The event was organised by the Department of Humanities and Cultural Heritage of the University of Udine, in collaboration with the General Association for Mediterranean Archaeology (GAMA) and under the patronage of the Italian Institute of Underwater Archaeology.

For decades, the Symposium on Mediterranean Archaeology has been an important occasion for the scientific community to meet and share research. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 24th edition—originally scheduled for autumn 2020—was postponed until it could be held safely in person. After a long period of online meetings, perhaps too long, the gathering in Udine finally allowed participants to meet face to face again. This was a moment that had been deeply missed, as we are both teachers and students: ready to present our work, to learn from the best contributions of others, and to welcome constructive criticism, transforming it into suggestions for improvement.

Entitled Ideas that travelled by the sea, the 24th Symposium featured presentations on maritime archaeology, including navigation, ports and landing places, and coastal landscapes. Particular attention was also devoted to shipbuilding and ancient Mediterranean trade routes, thanks above all to the contributions of underwater archaeological research.

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