

The 2011 MES Symposium on Ancient America

By Jim Leslie



The hi-lite of the 2011 Symposium on Ancient America were Keynote speaker Ian Hudson and Dr. Siu-Leung Lee. Ian Hudson presented Gavin Menzies' amazing books *1421* and *1434*, on the contact of the great ships of the Ming Dynasty with Europe, Africa and the Americas. The technology and culture the Chinese brought to Europe ignited the Renaissance and made the voyages of Columbus possible. This was further enhanced by Dr. Siu-Leung Lee's talks on the verification of the brass medallion presented to the Cherokees of North America from the visiting Chinese and the 1602 world map by Matteo Ricci mostly drawn by the Chinese in 1420-30, showing the American continents. Ian presented the history and S-L presented the science of the Chinese voyages. Dr. Lee has two books coming soon on these subjects. Of course, all this generated lots of questions from the audience.

More centered on the Americas was Dr. J Huston McCulloch's talk on the Hebrew connection shown by the Bat Creek and Newark Holy Stones and the Los Lunas and East Fork Sites. Rich Moats and Dr. James Krehbiel talks were both of astronomical alignments, first was Ohio's Yost Site by Rich and then Anasazi astronomical alignments in southeast Utah by Dr. Krehbiel. There are many similarities of early man needing accurate solar and lunar alignments for religious purposes. Bill Conner followed with a talk of Ohio's iron furnaces in the Paint and Deer Creek valleys of Ohio and the Sunday visit to the Garrett Furnace plus a strange effigy near Chillicothe.



Ian Hudson and Dr. Siu-Leung Lee

Dr. John White showed many examples of elephants in ancient art found in the Americas, emphasizing that these were probably drawn by ancient peoples who came to the Americas from lands where elephants live. He also recited the Hopi poem *Who Shall be the Sun*, a verse that explains how the unlikely Serpent became the Sun, explaining relation to Ohio's Serpent Mound and the Sun Religion.

Going south, Larry Gallant gave an interesting talk on Fortresses of the Ohio River Valley that he, his son Tom and others are researching, including field searching. Larry wishes me to print the answer to the question, *How old is the church in Fairmont?* from someone in attendance:

"The church was built in the 1880's with the foundation stones being taken from the "old stone building" next door. And the house which I pointed out was built afterwards, which housed Fran Perry and her family of missionaries. That house was in turn, torn down after Fran's parents passed away to make room for the present abomination that exists on the spot." If you know who that guy was, would you please pass this on to him? If not, maybe you could mention it in the next newsletter, as I don't wish to be known as disseminating false info. – Larry Gallant.

Everyone knows of the Nazca lines; but few have heard of similar ones at Blythe, California. Lee Pennington took us there with pictures and interesting stories. Then, we went onto the nearby Calico site made famous by Dr. Leaky. This led to Virginia Steen McIntyre and comparison with her work at Hueyatlaco, Mexico and how both were rejected.

Photos from the Symposium



Jim Leslie, Director



Keynote Speaker - Ian Hudson, Jim Leslie and Dr. Siu-Leung Lee



Dr. Siu-Leung Lee



Dr. John White



Dr. J Huston McCulloch



Dr. Lee and Rex Harvey



Jeremy Hongerlout and Dr J Hu McCulloch



Rich Moats and Dr John Payne



Dr. Lee, Al & Karen Altman at left; front right: Dr. John Payne and Ian Hudson



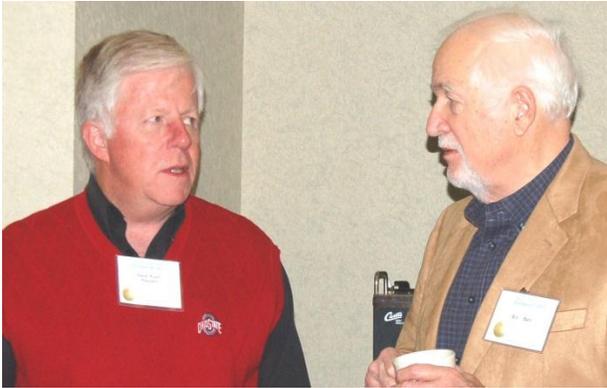
Larry & Sue Koetter at left; front right: Lee Pennington, Daneen Axlerod and Charles Creager



l-r: Bruce Widaman, John Feirertag, Larry and Sue Koetter



Dr Krebiel and Rich Moats



President Dave Rush and Bill Barr



Anne & Carl Walter and Dr. Lee



Tom and his father Lawrence Gallant