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Survey results

Starting off with some of the readership particulars. It is hardly a surprise that almost everyone who filled out the survey is male. About half of you are from the US, a quarter from the United Kingdom and the rest hails in large part from the other Anglo-Saxon countries and northwestern Europe. Nor was it a surprise that, since the survey was run on a website, your mean age was somewhat lower than is normally expected in this field of interest. You are avid readers and, although universally generally interested in warfare in the Ancient World, you are neatly divided into clear groups when it comes to expressing your interest: almost equally large groups of professionals in the field, wargamers, modelers and reenactors.

Interests

The first interesting outcome occurred when it came to picking your favorite periods. We had expected that the largest group would be fascinated by the Romans – and that did come true – but we had not foreseen that Classical Greece and the Hellenistic world came so close. This is a clear signal and we will endeavor to adapt the editorial plan in that direction, if possible.

When it came to concrete subject matter, the winners were again easy to predict. Battles and tactics are what over 80 percent want to read about. Our feature 'The Battle' will therefore have to be in every issue. Combat and fighting techniques, campaigns and global strategy were the expected runners-up, but the field beyond the top three is less clearly defined. That is actually not a bad result, it just means that we can let our authors be creative in their selection of angles and subjects and guarantee that you will always find something that interests you. There were two more results regarding special interests that we would like to share with you. The first one was, again, expected. You really want to get information on original finds, reconstructions of those finds and read about interesting items that were recently dug up. Second, you are very interested in hearing about museums that are worth the visit, museum reviews if you like. We had not anticipated that 60 percent wanted to read about this, but it is again a clear signal to do something about.

Content and style

When it came to questions touching on the features of Ancient Warfare and the style the articles should be written in, we were confirmed in our idea that there is a place for a specialized magazine like this. No less than 96 percent of those who took the survey indicated that a succinct introduction suffices before the article dives into the details of the subject. More than 50 percent in fact said they “do not need more shallow articles.” That is a demand we