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## ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΑ - CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

### INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZED WORKSHOP, THE DATING AND PROVENANCE OF OBSIDIAN AND ANCIENT MANUFACTURED GLASSES, DELPHI (EUROPEAN CULTURAL CENTER OF DELPHI), GREECE, 21-24 FEB. 2008

Intensive investigations and technological progress obliges the frequent updating of interdisciplinary scientific disciplines. From our assessment of current archaeological glass studies, it becomes apparent that after every ten years it is necessary to provide a new synopsis. Many new advances have been developed since the last summary for obsidians published in 1998 (S. Shackley 1998 *Archaeological Obsidian Studies: Method and Theory*, Plenum Press, New York). New experimental procedures and understandings, novel methodological developments, and insightful applications have all emerged.

In this International Workshop, it is our goal to bring together examples of recent investigations that reflect new developments in the field of glass studies. This Workshop will not be simply a synthesis of the existing literature. Rather, we hope to incorporate contributions that summarize and build upon previous research but also present new and previously unpublished results. We have also widened the scope of the Meeting to include ancient glasses since many of the problems and applications in this field are directly related to research on natural glasses.

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Please visit the site: <http://www.rhodes.aegean.gr/tms/delphiobsidian2008/index.htm>

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## **THE 10TH CONFERENCE OF ICCM- FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

The first announcement for the 10th Conference of the International Committee for the Conservation of Mosaics, which will take place in Palermo in October 2008, has been posted at the following address: <http://noticeboard.ucy.ac.cy/ema/palermo.pdf>

For further information please contact Guido Meli at  
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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
PAPHLAGONIA AND PONTUS IN  
ANTIQUITY AND THE EARLY BYZANTINE  
PERIOD (7TH C. BC-7TH C. AD), MAY 31-  
JUNE 4, 2008 / IZMİR, TURKEY**

**First Circular - Call for Papers**

Dear Colleagues,

An international conference on Paphlagonia and Pontus in antiquity and the early Byzantine period (7th c. BC-7th c. AD) will take place between May 31st and June 4th, 2008 at the Dokuz Eylul University in Izmir, Turkey.

The conference is jointly organised by the Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir and The Centre for Classics and Archaeology, School of Historical Studies, University of Melbourne. This conference will be organised as a part of the Paphlagonia Project, a long-term archaeological field project in central Paphlagonia <[www.paphlagonia.com](http://www.paphlagonia.com)>.

The deadline for paper proposals, January 1, 2008, is fast approaching. We invite papers from scholars and graduate students on any aspect of Paphlagonia and Pontus in the above period. The conference aims to bring together participants from throughout the world to discuss a range of issues concerning this North Anatolian landscape and encourage dialogue amongst and between Classical and Near Eastern archaeologists, ancient historians, classicists and all other disciplines from Classical, Near Eastern and Anatolian Studies.

Paphlagonia is an area of the central Black Sea coastal region of Turkey, situated between Bithynia and Pontus, and separated from Galatia by an eastern outlier of the Bithynian Olympus. It is a mountainous district with the Halys as its chief river; along its coast were a number of colonies, including Greek Sinope. It was a contact zone between the Greeks of the Black Sea region and the Iron Age population of Central Anatolia.

“Pontus” is a geographic term of with a variety of usages. In ancient times the Black Sea and its shores were referred to as the Pontos, but the name eventually became more specific to the area of northeast Anatolia in late classical times. The term did get a definite connotation of being a separate state after the establishment of the Kingdom of Pontus, founded beyond the Halys shortly after 302 B.C. The kingdom of Pontus was henceforth ruled by a succession of kings, mostly bearing the same name until 64 B.C. In our Conference Pontus refers the eastern Black Sea coast of Turkey where has a steep, rocky coast with rivers that cascade through the gorges of the coastal ranges. Because of these natural conditions, the Black Sea coast historically has been isolated from the Anatolian interior proper.

The conference seeks papers on both the adaptation and change and the continuity of culture(s) over time and space, and on the construction of ethnic identities in the culturally diverse area of Paphlagonia and Pontus. Participants are encouraged to explore all kinds of evidence on the region and its relations with other areas (Galatia, Bithynia, Propontis, Thrace, Colchis/Georgia, Armenia, the rest of the Black Sea, etc.), including textual, archaeological, artistic, anthropological, numismatic and epigraphic, from Archaic to Early Byzantine times.

Two post-conference excursions are planned on June 3rd to both of the archaeological museums of Izmir and to the excavations at the Agora and Old Smyrna as well as on June 4th to Miletus, homeland of numerous Greek poleis in the Black Sea area. For the duration of the Conference, archaeological material from fieldwork of the Paphlagonia Project will be made available to Conference participants for inspection.

Papers may be given in any Western European languages (English, German, French, Italian, Spanish) and in Turkish, although English is preferred for both oral and poster presentations.

We hope that you will be able to participate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the organisers:

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Please submit an abstract of not more than 300 words with the registration form below as soon as possible, and not later than January 1st, 2008. by e-mail (preferred) to [paphlagonia@deu.edu.tr](mailto:paphlagonia@deu.edu.tr); or by fax: +90 232 453 4188.

Abstracts of accepted papers will be published separately and also made available on the conference web site. Conference web site is still under construction and will be appeared under [www.paphlagonia.com/conference2008.html](http://www.paphlagonia.com/conference2008.html).

The proceedings of the conference will be published. Detailed information will be given in the Second Circular.

The participation fee is 40 euro (30 ytl for Turkish participants). This does not include accommodation, fooding or your travel expenses to Izmir.

If you prefer, we will book an hotel on your behalf. Please let us know.

Otherwise, lists of hotels in downtown Izmir are available at the net, such as [http://www.izmirliyiz.com/izmir\\_otelleri.html](http://www.izmirliyiz.com/izmir_otelleri.html)>. The price range is between 20 and 100 euro per night (excluding breakfast). Most of the hotels are within a short distance of the Conference Hall (DESEM).

The organisers seek the widest participation at this conference. We would like to encourage colleagues from all parts of the world to attend. We should be grateful if you would display copies of this circular in your institution.

We look forward to your joining us at the Dokuz Eylul University in Izmir.

Ergun LAFLI & Gocha R. TSETSKHLADZE

Already Registered Paper Proposals (Alphabetically)

William ANDERSON (Melbourne), Melih ARSLAN (Ankara), Eka AVALIANI (Tbilisi), Sedat BICER (Istanbul/Karabuk), Lucretiu BIRLIBA (Iasi), Birgitte BOGH (Aarhus), Octavian BOUNEGRU (Iasi), Jan BOUZEK (Prague), Thomas BRUGGEMANN (Halle), Roxana CURCA (Iasi), Ozsen CORUMLUOGLU (Konya), Jan Gerrit DE BOER (Amsterdam), F. Eray DOKU (Antalya), O. DOGANAY (Konya), Peter A. DIMITROV (Sofia), Thomas DREW-BEAR (Izmir/Lyon), Dimitris P. DRAKOULIS (Thessaloniki), D. Burcu ERCIYAS (Ankara), Maffre FREDERIC (Bordeaux), Oleg GABELKO (Kazan), Cristian Emilian GHITA (Exeter), Eda GUNGOR (Izmir), Binnur GURLER (Izmir), Monica M. JACKSON (Sydney), Turhan KACAR (Balikesir), Ibrahim KALAYCI (Konya), Gungor KARAUGUZ (Konya), Constantina KATSARI (Leicester), Vedat KELES (Erzurum), Liudmila KHRUSHKOVA (Moscow), H. I. KUNT (Konya), Sergei A. KOVALENKO (Moscow), Ergun LAFLI (Izmir), Christoph MICHELS (Innsbruck/Bochum), Iulian MOGA (Iasi), Sami PATACI (Izmir), Salome SANIKIDZE (Tbilisi), Stephanie PRYOR (Columbia, MO/Amman), Bruno TRIPODI (Messina), Gocha R. TSETSKHLADZE (Melbourne), Fusun TULEK (Kocaeli), Maya VASSILEVA (Sofia), Jose VELA TEJADA (Zaragoza), Mark WILSON (Virginia Beach/Izmir), Fred C. WOULDHUIZEN (Heiloo), Alexeiy ZINKO (Kerch), Elena ZINKO (Kerch), and Viktor ZINKO (Kerch).

## THE PAPHLAGONIA AND PONTUS CONFERENCE

May 31-June 4, 2008 / Izmir, Turkey

### REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in the form and send it back before January 1, 2008. For presenters, please send us an abstract of no more than 300 words by e-mail <paphlagonia@deu.edu.tr>, fax (+90 232 453 4188), or post (Ergun LAFLI, Dokuz Eylul Universitesi, Fen-Edebiyat Fakultesi, Arkeoloji Bolumu, Tınaztepe/Kaynaklar Yerleskesi, Buca, TR-35160 Izmir, TURKEY) by the same date.

Type of Participation:

Oral Presentation:

Poster Presentation:

Observer:

Professional Title:

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Title of Presentation:

Joint Authors (if any):

Abstract:

NB: two illustrations in tif or jpg related to the abstract can be included.

Hotel Reservation Required: Yes; No.

Participation to the 1st Day Post-Conference Excursion (Smyrna):

Participation to the 2nd Day Post-Conference Excursion (Miletus):



## **BANEA 2008 - SECOND CIRCULAR**

Dear all,

The BANEA (British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology) 2008 conference website has been updated.

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/sace/events/confer/banea/index.htm>

The website update includes information on the outline programme, participants, titles and abstracts of papers (where available), and (importantly for those of you planning to attend) **registration** and **accommodation**.

Please note that some fine tuning of the website is still ongoing (likely to be completed by 2am tonight). The third and final update of the website (with full programme and complete list of participants, papers and abstracts) will take place at the end of January 2008.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the conference.

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## **2008 CIDOC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Dear all,

In 2008 the CIDOC annual meeting (International Documentation Committee of the International Council of Museums) will be held **in Athens – Greece from September 15 to 18** and will be organized by the Hellenic Committee of ICOM and the Benaki Museum. Please find additional information in French and English below.

Kind regards,  
Christian-Emil Ore  
Chair CIDOC

### Theme: "The Digital Curation of Cultural Heritage"

Digital curation emerged as an important new concept in the theory and management of cultural information. It covers all of the actions needed to maintain digitised and born-digital cultural objects and data, going beyond digital preservation to encompass their utilisation in the context of their entire life cycle, from acquisition and appraisal to exhibition, learning and commercial exploitation. The focus of CIDOC 2008 on the digital curation of cultural heritage will allow curators, collection managers, documentalists, archivists and museum information specialists to explore a broad range of theoretical, methodological, professional practice and technological issues related to the appraisal, digitisation, management, representation, access and use of digital cultural assets, such as those increasingly becoming part of museum information systems and digital archives. A core emphasis of the meeting will be to understand and re-contextualise the know-how and history of established curatorial practice in museums, and memory institutions, in general, in the new field of digital cultural heritage; to review and discuss the applicability of standards- and good practice-related work in the context of managing digital cultural information; and to identify and explore the issues, methods and challenges involved with the development of new genres and contexts of virtual exhibition, e-learning and technology-enhanced services for scholarship and research.

see also [www.cidoc2008.gr](http://www.cidoc2008.gr) <<http://www.cidoc2008.gr/>>

### Call for papers

We invite you to submit an abstract of your paper. The abstract should be written in English and be in electronic form. It should be sent to the following email address: [papers@cidoc2008.gr](mailto:papers@cidoc2008.gr) <<mailto:papers@cidoc2008.gr>> , with "CIDOC 2008 abstract" in the subject field.

Written abstract instructions:

- An abstract must include a title
- An abstract should not be longer than 500 words

- Structure: introduction, objectives, conclusion

The following information has to be included:

- Name and surname of the author(s)
- Address of the institution (street, post code, city, telephone & fax no.)
- Email address of the author to which further information will be sent

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **February 22, 2008**.

Authors will be notified of acceptance by **March 22, 2008**.

Contributions may take one of the following formats: **full length paper** (20 min including question time) or **short paper** (10 minutes) on a subject related to the theme of the conference.

The complete text of the paper should be sent by **May 31, 2008**, in English or French and in electronic form only, to the email papers@cidoc2008.gr

<mailto:papers@cidoc2008.gr> .

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### **Première annonce de la Conférence annuelle du CIDOC pour 2008**

Chers collègues,

La Conférence annuelle du CIDOC pour 2008 aura lieu à **Athènes du 15 au 18 septembre** et sera organisée par le Comité Hellénique de l'ICOM et le Musée Benaki. Veuillez trouver en bas des renseignements supplémentaires en français et en anglais.

Bien cordialement,  
Christian-Emil Ore  
Président du CIDOC

### **Thème : "Curation Numérique d'Héritage Culturel"**

La notion de curation numérique est apparue comme un nouveau concept important dans la théorie et la gestion d'informations culturelles. Elle englobe non seulement les actions nécessaires pour la maintenance et la préservation de données – les objets culturels numériques ou numérisés - mais s'étend aussi vers leur utilisation dans le contexte de leur cycle de vie entier, de l'acquisition à l'évaluation, l'exposition, la pédagogie et l'exploitation commerciale. Le thème retenu pour la conférence CIDOC 2008 est la curation numérique du patrimoine culturel. Ce sujet permettra aux conservateurs, aux gestionnaires de collection, aux documentalistes, aux archivistes et aux spécialistes d'informations de musée d'explorer une large gamme de questions théoriques, méthodologiques, pratiques et technologiques liées à l'évaluation, la numérisation, la gestion, la représentation, l'accès et l'utilisation des ressources culturelles numériques, ressources qui, de plus en plus, font partie des systèmes d'information des musées et des archives numériques. L'accent fondamental de la réunion sera de comprendre et de mettre en contexte le savoir-faire et l'histoire des pratiques de conservation établies par

les musées, et, de façon plus générale, par toutes les institutions de mémoire qui constituent le nouveau domaine de patrimoine culturel numérique; de passer en revue et de discuter l'applicabilité des standards et des meilleures pratiques dans le contexte de la gestion des informations culturelles numériques; et d'identifier et d'explorer les questions, les méthodes et les défis impliqués par le développement de nouveaux genres et de contextes : l'exposition virtuelle, l'enseignement à distance et l'amélioration par la technologie des services destinés aux chercheurs.

voir aussi [www.cidoc2008.gr](http://www.cidoc2008.gr) <<http://www.cidoc2008.gr/>>

### **Appel à contributions**

Nous vous invitons à soumettre un résumé de votre intervention. Ce résumé sera rédigé en anglais et envoyé sous forme électronique à l'adresse suivante: [papers@cidoc2008.gr](mailto:papers@cidoc2008.gr), avec la mention "Résumé CIDOC 2008" dans l'en-tête de votre courriel.

Instructions pour les résumés écrits:

- Le résumé doit inclure un titre
- La longueur du résumé ne doit pas excéder les 500 mots
- La structure du résumé est la suivante: introduction, objectifs, conclusion

Les informations suivantes doivent être précisées:

- Prénom et nom de l' (ou des) auteur(s)
- Adresse de l'institution (rue, code postal, ville, téléphone, télécopieur)
- Adresse de courrier électronique de l'auteur à laquelle des informations complémentaires peuvent être envoyées

Date de remise des résumés: **22 février 2008**.

Les auteurs auront reçu un accusé de réception jusqu'au **22 mars 2008**.

Les contributions peuvent prendre l'une des deux formes suivantes: **intervention complète** (20 minutes comprenant le temps des questions) ou **succincte** (10 minutes) sur un sujet relatif au thème de la conférence.

Le texte complet de l'intervention doit être envoyé avant le **31 mai 2008**, en anglais ou en français, sous forme électronique uniquement, à l'adresse suivante: [papers@cidoc2008.gr](mailto:papers@cidoc2008.gr)

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**CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR**  
**PARTICIPATION IN THE COURSE**  
**“FIELD SCHOOL ON**  
**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE” (FOR**  
**STUDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED IN**  
**UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE ISRAEL)**

The course “Field school on archaeological science” is offered by The Martin (Szusz) Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology, Bar-Ilan University, and the Kimmel Center for Archaeological Science, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel. Registered students will participate in the excavation of the Biblical site Tell es-Safi, identified with Philistine Gath. The purpose of the course is to expose the students to interdisciplinary research that involves archaeology and the natural sciences, in the field. The students will experience interactive work that combines excavation and analysis of materials using an on-site laboratory. The course will emphasize the inter-connection between laboratory analyses and the archaeological context, and will include fieldwork, laboratory work, and lectures.

The course will take place between July 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Accommodation and food will be supplied by the excavation organizers at Kibbutz Revadim. The cost for students who are not registered at Bar-Ilan University is \$350 per week. The Kimmel Center will cover the costs for two weeks for the most qualified student (one scholarship only). Applicants with little or no archaeological experience must participate in one week of excavations at Tell es-Safi/Gath between July 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. An option for participation in a supervised one week project at the site is available between July 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 upon confirmation with the course organizers.

The course is worth 2 US academic credits. Students interested in receiving the credit will have to pay an additional sum of \$200 to Bar-Ilan University.

Course organizers and their fields of expertise:

Prof. Steve Weiner (WIS): mineralogical analyses, phytoliths, site formation processes

Dr. Elisabetta Boaretto (BIU and WIS): radiocarbon dating, materials analysis

Dr. Ehud Weiss (BIU and WIS): paleoethnobotany

Dr. Ruth Shahack-Gross (BIU and WIS): geoarchaeology, micromorphology

Applications are limited for students from third year undergraduates through Masters and doctoral studies. The best 10 students will be selected. Applications should include one paragraph explaining why the student is interested in participating in this course, CV, list of grades and two names of referees, and sent no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 to:

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It is possible to get this information from :

<http://www.weizmann.ac.il/kimmel-arch/ifs.html>

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**ΘΕΣΕΙΣ ΕΡΓΑΣΙΑΣ/ΥΠΟΤΡΟΦΙΕΣ –**  
**JOB VACANCIES/FELLOWSHIPS**

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AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER IN SOFIA  
2008/2009 FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION

For the academic year 2008/2009, the American Research Center in Sofia, Bulgaria (ARCS) will offer three programs with accompanying fellowships: a 9-month program for the period September-May; a fall term program for the period September-November; and a spring term program for the period February-April. ARCS will host the programs' lectures and seminars, organize related trips, and facilitate opportunities for taking Bulgarian and other Balkan language classes, logistical support, and access to local libraries, museums, and other educational institutions.

1. Those interested in the **9-month program** (only for graduate students) will devote one term of their choice to independent research and travel, and participate in the ARCS academic program during the other term. The content of the Fall and Spring Programs is described below.

2. The **Fall Term Program** is intended for graduate and advanced undergraduate students, scholars and teachers interested in the history, material culture, and civilization of Bulgaria and the Balkan region. The term of the program is from the first Monday of September through the last Saturday of November. The first part of the program consists of lectures, seminars and trips relating to the period from antiquity to the present day. The second part of the program will include independent research in local libraries and optional trips.

3. The **Spring Term Program** is intended for graduate and advanced undergraduate students, teachers and scholars interested in the history of religion in Bulgaria from antiquity to the 20th century, including ancient religion, Christianity (Orthodoxy, Catholicism, and other Christian faiths and movements), Judaism, and Islam. The term of the program is from the first Monday of February to the last Saturday of April. The first part of the program will consist of lectures and seminars by local experts, and the second part of the program will include independent research in local libraries and trips to famous Bulgarian religious sites (many of which are part of the world's cultural heritage).

**ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Graduate and advanced undergraduate students at educational institutions registered in North America, regardless of their citizenship, are eligible for fellowships. Students with partial support or without support from ARCS can apply for alternative sources of funding. Faculty members at these institutions are welcome to participate in the programs or part thereof, but are not eligible for fellowships. Please visit the ARCS website (<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/arcs/>) to download the application form and obtain more information or contact Professor Kevin Clinton via e-mail at [kmc1@cornell.edu](mailto:kmc1@cornell.edu).

**Graduate Students:** Please submit a project proposal (up to three double-spaced pages)

describing how participation in the ARCS Fall/Spring or 9-month program will serve your academic interests and/or dissertation research. The proposal, together with the application form, a CV, copies of official transcripts from each graduate institution you have attended, and two letters of reference in a signed sealed envelope from professors who are familiar with your academic work, should be mailed to the Chair of the Fellowship Committee, Professor Kevin Clinton, 120 Goldwin Smith Hall, Department of Classics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 14853.

**Advanced Undergraduate Students:** Please submit a project proposal (up to three double-spaced pages) describing how participation in the ARCS Fall/Spring program will serve your academic interests. The proposal, together with the application form, a CV, copies of official transcripts from each undergraduate institution you have attended, and two letters of reference in a signed sealed envelope from professors who are familiar with your academic work, should be mailed to the Chair of the Fellowship Committee (address as above).

**Faculty Members:** Please submit an application form, a project proposal (up to three double-spaced pages) describing how participation in the ARCS Fall/Spring program will serve your academic interests, and a CV to Professor Kevin Clinton (address as above).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2008**

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## **POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN IRELAND**

**IRCHSS Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarships 2008/09 Closing date for applications: January 18th 2008**

The IRCHSS (Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences) Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarships 2008/09 in the Humanities and Social Sciences, including Law and Business Studies, are valued at up to €16,000 per annum. They will be awarded initially for one year, but subject to terms and conditions, are renewable for up to two additional years. Fees will also be covered for the period of the Scholarship. Applicants must already be, or will be during the academic year 2008/2009, registered in a recognised higher education institution as full-time postgraduate research students pursuing degrees by major thesis. Those who are undertaking taught programmes, or degrees where a thesis is a minor part of the programme, are not eligible.

Scholarships may also be awarded to exceptional candidates from non-EU member states to enable them to carry out research with the agreement of the host institution (a letter of invitation from the host institution must be included at the time of application).

### **Making an Application**

Details of the terms, conditions and application forms are available from:

[www.irchss.ie/schemes/scheme01/index.html](http://www.irchss.ie/schemes/scheme01/index.html)

Please note the following:

- there is a significant change from previous years in that exceptional candidates from non-EU countries are now also eligible for these awards.
- the signing off process means that applications will need to be at the University to which the applicant is applying about a week earlier than the closing date. Details will be available from the individual universities.

Dr Christine Morris ([cmorris@tcd.ie](mailto:cmorris@tcd.ie)) at Trinity College Dublin and Dr Alan Peatfield ([alan.peatfield@ucd.ie](mailto:alan.peatfield@ucd.ie)) at University College Dublin both welcome enquiries from prospective research students interested in applying for these awards.

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## ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΕΙΣ - ANNOUNCEMENTS

# SUPPORT THE AEGEAN DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

Dear all,

Each year at this time (= the last minute) I suggest/urge you to support the Aegean Dendrochronology Project, especially those of you who can write this off your taxes.

I have supported the Cornell Dendrochronology Laboratory (now the Malcolm and Carolyn Wiener Laboratory for Aegean and Near Eastern Dendrochronology) since I first met Peter Kuniholm (now the director emeritus) way back in 1976. Then, the idea of a "master sequence" of dendrochronology seemed a pipe dream, but it has now become a reality.

The laboratory has had some stunning breakthroughs (though the December newsletter mentions few of these), notably the current dating of the Thera eruption, but also many others.

And its scope has widened now to include most of Europe & Turkey, the US, and lots of post-antique. The December Newsletter concentrates on Crete and Cyprus, among other things locating the oldest pine tree in Crete (with the help of Jennifer Moody and Oliver Rackham).

I'm also pleased to note that Peter's wonderful and bizarre sense of humor is being maintained by his successor Sturt Manning (the newsletter's front page show a bewilderingly complicated machine with an arrow pointing to "the 5 mm diameter wood sample"), smaller than a pixel dot, of course.

If you have a little money to throw at this ambitious, highly technical, always wonderful project, I urge you to do so (and it's tax-deductable!).

Send your contributions to

The Aegean Dendrochronology Project  
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Happy New Year, my friends!

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## **OXCAL WEB INTERFACE UPDATES**

There have recently been significant updates to the web interface for OxCal. The calibration program itself is unchanged (version 4.0.5).

The main changes you will find are to the file handling. This now uses file dialogues throughout and is meant to be more intuitive.

The most major changes are in the downloadable version of the program which now operates in the same way as the online version allowing you to use the program on a standalone computer in much the same way as accessing the OxCal website. You do have to use Firefox or one of the other Mozilla browsers (Netscape Navigator, Camino, SeaMonkey, Minefield etc) for standalone operation since browser extensions are used to access the local file system and to run the program. For local operation you should make sure that the Web-interface version you are using is 28 or 29. Some earlier versions had problems on some platforms. Installation is also now simpler than it was.

There are some new display options available which were requested by users. You can now also save any plot (as .SVG) or table (as .CSV) using the [File > Save as] function. On the server version of the program you can also save plots as bitmapped images (.PNG) for presentations or online use, or as PDF files for printing.

Christopher

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***ΝΕΕΣ ΕΚΔΟΣΕΙΣ – NEW PUBLICATIONS***

**LAUNCH OF JOURNAL FOR LATE  
ANTIQUITY RELIGION AND CULTURE**

Dear colleagues,

The first edition of Cardiff University's on-line, open access Journal for Late Antiquity Religion and Culture is now available by following the link below:

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/clarc/jlarc/jlarc-home.html>

May I remind colleagues that we welcome contributions across the disciplinary spectrum of the late antiquity world.

Best wishes,

Nic Baker-Brian.

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