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# 1. LECTURES – WORKSHOPS – CONFERENCES

## Monday 3 May (3 lectures)

### Greece, Volos, 18:00

University of Thessaly  
Dr Costas Vouzaxakis (13<sup>th</sup> EPKA)  
'Επιφανειακή έρευνα στην πεδιάδα του Αλμυρού'  
Website: [press here](#)

### Greece, Athens, 19:00

National Archaeological Museum (Tositsa 1)  
Prof. Ch. Doumas  
'Το γλιστερό μονοπάτι του αρχαιολόγου'

### Greece, Athens, 19:00

Museum of Cycladic Art (4 Neophytou Douka)  
V. Skaraki & M. Stathi  
'Αρχαιολογικές έρευνες στον δήμο Αρτέμιδος'

## Thursday 6 May

### Belgium, Louvain-la-Neuve

Salle Musi, Couloir Archéologie et Histoire de l'Art,  
Place B. Pascal 1  
Conference: *La naissance des cités crétoises*  
Programme:  
10:00: Dr A. Pautasso, 'Prinias: une cité crétoise de l'Age du fer et son histoire'  
11:00: Prof. J. Whitley, 'Commensality and the "Citizen State": The case of Praisos'  
Contact: [jan.driessen@uclouvain.be](mailto:jan.driessen@uclouvain.be)

## Friday 7 May

### Greece, Thessaloniki, 10:00-14:00

Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki  
Workshop: 'The work of the Institutes of Denmark, Sweden and Finland in Greece'  
[Programme](#)  
Website: [www.amth.gr](http://www.amth.gr)

## Monday 10 May

### Greece, Athens, 19:00

Museum of Cycladic Art (4 Neophytou Douka)  
A. Xatzidimitriou  
'Η περιοχή των Γλυκών Νερών κατά την Αρχαιότητα. Πρόσφατα ευρήματα της αρχαιολογικής έρευνας'

## 11-16 May

### Greece, Athens, Apollon Cinema

AGON- *International Meeting of Archaeological Film*

For more: <http://www.sitemaker.gr/agwn>

## Wednesday 12 May (2 lectures)

### United Kingdom, London, 15:30

Institute of Classical Studies, Senate House South  
Block G 22 / 26  
*The Mycenaean Seminar*  
Irene Lemos (Oxford)  
'Recent excavations at Lefkandi'  
Contact: [olgak@sas.ac.uk](mailto:olgak@sas.ac.uk)

### Greece, Athens, 17:30

British School at Athens, Fitch Laboratory  
(Souidias 54)  
*Fitch-Wiener Seminar Series*  
Dr Tatiana Theodoropoulou  
'Fishbones in the lake: reconstructing fishing activities and daily life in the prehistoric lake settlement of Dispilio, Kastoria (Greece)'

## Friday 14 May (3 lectures)

### Greece, Athens, 19:00

New Benaki Museum (Peiraios 138)  
Dr. Mounir Bouchenaki (General director of ICCROM)  
'The Interdependency of the Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage'

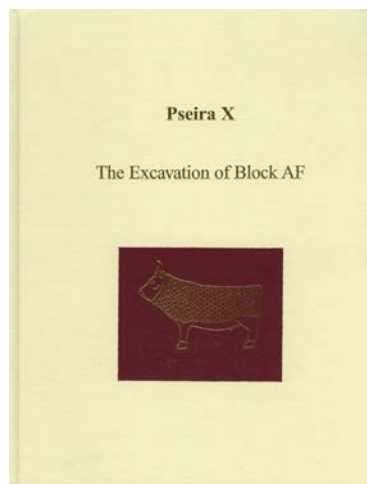
### Greece, Thessaloniki

Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki  
'The work of the French Archaeological School in Greece'  
Email: [arch.museum.thess@gmail.com](mailto:arch.museum.thess@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.amth.gr](http://www.amth.gr)

### USA, New York, 18:30

The Institute of Fine Arts (One East 78<sup>th</sup> Street)  
*The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium*  
Anagnostis Agelarakis  
'Paros Polyandria: Soldier's Bones Revealed'  
Please R.S.V.P.  
Email: [IFA.events@NYU.edu](mailto:IFA.events@NYU.edu)

## 2. NEW BOOKS



AEGEAN LIBRARY:

***Pseira X: The Excavation of Block AF***

Edited by Philip P. Betancourt and Costis Davaras

**City & year:** Philadelphia 2009

**Publisher:** INSTAP Academic Press

**Series:** Prehistory Monographs 28

**Description:** Hardback, 330 p., 19 b/w illus. in text, 42 tables, 45 b/w figs, 21 b/w pls, 28,5x22 cm

**ISBN:** 978-1-931534-56-7

**Price:** £ 55 (ca. € 62)

**Abstract**

This book is the tenth volume in the series of excavation reports about the harbor town of Pseira, which is located on the island of the same name, just off the northeast coast of Crete. The book focuses on the excavation and interpretation of the architecture and material culture in Block AF. This southern group of buildings is one of the most important areas in the settlement because of its long succession of building phases. Block AF provides the fullest sequence of building phases from any one area at Pseira, with habitation extending from before MM II to LM III. It has examples of complex architectural details including a “pillar crypt”, elaborate upstairs floors, a well-preserved U-shaped staircase, and a well-designed kitchen, all of which contribute significantly to our knowledge of East Cretan building practices. In addition to domestic pottery, the houses furnish examples of stone tools, stone vessels, loom weights, inscriptions in Linear A, cult objects, animal bones, marine shells, and a wide range of material recovered from water sieving. This latter category, with burned grain, fish bones, shells, and other categories of materials, fills many gaps in our knowledge of Pseiran life.

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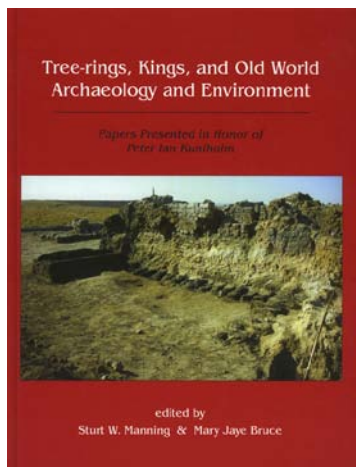
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**AEGEAN LIBRARY:**  
**No. 2153**

***Tree-Rings, Kings, and Old World Archaeology and Environment: Papers Presented in Honor of Peter Ian Kuniholm***

Edited by Sturt W. Manning and Mary Jaye Bruce

**City & year:** Oxford 2009

**Publisher:** Oxbow Books

**Description:** Hardback, 332 p., b/w & colour illus., tables, charts, 28,5x21,5 cm

**ISBN:** 978-1-84217-386-2

**Price:** £ 60 (ca. € 69)

**Abstract**

Dendrochronology, or tree-ring dating, provides a key resource for understanding archaeological sites and art historical objects and serves as a stepping stone for investigating past climate. In the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean, Peter Ian Kuniholm is synonymous with dendrochronology and dendro-archaeology. Since 1973, he has collected wood and developed chronologies from forests, historic buildings, and archaeological sites throughout Greece, Turkey, and surrounding lands; the wood archive at Cornell houses thousands of samples, some of which extend back to 7000 BC.

This rich collection of papers from an international authorship—with a foreword by Colin Renfrew—derives from a 2006 conference held at Cornell University in honor of Peter's official retirement and provides wide-ranging discussions on a number of topics central to the chronology of the Eastern Mediterranean. This includes controversy, with a set of papers addressing the current debate over the

dating of the great Santorini/Thera volcanic eruption in the mid-second millennium BC. It also includes reports on important archaeological sites such as Akrotiri on Thera and Gordion, Kerkenes Dag, and the province of Lydia in Anatolia, plus the rise and fall of the Hittite empire and the precise dating of the Uluburun ship from the late 14th century BC. Other papers explore the history and scope of dendrochronology throughout Europe and the Near East, its emerging potential in the lands bordering the Black Sea, and the specific sub-field of dendroarchaeology. There are also papers on dendrochemical efforts to identify past environmental events, such as volcanic eruptions, and a review of work on timberline dynamics and climate change in Greece. This collection, celebrating the pioneering work of Peter Ian Kuniholm, will be of interest to a wide range of scholars working in the Aegean and beyond.

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**AEGEAN LIBRARY:**  
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***La préhistoire du Sud-Est européen : traditions et innovations***  
Edited by Georgia Kourtessi-Philippakis

**City & year:** Paris 2009

**Publisher:** Association Pierre Belon

**Series:** Études balkaniques – Cahiers Pierre Belon 15 - 2008

**Description:** Paperback, 293 p., b/w illus., 24x16 cm

**ISBN:** 2-910860-14-0

**Price:** ca. € 30-40

**Abstract (in French – from the introduction)**

Le passé préhistorique du Sud-Est de l'Europe est à l'heure actuelle au centre de débats passionnants. Les enjeux sont, en effet, importants tant pour la péninsule balkanique elle-même, qui, entre la Méditerranée orientale et centrale, s'étire sur des latitudes importantes, que pour le vieux continent européen aux portes duquel elle se situe.

L'objectif de ce volume, dont les contributions retracent les principales étapes du peuplement préhistorique du Sud-Est de l'Europe de la Slovénie jusqu'en Chypre et des chasseurs-cueilleurs paléolithiques jusqu'aux sociétés complexes et hiérarchisés de l'Age du Bronze, n'est pas l'exhaustivité. Des centaines de collègues travaillent dans cette région de l'Europe et il aurait été illusoire de vouloir contenir en un seul volume le fruit de leurs recherches. Cet ouvrage souhaite saisir les préoccupations actuelles de la recherche préhistorique dans la région, comprendre les questions qu'elle se pose, appréhender les moyens mis à sa disposition et les méthodes pratiquées et apprécier les réponses apportées. Si, toutefois, l'exhaustivité n'est pas l'objectif de cet ouvrage, un effort a été fait pour que tous les pays ou presque tous - puissent être représentés. Cela a été accompli grâce à la participation des collègues qui ont répondu à l'appel, que je tiens à remercier ici très chaleureusement, tout en regrettant l'absence des contributions venant de la ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, du Monténégro et de la Bosnie-Herzégovine. Il faudra, enfin, souligner le fait que les textes présentés ici sont issus des

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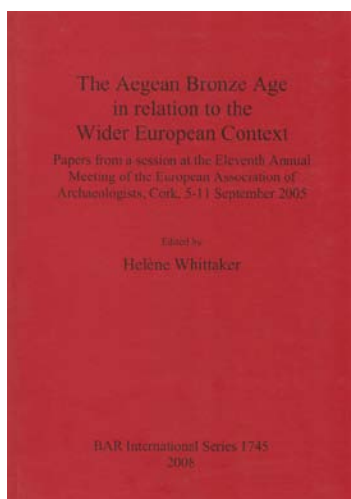
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**AEGEAN LIBRARY:**  
**No. 2130**

***The Aegean Bronze Age in relation to the Wider European Context. Papers from a session at the eleventh Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, Cork, 5-11 September 2005.***

Edited by Helène Whittaker

**City & year:** Oxford 2008

**Publisher:** Archaeopress

**Series:** BAR International Series 1745

**Description:** Paperback, 105 p., b/w illus., 29,7x21 cm

**ISSN:** 978-1-4073-0187-7

**Price:** £ 24 (ca. € 30)

## Abstract

With the exception of Gullög Nordquist's and Michael Wedde's contributions, the articles in this volume derive from a session held at the eleventh annual meeting of the European Association of



Archaeologists in Cork, September, 2005. The title of the session was *Aegean Archaeology in the Wider European Context*. The papers centred around questions concerning direct contacts and specific influences, cultural interaction between the Mycenaean world and the rest of Europe, and the role of Aegean material in discussions and interpretations of material found elsewhere.

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## 3. NEW ARTICLES

### 3.1. 'Grey areas in past maritime identity?: The case of Final Neolithic-Early Bronze Age Attica (Greece) and the surrounding islands'

Margarita Nazou

*Shima: The International Journal of Research into Island Cultures*, Volume 4, No. 1, 2010: 3-15.

Keywords: Attica, mainland-island interaction, exchange, maritime networks, situational approach to cultural identity.

#### Abstract

This article explores the issue of archaeological construction of maritime identity in the region of Attica and the surrounding islands (Greece) during the Final Neolithic and the Early Bronze Age. By investigating the theoretical implications of a situational approach to ethnicity and cultural identity, it is argued that maritime identity in the region was fluid, formed and transformed to meet social circumstances. Archaeological evidence indicates a change through time in maritime exchange networks within communities in the region. The exchanged materials, for example pottery and metals, played an important role in these networks. In addition, burial habits in the coastal zone of Attica and Euboea have many similarities to those of the neighbouring communities in the Cyclades but they are in fact a unique combination of 'mainland' and 'island' cultural traditions. Maritime networks in the region would have operated along with other overland networks. Finally, mainland - island interaction is only a part of the cultural practices underway at the time.

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### 3.2. 'Re-capturing the sea: The past and future of 'Island Archaeology' in Greece'

Ina Berg

*Shima: The International Journal of Research into Island Cultures*, Volume 4, No. 1, 2010: 16-26.

Keywords: Island Archaeology, Greece.

#### Abstract

Research into past and present islands and coastal communities in Greece has long remained steeped in biogeographical concepts. An overview of relevant surface survey publications highlights their focus on

landscape investigations, such as settlement patterns, mortuary landscapes, land use, soil analysis, botanical reconstructions and terracing. If mentioned, the sea occurs in the context of sea level changes or trade contacts. The new comprehensive agenda for an inclusive 'island archaeology' put forward by Broodbank (2000) and Rainbird (2007) has not yet been implemented. With the theoretical agenda clearly formulated, it is hoped that the potential of such a new, more outward-reaching survey design will soon be realised.

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### **3.3. "One, None, and a Hundred Thousand": Settlements and identities in the prehistoric Mediterranean Islands'**

Helen Dawson

*Shima: The International Journal of Research into Island Cultures*, Volume 4, No. 1, 2010: 82-98.

Keywords: Identity, island, settlement, 'sense of place', colonisation, abandonment.

#### **Abstract**

This paper explores the relations between island settlement, identity and sense of place in the prehistoric Mediterranean. It uses modern examples and archaeological case studies to discuss the effects of colonisation and abandonment on island communities and the creation of distinctive identities as a form of cultural resistance. Abandonment had a homogenising effect on prehistoric cultures, as the resulting movement of people encouraged cultural exchange. At the same time, however, certain traits were maintained, reflecting people's sense of place and community affiliation. This homogeneity therefore is only superficial, masking different layers of identity constructed through cultural interaction. Time and space are critical factors in the creation of different cultural identities, which are not fixed but in continuous transformation.

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### **3.4. 'Volcanoes, ice-cores and tree-rings: one story or two?'**

M.G.L. Baillie

*Antiquity* 84 (Number 323), March 2010: 202–215.

Keywords: Dating, dendrochronology, ice-core, calibration.

#### **Abstract**

Good archaeology relies on ever more precise dates – obtainable, notably, from ice-cores and dendrochronology. These each provide year-by-year sequences, but they must be anchored at some point to real historical time, by a documented volcanic eruption, for example. But what if the dating methods don't agree? Here the author throws down the gauntlet to the ice-core researchers – their assigned dates are several years too old, probably due to the spurious addition of 'uncertain' layers. Leave these out and the two methods correlate exactly...

### **3.5. 'The Prehistoric Stones of Greece: a resource of archaeological surveys and sites'**

Paraskevi Elefanti, Gilbert Marshall & Clive Gamble

*Antiquity* 84 (Number 323), March 2010: online article.

Keywords: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, database.

#### **Abstract**

The Prehistoric Stones of Greece (SOG) project began in 2005. Our main focus was chipped stone dated to the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods, but the project required us to collate for the first time in

a standardised way, all the archaeological field surveys undertaken in Greece and the findspots and sites located. Published and unpublished sources were assembled, the latter including a variety of materials supplied by survey directors such as project daily record sheets, annotated maps and notebooks. The whole database is now publically available online.

Read the article: <http://antiquity.ac.uk/projgall/elefanti323/>

### **3.6. 'Reconstructing Late Bronze Age diet in mainland Greece using stable isotope analysis'**

Eirini I. Petroutsas & Sotiris K. Manolis

*Journal of Archaeological Science*, Volume 37, Issue 3, March 2010: 614-620.

Keywords: Stable isotope, Carbon, Nitrogen, Bone collagen, Diet, Late Bronze Age, Greece.

#### **Abstract**

The Late Bronze Age is a period of great importance in prehistoric Greece, due to the rise of the Mycenaean and Minoan civilizations. Settlements, palatial complexes and cemeteries have been excavated whilst a plethora of findings among which wall paintings and artifacts provided a large amount of information regarding the period. In this paper we examine the sources of dietary protein of four populations, from mainland Greece, in light of documentary and archaeological evidence in an effort to identify dietary trends within and between groups that reflect everyday behavior. These are being studied with the aid of biomolecular archaeology using stable isotope analysis in human and faunal remains. Isotopic data to date suggests a rather homogeneous diet mainly based on C<sub>3</sub> plant and animal protein. There are no individuals with  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  values that could represent important marine protein intake, despite proximity to the Aegean Sea.

### **3.7. 'A provenance study of Mycenaean pottery from Northern Israel'**

Sharon Zuckerman, David Ben-Shlomo, Penelope A. Mountjoy & Hans Mommsen

*Journal of Archaeological Science*, Volume 37, Issue 2, February 2010: 409-416.

Keywords: Mycenaean pottery, Southern Levant, Late Bronze Age Mediterranean trade, Neutron Activation Analysis, Mycenae/Berbati workshop.

#### **Abstract**

The occurrence of imported Mycenaean pottery in the Late Bronze Age southern Levant is one of the most conspicuous aspects of Eastern Mediterranean trade connections during this period. A group of 183 Mycenaean pottery vessels from 14 sites in northern Israel, from both coastal and inland settlement contexts were analyzed by Neutron Activation Analysis. The results indicate that the vast majority of these vessels have a similar profile and can be provenanced to the north-eastern Peloponnese or more specifically, to the Mycenae/Berbati workshop in the Argolid. Possible interpretations of these results are presented and discussed against the historical and cultural background of the Late Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean.

## 4. RECENT BOOK REVIEWS

- 4.1.** Ellen Adams, 2009. Review of J. Bretschneider, J. Driessen & K. van Lerberghe (eds), *Power and Architecture: Monumental Public Architecture in the Bronze Age Near East and Aegean* (Leuven and Dudley, MA: Peeters, 2007), *JHS* 129: 201-202.
- 4.2.** Birgitta P. Hallager, 2009. Review of N. Momigliano (ed.), *Knossos Pottery Handbook: Neolithic and Bronze Age (Minoan)* (London: British School at Athens, 2007), *JHS* 129: 202-203.
- 4.3.** Peter Warren, 2009. Review of C.F. Macdonald & C. Knappett (eds), *Knossos. Protopalatial Deposits in Early Magazine A and the South-West Houses* (London: British School at Athens, 2007), *JHS* 129: 203-204.
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- 4.5.** Cynthia W. Shelmerdine, 2009. Review of L.M. Bendall, *Economics of Religion in the Mycenaean World: Resources Dedicated to Religion in the Mycenaean Palace Economy* (Oxford: Oxford University, 2007), *JHS* 129: 206-207.
- 4.6.** Ann-Louise Schallin, 2009. Review of C. Renfrew, N. Brodie, C. Morris & C. Scarre, *Excavations at Phylakopi in Melos 1974-77* (London: British School at Athens, 2007), *JHS* 129: 207-208.

## 5. FREE DIGITAL BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

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- [Press here](#)
- 5.2.** Tsountas, C. & Manatt, J.I., 1897. *The Mycenaean Age. A Study of the Monuments and Culture of Pre-Homeric Greece*, Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company.
- [Press here](#)
- 5.3.** Wace, A.J.B. & Thompson, M.S., 1912. *Prehistoric Thessaly. Being Some Account of Recent Excavations and Explorations in North-Eastern Greece from Lake Kopais to the Borders of Macedonia*, Cambridge: University Press.
- [Press here](#)
- 5.4.** Hawes, C.H. & H.B., 1911. *Crete the Forerunner of Greece* (2<sup>nd</sup> edn), London and New York: Harper & Brothers.
- [Press here](#)

### Drakaina Cave

Drakaina Cave is situated on the steep slopes of the impressive Gorge of Poros, a small modern village on the southeast coast of Kefalonia island in the Ionian Sea, Western Greece. Excavations carried out between 1992 and 2005 revealed a long and complex sequence of human activity spanning the Late Neolithic (mid 6<sup>th</sup> millennium BC) through the Early Bronze Age (mid 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC). After a long period of abandonment, Drakaina Cave was reused as a shrine dedicated to the Nymphs and the God Pan from the late 7<sup>th</sup> to the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC. During modern times the Cave was used again as a sheepfold.

Visit the webpage: <http://www.drakainacave.gr>

## 6. USEFUL WEBSITES

### The Prehistoric Stones of Greece

This AHRC funded Resource Enhancement Project provides you with a research tool that has many archaeological applications. With it you can investigate the distribution of Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and many Neolithic stone artefacts that have been found in Greece as recorded in 142 field surveys. You can also compare results between surveys in different terrain and regions of the country. The Prehistoric Stones of Greece is a survey of surveys. It was compiled at Royal Holloway between 2004 and 2009 by Paraskevi Elefanti and Gil Marshall. The project was led by Clive Gamble and the website designed by Gil Marshall and Weili Wang, Royal Holloway, University of London.

Visit the webpage: [press here](#)

## 7. CALL FOR PAPERS

### 7.1. A message from the Archaeological Institute of America for dissemination

Dear Colleagues:

In a few months' time the Archaeological Institute of America, in the context of the redesign of its website, is presenting Fieldnotes (<http://www.archaeological.org/webinfo.php?page=10539>), an on-line newsletter designed specifically for the academic and professional membership of the AIA. We seek your help now in submitting and soliciting material.

While Fieldnotes will be user-driven and thus self-directing and self-forming—its ultimate usefulness will depend on the level of involvement of its users—we hope that it will become a viable resource for students and scholars in the field, providing a venue for centralizing, presenting and

even discussing trends in research and teaching. The core mission of Fieldnotes is however to disseminate current information on work in the field, and directions to digital sources relevant to research in classical and Mediterranean archaeology.

In preparation of the site for public access, we ask your help in contributing data—that is directly uploading relevant information and links in the various categories. While the development of the Fieldnotes is on-going—we will be shaping the form and format, and categories of data—the process is additive; some material will be permanently displayed, while others archived. Your contributions and involvement now at this

initial stage is absolutely critical in creating the core content of the newsletter and shaping potential patterns of use.

Please, if you would be so kind, visit the site and take some time using the upload protocols (“post new item”) to submit material in any of the categories relevant to your work, field, department or institution; or indeed any links and information that you think useful. We have posted examples in many of the categories as a guide. Only two categories, “Short Articles and Field Reports,” and “Forum,” are not yet active, but will be soon.

Also please help us by forwarding this link or email to your colleagues, students and appropriate administrators at your institution, other institutions, and overseas, encouraging them to do the same.

Please contact Kevin Mullen at the AIA Head Office ([KMullen@aia.bu.edu](mailto:KMullen@aia.bu.edu)) directly on technical problems and editorial issues (such as errors, typos, broken links). You may direct editorial, organizational suggestions and content questions to me ([dchaggis@email.unc.edu](mailto:dchaggis@email.unc.edu)) or any member of the Task Force for the AIA on-line newsletter:

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Many thanks for all your help with this.  
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## 7.2. Paper and poster abstracts for the EAA 2010 Annual Meeting can be submitted as of now

Deadline: 23 May 2010

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists will be held in the city of The Hague in the Netherlands from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

An excellent venue for the meeting has been found in Leiden University Campus The Hague, in the building of the Royal Conservatoire, adjacent to the central railway station in the centre of town.

The meeting is organised by the [Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University](#), the [Department of Archaeology of the Municipality of The Hague](#) and the [Cultural Heritage Agency \(Ministry of Education, Culture and Science\)](#), with financial support from the Minister of Culture. A broad advisory panel with representatives of all sectors of Dutch archaeology ensures participation and support from across Dutch archaeology.

The meeting will be preceded by a separate one-day conference on science-based archaeology. The pre-conference meeting will take place on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010, at Delft University, and is organised by the Delft-Leiden Centre for Archaeology, Art history and Science (CAAS). Registered participants of the EAA annual meeting can attend free of charge. For more information please go to [www.CAASonline.nl](http://www.CAASonline.nl)

Leiden, The Hague, Delft and Schiphol airport are all located close to one another, and all are connected by fast, frequent and generally reliable train services.

Website: <http://www.eaa2010.nl>

For the sessions press: <http://www.eaa2010.nl>

## 8. GRANTS – BURSARIES – JOB VACANCIES

### 8.1. MSC BURSARIES AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

We have one bursary of up to £1,500 for the MSc in Environmental Analysis of Terrestrial Systems, thanks to the generosity of a former alumnus. All those with a confirmed place on the course by 1st June 2010 will be considered for the bursary. Please make enquiries to the Geography PG admissions secretary in the first instance ([geog-pg-applications@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:geog-pg-applications@sheffield.ac.uk)). Applications should be made through the normal online procedure (at <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/geography/masters/apply.html>).

We are delighted to be able to follow up the success of the Geoarchaeology: Landscape to Laboratory and Back conference held in Sheffield in April 2009.

We have up to four bursaries of £1,000 to £1,500 for the MSc in Geoarchaeology.

All those with a confirmed place on the course by 1st June 2010 will be considered for the bursary. Please make enquiries to the Archaeology PG admissions secretary in the first instance ([k.goldsack@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:k.goldsack@sheffield.ac.uk)).

Applications should be made through the normal online procedure: <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/archaeology/prospectivveg/apply.html>.

The MSc in Arid Land Studies has four bursaries available, each worth €12,000, funded by the EU-US Atlantis Programme. Please make enquiries to the Geography PG admissions secretary in the first instance ([geog-pg-applications@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:geog-pg-applications@sheffield.ac.uk)). Applications should be made through the normal online procedure: <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/geography/masters/apply.html>.

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**Look back at our previous newsletters, as many announcements still apply.**

Press the following link for **No. 10: 15-30 April** (and see pp. 19-21):  
[http://www.aegeussociety.org/pdf/april/NACP10\\_15April10\\_En.pdf](http://www.aegeussociety.org/pdf/april/NACP10_15April10_En.pdf)

Press the following link for **No. 9: 15 March - 14 April** (and see pp. 23-25):  
[http://www.aegeussociety.org/pdf/march/NACP9\\_15Mar2010\\_En.pdf](http://www.aegeussociety.org/pdf/march/NACP9_15Mar2010_En.pdf)

Press the following link for **No. 8: 1-14 March** (and see pp. 15-19):  
[http://www.aegeussociety.org/pdf/march/NACP8\\_1Mar10\\_En.pdf](http://www.aegeussociety.org/pdf/march/NACP8_1Mar10_En.pdf)

Press the following link for **No. 7: 15-28 February** (and see pp. 14-15):  
[http://www.aegeussociety.org/pdf/february/NACP7\\_15Feb10\\_En.pdf](http://www.aegeussociety.org/pdf/february/NACP7_15Feb10_En.pdf)

## **Aegeus is having his first party!**

*8 May, 23.00, club Booze Cooperativa / 57 Kolokotroni, Athens.*

Members and friends are welcome to get together and to have a great time!

We really hope to see you there and to help us raise some money for the construction of the official website of *Aegeus*.

The entrance will be 5 € (as a donation to *Aegeus*) and the first drink will be 4 € (& 2 € for soft drinks). Thereafter, drinks will be charged 6 €.

DJ: Marilena of Berlin Brides

[www.berlinbrides.com](http://www.berlinbrides.com) & Berlin Brides at [facebook](#)  
Booze Cooperativa

[www.boozecooperativa.com](http://www.boozecooperativa.com) & Booze Cooperativa  
at [facebook](#)

View the venue location at [Google Maps](#)

*Aegeus* party at [facebook](#)



## **Μια Πεδιάδα γεμάτη αρχαία**

**ΣΤΟ ΦΩΣ 2.000 ΘΕΣΕΙΣ, ΜΙΝΩΙΚΟ  
ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΟ ΚΑΙ ΦΡΥΚΤΩΡΙΕΣ**

Η μεγαλύτερη επιφανειακή αρχαιολογική έρευνα στον ελλαδικό χώρο, έκτασης οκτασίων τετραγωνικών χιλιομέτρων, έχει πραγματοποιηθεί στην περιοχή Πεδιάδας του Νομού Ηρακλείου από τον αρχαιολόγο Νίκο Παναγιωτάκη, με αποτέλεσμα τον εντοπισμό πάνω από δύο χιλιάδων άγνωστων αρχαιολογικών θέσεων όλων των ιστορικών περιόδων στην περιοχή, τον εντοπισμό της θέσης του ανακτόρου του Γαλατά, του πρώτου εντοπισμένου μινωικού ανακτόρου στην ενδοχώρα της Κρήτης και ταυτόχρονα την ανακάλυψη του αρχαιότερου συστήματος επικοινωνίας στον κόσμο με φωτιές, τις μινωικές φρυκτωρίες (1900- 1700 π.Χ.).

Read the relevant article (in Greek):

<http://www.enet.gr>

## 9. MISCELLANEA

### **Τα μυστικά της Κέρου**

*Δευτέρα 17 Μαΐου 2010 στις 20.00*

*Αρχαιολογική Εταιρεία: Πανεπιστημίου 22, Αθήνα*

Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο του Ιδρύματος Νικολάου & Ντόλλης Γουλανδρή & οι Φίλοι του Μουσείου Κυκλαδικής Τέχνης σας προσκαλούν να ανακαλύψετε: 'Τα μυστικά της Κέρου. Η σημασία και η εξέλιξη της Πρώιμης Κυκλαδικής γλυπτικής μέσα από τα ευρήματα των ανασκαφών της Κέρου'. Μια ομιλία του καθηγητή Λόρδου Colin Renfrew, Πρεσβύτερου Εταίρου του McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research του Πανεπιστημίου Cambridge.

Η ομιλία θα πραγματοποιηθεί στα αγγλικά.

Είσοδος ελεύθερη για τους αρχαιολόγους και για τους Φίλους του ΜΚΤ με την επίδειξη της κάρτας μέλους. Λόγω περιορισμένων θέσεων, είναι απαραίτητη η κράτηση θέσεων: 210 7228321-3 (εσωτ.113). Οι υπόλοιποι ενδιαφερόμενοι που επιθυμούν να παρακολουθήσουν τη διάλεξη θα πρέπει να εγγραφούν στους Φίλους του ΜΚΤ.

Για πληροφορίες εγγραφής καλέστε στο 210-7228321-3 ή επισκεφθείτε το [www.cycladic.gr](http://www.cycladic.gr) -> Φίλοι του Μουσείου.



### **Neanderthals may have interbred with humans**

Archaic humans such as Neanderthals may be gone but they're not forgotten - at least not in the human genome. A genetic analysis of nearly 2,000 people from around the world indicates that such extinct species interbred with the ancestors of modern humans twice, leaving their genes within the DNA of people today.

To read the whole article:

<http://www.sott.net>



## “Monuments and Cultural Coexistence”

The Hellenic Society for Law and Archaeology is organizing an open event on the subject of “Monuments and Cultural Coexistence”, 18:00, Tuesday, May 4, 2010, Museum of Islamic Art, 22 Agion Asomaton, Keramikos, Athens.

Speakers:

Maria Efthymiou (Assistant Professor of History, University of Athens), ‘Monuments and Cultural Coexistence’,

Yannis Ktistakis (Lecturer in Law, University of Thrace), ‘Law and multiculturalism: the case of monuments’,

Athina Christofidou (Architect, Head of the Directorate for Restoration of Byzantine and post-Byzantine Monuments, Ministry of Culture and Tourism), ‘Protection of Ottoman monuments in Greece’.

Facilitator: Giorgos Vavouranakis, Archaeologist, Hellenic Open University

For further information: [press here](#)



## Ένα κορίτσι της αρχαίας Αθήνας αποκαλύπτεται

«Ζωντανεύει» 2.440 χρόνια μετά τον θάνατό της και δείχνει το πρόσωπό της για πρώτη φορά χάρη στη σύγχρονη τεχνολογία. Το όνομά της Μύρτις. Ένα από τα πολλά θύματα του τυφοειδούς πυρετού που αφάνισε το ένα τρίτο του πληθυσμού της Αθήνας στο τέλος του 5ου αι. π.Χ. και μαζί τον σπουδαίο αθηναίο πολιτικό Περικλή. Ήταν μόλις 11 ετών όταν έχασε τη ζωή της και τάφηκε βιαστικά σε έναν ομαδικό τάφο μαζί με ακόμη 150 ανθρώπους.

Read the relevant article (in Greek):

<http://www.tanea.gr>

## KOSMOS Conference

The 13<sup>th</sup> Kosmos conference took place mainly online, as most of the participants were unable to make it to Copenhagen these days. Hear the message from Marie-Louise and Robert about the new format for the conference:

<http://ctr.hum.ku.dk/conferences/kosmos/>



## Disaster Archaeology

By Amanda Laoupi

Disaster Archaeology has been established as an autonomous scientific field in 2005 by Dr. Amanda Laoupi at CANaH (Centre for the Assessment of Natural Hazards and Proactive Planning) - NTUA and presented at Athens University (Department of Archaeology and History of Art / Faculty of Geology and Geoenvironment) and various international meetings in the form of post-graduate seminars and interdisciplinary papers. In the web, Dr. Amanda Laoupi's works on D.A. were firstly presented by professor George Pararas at his ‘Disaster Pages’, and by the independent researcher Gary David at his ‘Orion Zone’.

For the website:

<http://disasterarchaeology.ning.com/>

For the blog:

<http://archaeodisasters.blogspot.com>



## Άσχημα τα μαντάτα για τον Όλυμπο!

Ζητούν την κατάργηση του αρχαιολογικού νόμου και του Διατάγματος για την προστασία από το ΥΠΠΟΤ του Ολύμπου για να μπορούν να εκμεταλλευτούν το όρος σύμβολο της πολιτιστικής μας κληρονομιάς χωρίς την προστασία του Υπουργείου Πολιτισμού.

Read the Greek article: <http://www.anasta.de>

## Book Bazaar in Athens

The Archaeological Society at Athens is selling duplicate books from their library, old publications and all their publications in reduced prices. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, 6, 7, 8 and 10 of May, at the Society's building at Panepistimiou 22.

<http://www.archetai.gr>



## In Syria, a prologue for cities

Archaeologists have embarked on excavations in northern Syria expected to widen and deepen understanding of a prehistoric culture in Mesopotamia that set the stage for the rise of the world's first cities and states, and the invention of writing.

In two seasons of preliminary surveying and digging at the site known as Tell Zeidan, American and Syrian investigators have uncovered a tantalizing sampling of artifacts from what had been a robust pre-urban settlement on the upper Euphrates River. People occupied the site for two millennia, until 4000 B.C. — a little-known but fateful period of human cultural evolution.

Read the article: <http://www.bendbulletin.com>



## Religious Beliefs Seen as Basis of Origins of Palaeolithic Art

The idea that palaeolithic art is based in religious beliefs isn't new. But for years, anthropologists, archaeologists and historians of art understood these artistic manifestations as purely aesthetic and decorative motives. Eduardo Palacio-Pérez, researcher at the University of Cantabria (UC), now reveals the origins of the theory.

Read the article:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com>

## Syria: Archaeological Sites Mark Location of Farming from 10th Millennium BC

Excavations began in the various archaeological sites that once housed farming communities, including Tel al-Abar 3 sites on the left bank of the Euphrates River (northern Syria) which dates back to the 10th millennium BC. Assistant Director of the Syrian Department of Archaeology and Museums Thaeer Yerte said excavations at the site revealed information about the communities that settled on the banks of the Euphrates, uncovering two different areas that include three communal buildings and dozens of circular houses built from limestone and paved with pebbles from the river.

For the article:

<http://www.english.globalarabnetwork.com>



## Πόσο καταστρεπτική ήταν η στάχτη της Σαντορίνης;

Χιλιάδες χρόνια μετά οι επιστήμονες διαφωνούν για το αν η έκρηξη του ηφαιστείου της Θήρας- που είναι αδιαμφισβήτητη- έπληξε την Κρήτη, με αποτέλεσμα την παρακμή του μινωικού πολιτισμού.

Read the Greek article: <http://www.tovima.gr>



## Nanostructure of 5,000-year-old mummy skin reveals insight into mummification process

Research on the Iceman glacier mummy has revealed insight into how, on a molecular level, the mummification process can preserve human skin for long periods of time.

Read the article:

<http://www.physorg.com>

## 10. DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

The following publications were recently donated to the **Aegean Library**:

By Georgia Kourtessi-Philippakis:

- G. Kourtessi-Philippakis (ed.), 2009. *La préhistoire du Sud-Est européen : traditions et innovations*, Paris: Association Pierre Belon.

By Christina Mitsopoulou:

- Ι. Λεβέντη & Χ. Μητσοπούλου (επιμ.), 2010. *Ιερά και λατρείες της Δήμητρας στον αρχαίο ελληνικό κόσμο*, Βόλος: Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλίας.

By Peggy Ringa:

- *Antiquity* 76: 291 (March 2002), 76: 292 (June 2002), 76: 293 (September 2002), 76: 294 (December 2002);
- *Antiquity* 77: 295 (March 2003), 77: 296 (June 2003), 77: 297 (September 2003), 77: 298 (December 2003);

- *Antiquity* 78: 299 (March 2004), 78: 300 (June 2004), 78: 301 (September 2004), 78: 302 (December 2004).

By Giorgos Vavouranakis:

- Π. Δικαίος, 1951. *Οδηγός Κυπριακού Μουσείου*, Λευκωσία.
- Π. Δικαίος, 1965. *Σύντομος οδηγός του νεολιθικού συνοικισμού της Χοιροκοιτίας*, Λευκωσία.
- Τζένιφερ Γουέμπ, χωρίς έτος [ca. 1978]. *Σύντομος οδηγός εις τας ανασκαφάς του Κιτίου*, Λευκωσία.
- Courtois, J.-C. & Lagarce, J. & E., 1986. *Enkomi et le bronze récent à Chypre*, Nicosie: Imprimerie Zavallis.
- G. Vavouranakis, 2007. *Funerary Landscapes East of Lasithi, Crete in the Bronze Age* [BAR 1606], Oxford: Archaeopress.

***We thank them cordially.***

**Note:**

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