
"It was a wonderful day! Our team remained in Baghdad for a few days before our travel to tell Mahuz (Kirkuk). It would be a nice chance to visit our Iraqi colleagues Donny Georges and Nawala al Mutawali, who were working in Umm al Qarib and Umma respectively at that time. After a moving trip to the archaeological sites -under a blazing sun- guided by Donny, we met the Iraqi teams in the archaeological mission to have a lunch. Shadow, water, food and friends were waiting for us in the house, Donny got all ready for us. I took this picture after take a rest; thanks to this we can remind all members of the Iraqi and Spanish teams like a family. Yes, actually we spent that day with the family, because we felt at home whenever Donny were with us.”

Carmen del Cerro
On 6 July 2001, the journal Science (Vol. 293, No. 557, pp. 32-43) published a long article written by Andrew Lawler on the destruction of Iraq's archaeological heritage. On page 39 it is widely spoken of Donny George, his business and his dedication to the defense of the Archaeological Heritage (Joaquin Mª Córdoba).
The years of the blockade imposed on Iraq had destructive effects on all areas of the country, including science. Amid hardships of all kinds, during the year 2000, Donny George got re-edit the secular journal Sumer, of the Directorate of Antiquities and Heritage of Iraq. Rightfully proud of the effort and results since, Donny shows the cover of that issue of the magazine during an interview (Joanne Farchakh Bajjaly).
In October 2003, the Spanish edition of National Geographic (pages 58-75) published a report by Andrew Lawler, with photographs by Steve McCurry and Randy Olson, which details the situation that then Iraqi heritage suffered as a result of war, the looting of museums and plundering of archaeological sites. On page 73 is remembered Donny George’s performance in defending the museum and heritage of Iraq. A photo of Donny evokes his presence in the room just devastated Assyria (Joaquín Mª Córdoba)
Number 27 of 2003, the magazine Der Spiegel in its pages 152-156, published a long article signed by Matthias Schulz and Bernhard Zand. It realizes looting suffered by the National Museum of Iraq and of the first activities of the U.S. military. A picture captures a moment of videoconferencing between the authorities in Washington and his soldiers in Baghdad. Among the military appears responsible for the museum, Donny George, whose presence in the image was essential to give credence to the late and incomplete efforts of the military (Joaquín Mª Córdoba)
Donny George
Youkhanna and
Ali Hussein Faraj
at Donny’s house
in Baghdad
(2004). At that
time Donny
George was tutor
of the Ali Hussein
Faraj’s PhD
thesis “Jewish
Aramaic
Incantation
Bowls from the
Iraqi Museum”
(Carlo Lippolis)

This picture contains perhaps one of the happiest moments of the life of Donny George. In May 2003 the
head from the Lady of Warka was recovered, one of the most important pieces from the National
Museum of Iraq was missing when the looting of the museum. In the hands of Donny finally, this image
belies the sincere emotion he experienced that day (Joanne Farchakh Bajjaly)
Donny George at Amman, with Iraqi and Jordan colleagues. The picture was taken in September 2004 inside of the storerooms of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan, where a large amount of Iraqi antiquities were temporary stored. The artefacts, stolen from Iraqi museums or coming from illicit excavations, had been confiscated by the Jordanian Customs and Police Authorities between 2003 and 2004. Thanks to the cooperation between the Iraqi State Board of Antiquities and Heritage, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Antiquities of Jordan and to the active, tireless support of Donny George, the archaeologists of the Centro Scavi di Torino recorded and catalogued these materials between December 2004 and February 2005 (Roberta Menegazzi).

In 2011, in Texas, Donny lectured in the AIA meeting that took place there. In this picture, he is next to Elisabeth Stone and Paul Zimansky, during a trip, since Donny was there for a short time after the meeting (Joanne Farchakh Bajjaly).