

## ANTONINO DI VITA E CRETA

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### ABSTRACT

This paper aims at outlining A. Di. Vita as a man, as a scholar, as an excavator and as director of the Italian Archaeological School in Athens, stressing his privileged relationship with the Island of Crete, both due to the excavations conducted by him in Gortina (from 1977 to 2009) but also on account of the support which he provided, as Director of the Italian School, for the excavations conducted at Phaistos and Prinias. The last two relevant episodes of his activity as Director of the Italian School are also linked to Crete and regard the construction of the house and storerooms of the school in Gortina and the organization of the international conference on Roman and Proto-Byzantine Crete.