

- Wright, H. (1972) "A consideration of inter-regional exchange in greater Mesopotamia." in E. Wilmsen (ed.) Social Exchange and Interaction. University of Michigan, Museum of Anthropology, Anthropological Papers 46.
- Wright, H. and G. Johnson (1975) "Population, exchange and early state formation in southwestern Iran." American Anthropologist 77.2:267-89.
- White, L. (1949) The Science of Culture. New York: Grove Press, Inc.

### COMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN ARCHAEOLOGY

The Archaeological Institute of America announces the formation of the *Committee on East Asian Archaeology*. In constituting this Committee the Archaeological Institute takes note of its chartered purpose of promoting archaeological studies in the United States and Foreign countries and reaffirms its historic concern for archaeological research in East Asia. The purpose of the Committee is:

- 1) to promote student exchange,
- 2) to facilitate communication between archaeologists working in various regions of East Asia,
- 3) to promote a better knowledge among the general public of work being done in these areas,
- 4) to help bring the results of American scholarship to governments and peoples of the countries of East Asia,
- 5) to promote archaeological studies by whatever means may seem feasible and desirable.

The Committee hopes to co-ordinate its activities with other organisations active in research relating to East Asia.

Members of the Committee are:

- Bennett Bronson, Field Museum of Natural History,  
Chicago, Illinois
- Anneliese Gutkind Bulling, Columbia University, New York  
City, New York
- K.C. Chang, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
- Chester F. Gorman, University Museum, University of  
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Richard Pearson, University of British Columbia, Vancouver,  
BC, Canada
- Wilhelm G. Solheim II, University of Hawaii at Manoa,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

The President of the Archaeological Institute of America, Robert H. Dyson, Jr., University of Pennsylvania, is ex officio member of the Committee. Elizabeth A. Whitehead, General Secretary of the Institute serves as Chairman and co-ordinator of the activities of the Committee.

At its first meeting on March 23rd, 1977, the *Committee on East Asian Archaeology* agreed to study a number of substantive proposals. Immediate action will be taken to broaden the Visiting Lecture Program of the Institute by adding Asian scholars. Members of the Committee have agreed to make their services available to lecture to a number of the eighty-one societies of the Institute, which are located throughout the United States and Canada.

Committee members will also make known to colleagues working in countries of East Asia that the pages of *ARCHAEOLOGY* magazine are available to them for publication of their research. Phyllis Pollak Katz, editor of *ARCHAEOLOGY*, attended the initial meeting and will co-operate actively with the Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth A. Whitehead  
Chairman  
Committee on East Asian Archaeology  
Archaeological Institute of America

#### THE ACHEULIAN INDUSTRY OF ROCK SHELTER IIF-23 AT BHIMBETKA, CENTRAL INDIA - A PRELIMINARY STUDY<sup>1</sup>

##### Introduction

It is over a century and a decade ago that the first Acheulian implement - a cleaver - was found by Robert Bruce Foote in a lateritic gravel pit at Pallavaram near Madras<sup>2</sup>. During the following three decades Acheulian finds were made from many sites in peninsular India, mainly by Foote himself but also by some other amateur archaeologists. In the last three and a half decades systematic exploration of many regions in India for palaeolithic remains has been carried out by workers from several institutions, the majority of them from the Deccan College, Poona working under the inspiration and guidance of Professor H.D. Sankalia. Acheulian industries have been found over almost all of the country except the Indo-Gangetic plains and the western