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## **ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΑ - CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS**

# **7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF POSTGRADUATE CYPRIOT ARCHAEOLOGY (POCA), 19TH- 20TH OCTOBER 2007, UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS**

Dear All,

This is the last Call for papers for POCA 2007. Please forward to anyone interested.

The 7th annual meeting of **Postgraduate Cypriot Archaeology (POCA)** will be held on the **19th- 20th October 2007** at the Main Auditorium of the University of Cyprus. The event will be organised for the first time in Cyprus, by the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Cyprus.

POCA 2007 will open on the **18th October 2007 at 7.30 p.m.** with a plenary lecture by **Dr Nicholas Stanley-Price**.

An excursion is planned for the 21st October 2007, depending on adequate participation.

This symposium offers an excellent opportunity to postgraduate students and new scholars, from various backgrounds and disciplines, who are currently carrying out research on Cypriot Archaeology, to present their work, exchange ideas and meet people who carry out research in the same field. Undergraduates are also warmly invited to attend.

There is no registration fee.

We welcome all papers regarding archaeological, anthropological, historical, sociological or other aspects of material culture of Cyprus and related subjects. There are no chronological limits.

Interested scholars are invited to submit an abstract (max. 150-200 words) and a short biographical note by the 1st of August 2007 to [poca2007@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:poca2007@ucy.ac.cy). Papers should be 20 minutes long, as they will be followed by discussion. Please note that we intend to publish the proceedings, if a sufficient number of papers is submitted. All submissions will be subject to editorial review, and therefore acceptance for presentation does not automatically guarantee inclusion in the final publication.

POCA 2007 committee kindly request that you inform any interested individuals within your research community regarding this event.

For further information regarding participation or online registration please visit <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/~poca2007>.

If you have any enquiries please contact us at [poca2007@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:poca2007@ucy.ac.cy) or Skevi Christodoulou at [skevi\\_13@yahoo.com](mailto:skevi_13@yahoo.com) and Anna Satraki at [asatraki@yahoo.gr](mailto:asatraki@yahoo.gr)

Please check the website (<http://www.ucy.ac.cy/~poca2007>) for further details and updates.

We look forward to seeing you in Cyprus.

POCA 2007 Committee

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## **METALS AND METALWORKING IN IRELAND, DUBLIN, 14-16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007**

This year's Historical Metallurgy Society conference is being run in conjunction with the Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland and will be based in the National Museum in Dublin, by kind invitation of its Director, Dr Patrick Wallace. There will be visits guided by four of the Museum's curators to both the Archaeological collections at Kildare Street and the Decorative Arts and History collections at Collins Barracks. In addition there will be two half-day lecture sessions at Collins Barracks with a wide range of papers on all aspects of metals and metalworking in Ireland, from the earliest times to the more recent past. On the Friday and Monday there will be optional visits to historic mining sites near Dublin, organised by the Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland.

Accommodation has been arranged in Trinity College Dublin, which is in the centre of the city. Non-residents can join us for dinner on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

The early evening lectures on Friday will be in the National Museum in Kildare Street, which is close to Trinity College. They will provide an introduction to the subject matter of the conference and be followed by a wine reception. On Saturday morning we return to the Museum in Kildare Street to visit the archaeological collections. Highlights are the Bronze Age gold, the Treasury with its many Early Christian metal artefacts, and the Viking and medieval galleries with displays including a wide range of metal objects and evidence for metalworking. On Saturday afternoon there will be the first lecture session at Collins Barracks. On Saturday evening there will be a series of short members' talks at Trinity College before we adjourn to the bar. On Sunday morning we return to Collins Barracks for a second lecture session, followed by a buffet lunch and visits to the museum's collections, which include coins, pewter, Georgian silver, military items and the 'What's in store' visible storage display of over 16,000 objects including metalwork and scientific instruments. There may be an opportunity to see Viking metalworking finds from Dublin in the stores.

The lecture programme is being finalised and will be posted on the HMS website at the end of July. A downloadable registration form can also be found on the website (<http://hist-met.org/conf2007.html>).

For further details of the conference please contact the organiser:

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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
THE TERRACOTTA FIGURINES OF THE  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IN  
ANTIQUITY (7TH C. B.C.-A.D. 4TH  
C.), JUNE 2ND-6TH, 2007, DOKUZ EYLUL  
UNIVERSITY, IZMİR, TURKEY**

An international conference on the terracotta figurines of the Eastern Mediterranean in Antiquity (7th c. B.C.-A.D. 4th c.) has been taken place on June 2nd-6th, 2007 at Dokuz Eylul University (DEU) in Izmir, Turkey.

The organizers of the conference were Dr Ergun LAFLI of DEU and Prof. Arthur MULLER of Universite Charles-de-Gaulle – Lille 3 (France), with the supports of Ecole francaise d'Athènes. Ca. 190 participants from more than 25 different countries (ca. 40 from Greece) discussed a range of issues concerning terracotta figurines. This conference with ca. 110 papers (45 oral; the rest was posters) was an excellent opportunity to increase the knowledge of this material. More than 120 sites in the eastern Mediterranean were presented; geographical areas represented at this conference was Greece (Athens, Kerameikos, Corinth, Corfu, Petres, Tanagra, Boeotia, Thebai, Olynthus, Ithaca etc.), Asia Minor (Miletus, Myrina, Pergamon, Ephesus, Didyma, Parion, Assos etc.), Cyprus, Sicily, Italy, North Africa, Israel, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Bulgaria, Roumania, Ukraina, etc. Thematically conference was divided into funeral, domestic and votive terracotta figurines, and papers were examining production, diffusion, iconography and function of the Greek and Roman terracotta figurines, from the beginning of mass production (7th century) to the end of Classical tradition (4th century).

Papers presented at the conference will be published as E. LAFLI/A. MULLER (eds.), *Figurines de terre cuite en Mediterranee orientale grecque et romaine. Production et Diffusion, Iconographie et Fonction. Colloque international, 2-6 juin 2007 / Izmir, Turquie*, in the series of Ecole francaise d'Athènes, *Bulletin de Correspondance Hellenique, Supplements* (Paris/Athens; for 2009).

There already are some (mostly U.S. American) colleagues who are interested to inaugurate an international association based in Izmir for Greek and Roman coroplastic studies, entitled, *exempli gratia*, *Diphilos*.

*Association pour l'etude de la coroplastic grecque et romaine*. A further suggestion for a possible collaboration among colleagues was also made that will enable the creation of an electronic Newsletter for Greek and Roman Coroplastic Studies on the internet for the activities of the Association.

E-mail: [terracottas@deu.edu.tr](mailto:terracottas@deu.edu.tr)

Conference Web Site: <http://web.deu.edu.tr/terracottas/>.

Second announcement of LSC meeting 2008! - Call for abstract submission!

Dear colleagues interested in the LSC meeting 2008

You can find new information on the webpage [www.LSC2008.ch](http://www.LSC2008.ch), regarding the abstract submission. Early registration is available from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 (550€), when an online submission form will be provided for. You are invited to submit an abstract to the secretaries of conference no later than November 15th 2007, where detailed information can be found on the homepage, abstract. You will be notified after February 1st 2008 if your submission can be accepted as oral or as poster contribution. We are looking forward to receiving your interesting contributions.

Please send your abstract submissions to: [LSC2008@psi.ch](mailto:LSC2008@psi.ch)

Best regards

Jost Eikenberg, Maya Jäggi, Heide Beer

**20<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL RADIOCARBON  
CONFERENCE, MAY 31 - JUNE 5, 2009,  
BIG ISLAND, HAWAII**

Hello all,

We're excited to announce that the 20<sup>th</sup> International Radiocarbon Conference will be held May 31 to June 5, 2009, on the Big Island, Hawaii. The NSF-Arizona AMS Lab is organizing the conference. Please keep the attached PDF as a "save the date" reminder. Further details will be announced in the coming months.

Best,

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# **EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY** **CONFERENCE SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>** **NOVEMBER 2007, EXETER**

Experimental Archaeology Day Conference Saturday 17th November 2007 The vast and exciting potential of experimental archaeology often goes unrecognized in academic archaeology. The basis of this conference are the key issues that surround the integration of experimental archaeology as a mainstream methodology.

## **Key themes:**

- Explore the scope of ‘experimental archaeology’ and distinguish between full experiments, pilot experiments, pre-experiments, experiential activities, public demonstrations and hobby projects.
- The role of experimental archaeology in academic research.
- Improving ways of promoting experimental archaeology in academic research  
Improving communication between academic experimental archaeologists and crafts people.
- How to communicate experiments and results to the academic community and the public.

With these themes in mind, the day will be split into three sections.

- Theoretical issues (themes one and two above) of experimental archaeology, with an emphasis on the values of experimental archaeology as well as issues of terminology.
- Experimental case studies which can include full experiments, pilot experiments, pre-experiments or experiential projects.
- Round table discussion on the future of experimental archaeology, opened by a short presentation summarising the day. The discussion will focus on themes three to five, see above.

After several requests, we will now have an informal session on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, including a tour of the labs and experimental land. It will also be an opportunity to chat in more detail about any issues which have arisen on the previous day. There are only limited spaces available for this, so please register early. Information about accommodation can be found on our Accommodation List page.

The conference fee of £5 will be charged to cover the costs of tea/coffee and a copy of the programme. Please register before the 1st of October.

For more information and registration form go to:

<http://www.sogaer.ex.ac.uk/archaeology/conferences/present/exp2007.shtml> or contact the organisers : [exp2007@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:exp2007@exeter.ac.uk)

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**JOB VACANCIES/FELLOWSHIPS**

**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 for grants, made on a competitive basis, for expenses in 2008-9, in the preparation for publication of material from archaeological \*fieldwork\* in the Mediterranean world, excluding subventions to publishers. 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. The grants do not normally exceed £ 3000.

Applications comprising a 2000-word-\*maximum\* description of the proposed work and an outline budget, together with two referees' names, should be sent no later than \*15 January 2008\*, to:

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Professor Sir John Boardman  
(Mediterranean Archaeological Trust)  
Classics Centre,  
66 St. Giles.  
Oxford OX1 3LU  
[or \*also\* by fax to +44-1865-610237; NOT by email]

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The references (which are \*essential\*) should be sent direct by the referees (to meet the deadline of 15 January) or accompany the application in a sealed envelope. Successful applicants will be informed by around the end of March 2008.

## **ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΕΙΣ - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MINOR UPDATE TO OXCAL4 POSTED**

OxCal has now been updated to v4.0.4. The main issues that have been addressed in the latest version are:

1. Standalone version - now should pick up priors and calibration curves from the same directory as the command file
2. The non-default range reporting options now work properly - intercept ranges are shown as such in plots
3. The plot window should now show up properly in Firefox
4. There should be a slight improvement in the speed of modelling

Please let me know of any problems with the new version. You may need to clear the cache in your browser (or reload pages) for all changes to take effect.

Christopher Ramsey

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## *INTERNET SITES*

### **CONSTANTINOPLE IN THE YEAR 1204**

Hi,

There is a new museums in Istanbul based on the 'Byzantium 1200' project, which aims to recreate the city of Constantinople as it was in the year 1204. Many buildings and monuments are shown in reconstruction on their website.

The new museum in Istanbul, which opened in November of last year, is located at the Philoxenos (Binbirdirek) Cistern. There are many nice models and pictures of what Constantinople would have looked like in 1204. All in all, two interesting projects well worth a look. See the website:

<http://www.byzantium1200.com/>

Sincerely,

Mark Merlino

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Mark Merlino's Website:

<http://www.mmerlino.com/>

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## **ARCHAEOLOGY AND PALAEOPATHOLOGY NETWORK**

Dear All,

I invite you to join a new Archaeology and Palaeopathology network website. There you can upload news and abstracts/texts/photos of your projects, your personal website address and everything else you think of sharing interest.

<http://www.bioarchaeology.ning.com>

Best wishes,

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## **ΝΕΕΣ ΕΚΔΟΣΕΙΣ – NEW PUBLICATIONS**

### **ONLINE JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Two articles that are freely available online, in the recent issues of two journals:

\* Cyprian Broodbank and Evangelia Kiriati, "The First "Minoans" of Kythera Revisited: Technology, Demography, and Landscape in the Prepalatial Aegean", in AJA 11.2 (April 2007) [in PDF].

<http://www.ajaonline.org/index.php?ptype=content&aid=259>

\* Gemma Marakas, "Sanctuaries and their surroundings: The role of 'space' in the religion of the LBA to EIA of Greece", in Rosetta #02 (Spring 2007) [in HTML]

[http://www.rosetta.bham.ac.uk/Issue\\_02/Marakas.htm](http://www.rosetta.bham.ac.uk/Issue_02/Marakas.htm)

Aayko Eyma

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**EΙΔΗΣΕΙΣ - NEWS RELEASE**  
**RARE MYCENAEAN GRAVE**  
**UNEARTHED**

**Mon Jul 16, 2:07 PM ET**

Roadworks in southern Greece have unearthed a rare Mycenaean grave thought to be well over 3,000 years old and containing important burial offerings including a gold chalice, the culture ministry said on Monday.

Archaeologists said it appeared to be the grave of a local military official and was the first time a single grave had been found with such a combination of objects -- including a bronze and gold sword, and a bronze spear point, knife and pot.

Pottery found in the grave dated it to around 1,200 BC.

"It included one dead body in a fetal position, whose bones had disintegrated," the ministry said in a statement. "But the burial offerings are in very good condition and especially important."

The Bronze Age grave, found near the town of Agrinio in the Peloponnese, measures 1.48 by 0.78 meters (yards) and is made with limestone slabs.

The Mycenaean civilization flourished from 1600 to 1100 BC, building great walled cities, such as Mycenae, across the Peloponnese. Homer's Iliad tells of the conquest of Troy by the Mycenaean kings.

"This is a very important discovery because it gives us clues as to the social and military dominance enjoyed by the people of this era," said archaeologist Maria Gatsi, in charge of excavations in the area.

**Please visit the site:**

**[http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070716/sc\\_nm/greece\\_grave\\_dc;vlt=Anw\\_tvvu5sXOs0r1yLyBfRQhANEA](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070716/sc_nm/greece_grave_dc;vlt=Anw_tvvu5sXOs0r1yLyBfRQhANEA)**