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Local identity and cultural exchange in (pre-) colonial Francavilla Marittima:
the Macchiabate necropolis in the light of new excavations

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40 years after the excavations by Paola Zancani Montuoro new investigations were started in the Macchiabate-Necropolis at Francavilla Marittima in Calabria in 2009 by the Institute of Classical Archaeology of the University of Basel. They aim at a better understanding of the genesis of the necropolis as well as of the relationship between the two burial traditions attested in the cemetery so far: isolated single graves and large grave clusters under big burial mounds. The area chosen for the excavations is located immediately to the north of grave „Strada“, one of the oldest graves in the cemetery famous for the discovery of a „Phoenician“ bronze bowl. In the last three years several graves have been excavated in the „area „Strada“ dating all to the 8th century B.C. Despite a generally bad state of preservation their grave goods offer new insights into the burial customs of the native population at the time of their encounter with the first Greek and Phoenician visitors. The present paper will focus on the evidence of this cultural interaction within the native burial customs of Francavilla Marittima, primarily with regard to the newly excavated graves but also from a more general perspective.