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ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΑ - CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

SESSION FOR 2004 SAA MEETINGS

A session on digital access to archaeology collections is being planned for the 2004 SAA meetings. If you are interested in participating, please contact Wendy Teeter <wteeter@arts.ucla.edu>.

TECHNOLOGICAL HEADWAY: DIGITAL ACCESS TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS

CHAired AND ORGANIZED BY:

Wendy Giddens Teeter (UCLA-Fowler Museum of Cultural History)
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Abstract: As the world becomes more digital, we have the opportunity to improve the accessibility of archaeological resources. Many museums recognize that providing summary information about their collections, including online exhibits, via the web increases the importance and use of these non-renewable resources. Intensive and extensive searches for collections, as well as specific artifacts and records, are increasingly possible on the web. The digital age has ushered in great possibilities for increasing preservation and access of systematic archaeological collections and documentation. This session looks at some of the steps taken, some issues that have arisen, and the possibilities of tomorrow

SECOND CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

Dear colleagues

I drawing your attention to the fact that we are holding our second Conference on Science and Technology in Archaeology and Conservation. Excavation reports as well as papers on CRM, Museums and Tourism are also most welcome. This year we will emphasize the protection of cultural heritage in times of conflict. The Iraq War has brought this issue into focus. We are not after a political debate but rather what shall we do in the future to prevent vandalism and loss of historic artifacts. Please check our website <http://www.hu.edu.jo/conferences/confer.htm>

We do have some funds to support fees and/or accommodations. Write to me if you think you need this. But please you should exhaust other possible funding sources before doing so. The deadline for abstracts of 200 words or less is September 7.

Best Regards

Talal Akasheh

Vice President and Dean of Queen Rania Institute for Tourism and Cultural Heritage.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT ¹⁴C **CONFERENCE**

Welcome to the Fourth and Final Announcement of the 18th International Radiocarbon Conference, 1-5th September, in Wellington, NZ.

The Website has been updated with a Provisional Conference program, including Oral and Poster Session Assignments.

Please go to the Conference Website on the following link:

<http://www.gns.cri.nz/14conference2003/>

The Organising Committee looks forward to seeing you in Wellington.

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST, BERLIN

March 29-April 3, 2004

Workshop, "Paleoclimate Proxy Data for Holocene East Mediterranean and West Asia"

[View map of paleoclimate sites and bibliography](#)

This workshop aims to synthesize the proxy data retrieved from ice, lake, marine and speleothem cores across West Asia and adjacent regions (see attached figure) to establish coherent (in-phase) and synoptic (simultaneous) sequences of natural Holocene climate stages and abrupt events defined by their precipitation, temperature, seasonality, and other qualities. This synthesis may provide a base-line for building regional prehistoric and ancient agro-production functions and for distinguishing anthropogenic from natural environmental alterations during the period 11.5 – 2 kaBP.

- Miriam Bar-Matthews, Jerusalem
- Utz Böhrner, Hannover
- Stephen Burns, UMass, Amherst
- Mauro Cremaschi, Milan
- Françoise Gasse, CNRS
- Stefan Kröpelin, Köln
- Mike Krum, Leeds
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- Anne Muller, Magdeburg
- Antje Schwalb, Braunschweig
- Mike Staubwasser, Oxford
- Lonnie Thompson, OSU
- Elise van Campo, CNRS
- Harvey Weiss, Yale
- Bernhard Weninger, Köln
- Lucia Wick, Zurich
- Kathy Willis, Oxford
- Yoshinori Yasuda, Kyoto

Papers to be presented and discussed will focus upon individual proxy records and archives, the quantification of proxy values and the precise dating which permits measures of coherent and synoptic regional climate.

Day 1: 4 hours, 8 papers

Day 2: 4 hours, 8 papers

Day 3: all participants, draft preparation of regional and period syntheses

Day 1 and Day 2 will be hosted by the 4th ICAANE at Freie Universität Berlin. Day 3 may be hosted at one of the ICAANE hotels. A draft synthesis will be presented to the ICAANE general meeting.

Participants can register at http://www.ctw-congress.de/4icaane/04_geninfo.html.

Please submit paper title and abstract to ICAANE:

(http://www.ctw-congress.de/4icaane/05_abstracts.html) and to harvey.weiss@yale.edu

prior to December 15, 2003.

The workshop's contributions and syntheses will be published in 2005. Additional participants welcome.

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Please visit the site:

http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/paleo/meetings/icaane2004_workshop.html



ΕΚΔΟΣΕΙΣ – PUBLICATIONS

THE MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

GRANTS TO ASSIST PUBLICATION

The Mediterranean Archaeological Trust, set up in 1959 for the promotion of the study of archaeology, invites applications in 2003 - 2004 for a programme of grants, made on a competitive basis, to assist with the publication of archaeological fieldwork in the Mediterranean world. Within the terms of the Trust, priority may be given to Bronze Age subjects. Grants for any amount, however small, will be considered, provided they expedite publication, but the maximum grant awarded to any one project will not exceed GBP 10,000.

Applications comprising a 2000 word maximum description of the proposed work and an outline budget, together with at least two, not no more than four referees' names, should be sent no later than 15 January 2004 to:

Professor Sir John Boardman
(Mediterranean Archaeological Trust)
Ashmolean Museum
Oxford OX1 2PH
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The references should be sent directly by the referees or accompany the application in a sealed envelope. Successful applicants will be informed by around the end of March 2004.

ΘΕΣΕΙΣ ΕΡΓΑΣΙΑΣ/ΥΠΟΤΡΟΦΙΕΣ –
JOB VACANCIES/FELLOWSHIPS

NERC PHD STUDENTSHIP

Applications are invited for a NERC PhD studentship tied to RAPID Climate Change Programme Grant NER/T/S/2002/00460, "ISOMAP-UK: a combined data – modelling investigation of water isotopes and their interpretation during rapid climate change events". The studentship will be based in the Department of Geography at the University of Wales Swansea.

The aim of the project is to analyse the oxygen isotopic composition of aquatic cellulose in lake sediments to estimate the isotopic values of past precipitation. The supervisors are Professor Alayne Street-Perrott and Dr Iain Robertson. Full details are available on the Swansea Geography website at: http://ralph.swan.ac.uk/pgrdinfo/nerc_clim.htm

Candidates must have or expect to gain a First or strong Upper Second class degree, in Geography, Environmental Sciences, Biology, Geology or a related subject. A recognised MSc degree in environmental or climatic change would be an advantage. NERC has increased the PhD stipend by 50% to £12,000 (tax free) from 1 October 2003, the starting date for this award. Candidates for awards must have a relevant connection with the United Kingdom - see NERC website for details of eligibility.

The closing date for applications is 31 AUGUST 2003.

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ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΕΙΣ - ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY IN ARGENTINA

Hello,

I am writing to you to tell you about a course-workshop that I am taking ahead at Estancia La Marva, Patagonia Argentina, which is aimed to university students. In this project, named Field Archeology, we try to gather little groups (no more than 10 people each) with the objective of learning at the field about the present problems of the archaeology of Patagonia and about the methodologies we are using. We intend to accomplish this through classes and field practices such as prospection, rock art search, map analysis, digs, experimentation on lithic flaking and painting techniques, etc. To develop this activity we constructed a web page, where the program is explained, as well as the characteristics of the archaeological locality, the investigation project and the requirements for the inscription of the students who wish to participate.

www.arqueologialamaria.com.ar

Through this mean I request if you can, to spread the word about this course-workshop that intends to develop during the summer months of the south hemisphere of the years 2003 and 2004. I will be very grateful for the diffusion that you could take ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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NEWS RELEASE

ARCHAEOLOGISTS FIND EVIDENCE OF STONE-AGE METALLURGY IN BULGARIA

25 Aug 2003, 20:08 UTC

The following was reported in explorer 6:18 with reference to <http://tinyurl.com/lrgi> (VOA).

the text of which was Archaeologists Find Evidence of Stone-Age Metallurgy in Bulgaria
VOA News 25 Aug 2003, 20:08 UTC

Bulgarian archaeologists say they have found evidence of the earliest known metalworking foundry in Europe.

At a site in southern Bulgaria, they found a stone age fireplace and traces of copper slag, the residue of copper melting. The fireplace dates from about 6,000, BC. Archaeologists say this would be proof of metalworking at least 1,500 years earlier than it was previously thought to have originated in Europe.

Evidence of earlier metallurgy has been found in Mesopotamia, what is now Iraq, dating from about 8,000 BC.

Some information for this report provided by AFP and AP.