Attendees: Messrs. ZINK, MAHÉ, BERNARD, JARRIGE, FILLIOZAT, ROBERT, VERELLEN and Grenet, French correspondent of the Académie.


The President, Mr. Michel ZINK, opened the session and called Mr. Franciscus VERELLEN to present the project of Mr. Andrew Hardy, Director of the EFEO Center in Hanoi. Focused on the study of the great wall located in the central region of Vietnam (provinces of Quang Ngai and Binh Dinh), this project has the cooperation of the Vietnam Institute of Archaeology.

The President read letters from Messrs. Jacques GERNET, Léon Vandermeersch, former director of the EFEO, and Alain Thote (excused) fully supporting the proposition of Mr. Franciscus VERELLEN in favor of this original project.

After a general discussion, the members of the Committee for the Joseph P. Carroll Prize for Asian Studies, decided unanimously to award the prize to Mr. Andrew Hardy for his project. The Carroll Prize for Asian Studies will allow Mr. Hardy to write an ambitious book summarizing the results of the multidisciplinary research (history, archaeology, geography, anthropology) he conducted within that project, which was initiated in 2005.

**Interest of the project:**

The interest of the project has been highlighted by the media coverage it received in 2011 in the Vietnamese press as well as in the international media, but also by the visit of the Head of the Delegation of the European Union in Vietnam accompanied by the ambassadors of six member countries. From the scientific point of view, this project is essential because the study of the great wall raises the question of the historical relations between the Viêt, the Cham and the mountain ethnic groups. Beyond its strictly local dimensions, it is a key in the interrogation about the Vietnamese expansion to the South and gives us a better understanding of the political and economic history of the Champa, of the evolution of the territorial conceptions and the administrative practices in Vietnam, and the development of its communications and borders. From a political angle, the study of the great wall is of a very contemporary interest (question of the ethnic minorities and borders). From an economic perspective, the study of the wall located in a disadvantaged region helps us to understand the historical grounds of its underdevelopment and, thus, raises a reflection about economic strategies in general. Finally, the wall and the different sites associated with it (forts, markets, temples, ancient road sections) are a great and complex challenge to managing the cultural heritage.
2011 Prize Winner: Mr. Andrew Hardy

- Born on July, 19th 1966
- 2001-2002: Assistant Professor: National University of Singapore, Southeast Asian Studies Programme
- 2002-: Assistant Professor: Director of the EFEO Center in Hanoi

For more information: http://www.efeo.fr/biographies/notices/hardy.htm