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1. LECTURES – WORKSHOPS – CONFERENCES

Wednesday 17 February (2 lectures)

Greece, Nafplion, 19:00

The Center for Hellenic Studies (Othonos Street & Philhellene Square)

Michael Wedde (The Athens Centre of Hellenic Culture)

'On the birth of the galleon in the Mycenaean period' (in Greek)

Email: chsnafplion@mail.chs.harvard.edu

URL: <http://greece.chs.harvard.edu>

Greece, Athens, 19:30

Canadian Institute in Greece (Dionysiou Aiginitou 7, Ilissia)

Prof. Ann E. Killebrew (Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Jewish Studies, and Anthropology, Penn State University)

'The Philistines in Context: Aegean-style Culture in the Levant and Southeastern Coastal Anatolia'

Email: cig-icg@cig-icg.gr

URL: www.cig-icg.gr

Thursday 18 February (3 lectures)

USA, New York, 19:00 (18:30 reception)

The National Arts Club (15 Gramercy Park South)

Prof. Robert B. Koehl (Hunter College)

'The Once Forgotten Kingdom of Alalakh'

Further information: [click here](#) (& see page 3)

Greece, Athens, 18.30-21:00 (2 lectures)

Elliniki Etaireia & The Initiative for Heritage Conservancy, Tripodon 28, Plaka (Leventis Hall)
Entrance = 15 Euros (free of charge for archaeologists of the Ministry of Culture & students of archaeology)

B. Lambrinoudakis (Emeritus Professor of the University of Athens), 'Monument and the environment. A two-way relationship, a challenge for the quality of the citizens lives' (in Greek) &

C. Doumas (Emeritus Professor of the University of Athens), 'Akrotiri Thera: The archaeological site and the environment' (in Greek)

Friday 19 February (2 lectures)

Greece, Athens, 18:30

The Archaeological Society at Athens (22 Panepistimiou Street)

Minoan Seminar

Dr Assaf Yasur-Landau (Leon Recanati Institute of Maritime Studies, Haifa University)

'Missing Rulers and Palaces without Palatial Economy in Canaan: New Evidence for the Role of Aegean Art in Near Eastern Palaces'

For the programme: [click here](#)

Greece, Athens, 19:30

The Centre for the Study of Pottery – Psaropoulou Foundation (Melidoni 4-6, Kerameikos)

Ružica Marić (director of the Vukovar museum)

'The prehistoric pottery of Vučedol and its modern adventure'

URL: www.potterymuseum.gr/

19-20 February

United Kingdom, London

Institute of Archaeology, University College London (31-34 Gordon Square)

International Symposium for the use of computers in Archaeology

For further information:

<http://unstan.arch.ucl.ac.uk/caauk/index.php>

Monday 22 February

Greece, Athens, 19:00

National Archaeological Museum (Tositsa 1)

M. Petropoulos, 'A new Ephorate, 39th (ΛΘ') EPCA of Tripolis and recent finds from the Arkadia district' (in Greek)

Tuesday 23 February**Greece, Athens, 19:00**

The Archaeological Society at Athens (22 Panepistimiou Street)

Annual Open Meeting on the Work of the BSA in 2009

Email: bsa@bsa.ac.uk

URL: <http://www.bsa.ac.uk>

Thursday 25 February (1 meeting & 3 lectures)**Greece, Thessaloniki, 19:00**

Aristotle University, Ceremonial Hall of the Philosophical School

Annual Open Meeting on the Work of the BSA in 2009

Email: bsa@bsa.ac.uk

URL: <http://www.bsa.ac.uk>

Greece, Athens, 18:00

German Archaeological Institute (Pheidiou 1)
Aigeiros lecture series

Maria Chountasi (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

'Ritualization and Ritual Mastery in Crete. The case of LM IB-II vases with painted depictions of animals'

Response by Despina Catapoti (University of the Aegean)

Greece, Athens, 18.30-21:00 (2 lectures)

Elliniki Etaireia & The Initiative for Heritage Conservancy (Tripodon 28, Plaka, Hall Leventis)
Entrance = 15 Euros (free of charge for archaeologists of the Ministry of Culture & students of archaeology)

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Friday 26 February (1 workshop & 1 lecture)**Greece, Thessaloniki, 9:00-15:00**

Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki, Manolis Andronikos Hall

Workshop: *Archaeometry in Greece*
(*Αρχαιομετρικές εφαρμογές στην Ελλάδα*)

Information: <http://www.amth.gr/pdf>

Programme: <http://www.amth.gr/pdf>

Greece, Athens, 19:00

Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies (51a Odos Notara, Exarcheia)

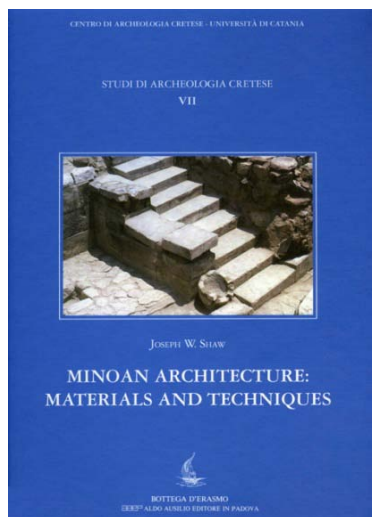
Dr. Vassilis Tsamas (Wessex Archaeology)

'Archaeology of the Senses; Everyday Practices in Late Bronze Age Macedonia, Greece'

RSVP: iihsa@hol.gr



2. NEW BOOKS



AEGEAN LIBRARY:

Minoan Architecture: Materials and Techniques
J.W. Shaw

City & year: Padova 2009

Publisher: Bottega d'Erasmus

Series: Studi di Archeologia Cretese VII

Description: Paperback, 337 p., b/w ill., 30,2x20,2 cm.

ISBN: 978-88-6125-072-7

Price: € 175

Abstract

This book has been written with the aim of providing a guide, for students and professional archaeologists alike, to the building materials used by the 'Minoans' and the techniques they used to prepare and set them into place. It often focuses on the finer buildings discovered, thus on the architectural style characterizing the Minoan «Palaces» and the houses of the affluent.

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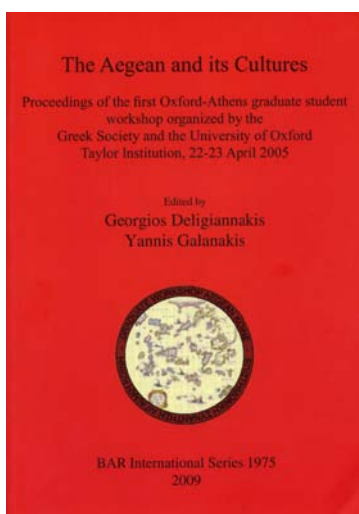
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AEGEAN LIBRARY:
No. 2045

The Aegean and its Cultures. Proceedings of the first Oxford-Athens graduate student workshop organized by the Greek Society and the University of Oxford Taylor Institution, 22-23 April 2005

Edited by Georgios Deligiannakis and Yannis Galanakis

City & year: Oxford 2009

Publisher: Archaeopress

Series: BAR S1975

Description: Paperback, iii+149 p.; maps, plans, drawings, colour & b/w ill., 29,5x21 cm.

ISBN: 9781407305073

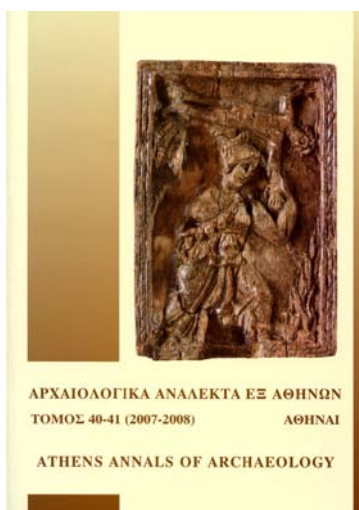
Price: £ 39.00 (ca. € 44)

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AEGEAN LIBRARY:
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Athens Annals of Archaeology
Vol. 40-41 (2007-2008) [November 2009]

Publisher: Hellenic Ministry of Culture – Archaeological Receipts Fund

Description: Paperback, 260 p., b/w ill., 24x17 cm.

ISSN: 0004-6604

Price: € 25

Abstract

The journal *Athens Annals of Archaeology* (AAA) was first published by Prof. Sp. Marinatos in 1968. Nowadays it is published under the auspices of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture. Most of the articles are written in Greek, followed by an extensive English summary. Five of the articles of the last volume are of prehistoric interest.

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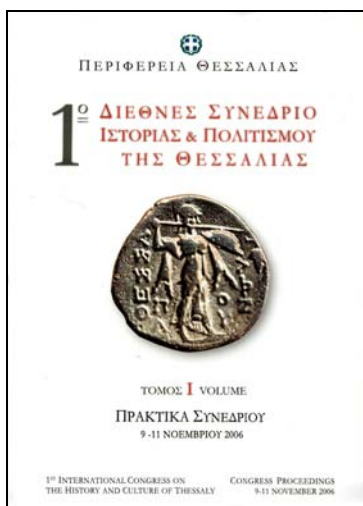
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1st International Congress on the History and Culture of Thessaly. Congress Proceedings, 1-11 November 2006 (2 vols)

City & year: Thessaloniki 2008 [2009]

Description: Paperback, vol. I: 374 p., vol. II: 375-1039 p., b/w ill., 23,6x17 cm.

ISBN: 978-960-8092-61-7 & 978-960-8092-62-4

Price: Not for sale. Only for libraries.

Abstract

This two-volume work publishes the proceedings of the first International Congress on the History and Culture of Thessaly that took place in Larissa (Greece) a few years ago. The first volume focuses on the period from Prehistory until the Roman times, while the second volume refers to the Byzantine and modern times. Most articles are written in Greek; a few include a brief summary in English. There are also some articles in English and French.

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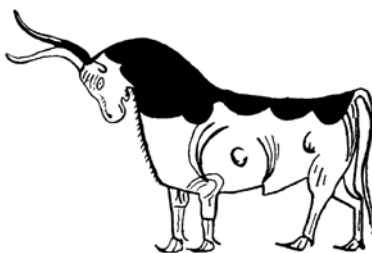
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3. NEW ARTICLES

3.1. 'Early Prehistoric Landscape and Landuse in the Fier Region of Albania'

Curtis Runnels, Muzafer Korkuti, Michael L. Galaty, Michael E. Timpson, Sharon R. Stocker, Jack L. Davis, Lorenc Bejko & Skënder Muçaj

Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology 22.2 (December 2009): 151-182.

Abstract

Little was known until recently about regional patterns of early prehistoric occupation in Albania, making it difficult to situate the Albanian record within existing, general models of early prehistoric landuse. An intensive regional survey, the Mallakstra Regional Archaeological Project (MRAP), carried out in the Fier region of central Albania from 1998-2003, gathered widespread evidence for human occupation during the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods, from the Myzeqe Plain to the Mallakstra hills. The Pleistocene and early Holocene landscape of Fier differed considerably from the present landscape, and at times the Adriatic shoreline was much farther inland than it is now. As a consequence, Palaeolithic and Mesolithic foragers were able to exploit coastal-wetland and estuarine environments that have been buried only recently by alluvial sediment as a result of river avulsion and soil erosion. The landscape studied by MRAP is only a fragment of the total landscape once exploited by early humans in this part of the Balkans, whose home range may have included much of southwest Albania and parts of northwest Greece. Our reconstruction of early prehistoric landuse in central Albania, based on collection and mapping of the locations of 1593 lithic artifacts from a 35 sq km area, indicates patterns of logistical foraging that span the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic and match those modeled in other Mediterranean countries, such as Greece.

3.2. 'Elite Place-making and Social Interaction in the Late Cypriot Bronze Age'

Kevin D. Fisher

Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology 22.2 (December 2009): 183-209.

Abstract

Monumental buildings constructed with ashlar masonry have long been recognized as a hallmark of the Late Cypriot (LC) period (ca. 1650-1100 BC). Yet little attention has been paid to the vital role they played in the (trans)formation of social structures and maintenance of elite power. I examine how these buildings were designed to facilitate social interactions, including ritual activities centred on feasting, through which social statuses, roles and identities were negotiated and reproduced. This was achieved through the purposeful arrangement of rooms to control access and encourage or discourage particular types of interaction, as well as the strategic placement of symbolically-charged architectural elements such as ashlar masonry as a means of reifying social boundaries. Following from that, I suggest that these monumental buildings were socially-constructed and meaningful places of action and interaction and thus a central component of LC elite identities and the strategy of place-making, through which they derived and maintained their power.

3.3. 'The Perceived Value of Minoan and Minoanizing Pottery in Egypt'

Caitlin E. Barrett

Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology 22.2 (December 2009): 211-234.

Abstract

This paper investigates the Egyptian valuation of imported Minoan and locally produced Minoanizing pottery: that is, why Egyptians found this pottery desirable, which Egyptians wanted it, and which were

able to acquire it. In order to address these questions, this study first reviews the archaeological contexts of all Minoan and Minoanizing pottery in Egypt, and then compares this archaeological evidence to the textual and iconographic data on Egyptian attitudes towards Minoan goods. The results suggest that while ownership of this pottery may have carried some cultural cachet as a mark of cosmopolitan sensibilities, it was not restricted to the highest officials. Instead, the more widespread availability of Minoan and Minoanizing pottery may have enabled Egyptians from various socioeconomic backgrounds to participate in an internationalizing cultural milieu.

3.4. 'The Minoan Santorini Eruption and Tsunami Deposits in Palaikastro (Crete): Dating by Geology, Archaeology, 14C, and Egyptian Chronology'

Hendrik J. Bruins, Johannes van der Plicht & J. Alexander MacGillivray
Radiocarbon 51.2 (September 2009): 397-411.

Abstract

Deposits from the Minoan Santorini (Thera) eruption in the eastern Mediterranean region constitute the most important regional stratigraphic marker in the chronological perplexity of the 2nd millennium BCE. Extensive tsunami deposits were discovered in Crete at the Minoan archaeological site of Palaikastro, containing reworked volcanic Santorini ash. Hence, airborne deposition of volcanic ash, probably during the 1st (Plinian) eruption phase, preceded the tsunami, which was apparently generated during the 3rd or 4th phase of the eruption, based on evidence from Thera. Average radiocarbon dates (uncalibrated) of animal bones in the Palaikastro tsunami deposits along the coast (3350 ± 25 BP) and at the inland archaeological site (3352 ± 23 BP) are astoundingly similar to the average 14C date for the Minoan Santorini eruption at Akrotiri on Thera (3350 ± 10 BP). The wiggle-matched 14C date of the eruption in calendar years is 1627–1600 cal BCE. Late Minoan IA pottery is the youngest element in the Palaikastro tsunami deposits, fitting with the LM IA archaeological date for the Santorini eruption, conventionally linked at ~1500 BCE with Dynasty XVIII of the historical Egyptian chronology. The reasons for the discrepancy of 100–150 yr between 14C dating and Egyptian chronology for part of the 2nd millennium BCE are unknown. 14C dates from Tell el-Dabca in the eastern Nile Delta show that the 14C age of the Santorini eruption matches with 14C results from 18th Dynasty strata C3 and C2, thereby confirming *grosso modo* the conventional archaeo-historical correlations between the Aegean and Egypt. We propose that a dual dating system is used in parallel: (1) archaeological material-cultural correlations linked to Egyptian chronology; (2) 14C dating. Mixing of dates from the 2 systems may lead to erroneous archaeological and historical correlations. A "calibration curve" should be established between Egyptian chronology and 14C dating for the 2nd millennium BCE, which may also assist to resolve the cause of the discrepancy.

3.5. 'A Reappraisal of the Dendrochronology and Dating of Tille Höyük (1993)'

Carol B. Griggs & Sturt W. Manning
Radiocarbon 51.2 (September 2009): 711-720.

Abstract

The results of a tentative oak tree-ring chronology built from charcoal samples found in Late Bronze to early Iron Age contexts (late 2nd to early 1st millennium BCE) at the site of Tille Höyük in southeast Turkey, and its placement in time, was published in 1993 (Summers 1993). This represented one of the few publications about archaeological dendrochronology for this period and region. However, the dendrochronological sequence and its crossdating have been questioned, including in this journal (Keenan 2002). Here, we critically reassess and revise the dendrochronological positioning of the site's building phases and their place in time by absolutely dating 7 decadal tree-ring sequences via radiocarbon wiggle-matching.

4. RECENT BOOK REVIEWS

- 4.1.** Philippe Charlier, 2010. Online review of L. Marangou, C. Renfrew, C. Doumas & G. Gavalas (eds), *Markiani, Amorgos: An Early Bronze Age Fortified Settlement. Overview of the 1985-1991 Investigations* (Athens: The British School at Athens, 2006), *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2010.01.32
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- 4.2.** Dimitri Nakassis, 2009. Review of Y. Duhoux & A. Morpurgo Davies (eds), *A Companion to Linear B. Mycenaean Greek Texts and their World. Volume 1* (Louvain-la-Neuve, Paris and Dudley, MA: Éditions Peeters, 2008), *The Classical Review* (New Series), Volume 59, Issue 02, October 2009: 327-329.
- 4.3.** Nicoletta Momigliano, 2009. 'Minoans Go Home?'; review of I. Berg, *Negotiating Island Identities. The Active Use of Pottery in the Middle and Late Bronze Age Cyclades* (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2007), *The Classical Review* (New Series), Volume 59, Issue 02, October 2009: 578-580.
- 4.4.** Malcolm Davies, 2009. Review of S. Heilen, R. Kirstein, R. Scott Smith, S.M. Trzaskoma, R.L. Van der Wal & M. Vorwerk (eds), *In Pursuit of Wissenschaft. Festschrift für William M. Calder III zum 75. Geburtstag* (Hildesheim, Zurich and New York: Georg Olms Verlag, 2008), *The Classical Review* (New Series), Volume 59, Issue 02, October 2009: 617-619.

5. FREE DIGITAL BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

- 5.1.** Blouet, A., Ravoisié, A., Poirot, A., Crézel, F. and Gournay, F. de, 1831-1838. *Expédition scientifique de Morée, ordonnée par le gouvernement français: architecture, sculptures, inscriptions, et vues du Péloponèse, des Cyclades et de l'Attique* (3 vols), Paris: Firmin Didot Frères.

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- 5.2.** Blouet, A., 1823-1826. Ensemble de dessins réalisés lors de l'Expédition scientifique de Morée. Online unpublished album, Bibliothèque numérique de l'Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art (INHA), No: PC 7738 (1).

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- 5.3.** Blouet, A., 1823-1826. Ensemble de dessins de Rome et ses environs. Online unpublished album, Bibliothèque numérique de l'Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art (INHA), No: PC 10637 (1).

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Kommos Excavations, Crete

Kommos is situated on the shores of the Libyan Sea, which borders the western area of the Mesara, the largest plain in Crete. It first attracted the attention of archaeologists in 1924, when Arthur Evans heard of large storage vessels from the site and speculated about the existence of a Bronze Age "Customs House" there. Joseph and Maria Shaw's excavations, since 1976, have borne out Evans's suppositions regarding the commercial nature of the site. After 25 years of digging, Kommos is revealed as a major harbour, with monumental Minoan palatial buildings, stone storage complexes, and a Minoan town (ca. 1800-1200 B.C.).

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6. USEFUL WEBSITES

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<http://ascsa.net/research?v=default>

7. CALL FOR PAPERS

7.1. The Eighth International Conference on the Mesolithic in Europe, Santander (Spain) from 13th to 17th September 2010

Deadline: 31 May 2010 (for papers and posters)

The Eighth International Conference on the Mesolithic in Europe will be held in Santander from 13th to 17th September 2010, organised by the Cantabrian International Institute for Prehistoric Research with the support of the *Department of Culture, Tourism and Sport* of the Cantabrian Government and the University of Cantabria.

This is the first time this prestigious series of conferences is held in southern Europe; furthermore, in a region with a long tradition in prehistoric studies, particularly on the Mesolithic.

The Santander Conference will attempt to reconcile the challenge set by increasing research specialisation, with the tradition of this series of conferences. It will try, therefore, to maintain the

ethos set by the previous seven successful conferences. The Santander Conference has, therefore, been deliberately designed to be open and non-specialised. The conference aims to act as a forum for delegates from many different places and at different stages in their careers to meet and discuss any topic related to the Mesolithic on our continent. Delegates will also have the chance to attend as many lectures and debates as possible. Parallel sessions will, therefore, be kept to a minimum and an effort will be made to ensure that timetables are respected as strictly as possible.

There is, however, a growing interest in using this type of meeting in the discussion of highly specialized topics. Consequently, the Santander

programme includes a new aspect: two sessions set aside for workshops and round tables based on topics proposed by delegates.

An important aspect of these conferences is the direct contact with the archaeology of the host region and, of course, the possibility to meet colleagues in a more informal setting. The Santander Conference will try to maintain this tradition by including a day trip to Mesolithic sites in the region and a full social programme. Those who would like to get to know the archaeology of

Cantabria even better can join the post-conference fieldtrip to be held the weekend after the conference.

The Organising Committee and supporting institutions are honoured to invite the community of researchers to the Eighth International Conference on the Mesolithic in Europe.

For further information:

<http://www.meso2010.com/welcome.html>

8. GRANTS – BURSARIES – JOB VACANCIES

8.1. Fieldwork opportunity at Pylos

The Iklaina Excavation is seeking students and volunteers for the 2010 field season (two sessions: May 28-June 17 and June 17-July 7). Iklaina is a Mycenaean town in the region of Pylos, identified in the Linear B tablets as a-pu2, one of the district capitals of the Hither Province (AJA 2006, pp. 205-228). The site includes two large building complexes (one of the megaron type), several houses, a Cyclopean terrace, and thousands of finds, including frescoes. The project includes excavation, travel to the major sites and museums in the Peloponnese, and evening classes and seminars on Greek culture, history, and archaeology. Students can receive 6 credits through the department of Anthropology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; volunteers on an auditing basis are also welcome to apply.

Applications will be accepted until the project is filled. All relevant information, including application forms and registration instructions, can be found at the project website, www.iklaina.org.

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8.2. Archaeological Services Durham University are currently advertising for an environmental archaeologist

Salary: £19,743 - £22,879 per annum.

Contract: Fixed-term, Full-time. Hours: 35 hours per week.

Deadline: 02/03/2010.

Archaeological Services Durham University offers an Environmental Archaeology Service which conducts projects for clients throughout the UK and abroad, and research projects within the

University. The purpose of the job is primarily to assist with conducting these projects. The service conducts the assessment and full analysis of animal, bird and fish bone, human bone, charcoal,

wood, waterlogged and carbonised seeds, pollen and other botanical remains recovered through archaeological excavation and coring. The postholder will operate out of our laboratories in Durham, and conduct the processing, assessment and analysis of palaeoenvironmental remains: there is likely to be a particular focus on plant macrofossils.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Identification of plant macrofossils and other palaeoenvironmental remains.
2. Collation of data, and subsequent writing of assessment or analysis reports.
3. Ensure that the laboratories, records, supplies and reference collections are maintained both efficiently and effectively.

4. Conduct the processing of material for the extraction of palaeoenvironmental remains as required.
5. Conduct related fieldwork, for example coring and surveying of environmental deposits.
6. Undertake training as required.

Full vacancy details and the application procedure are on the Durham University website https://jobs.dur.ac.uk/jobdtls.asp?Session_in=&Uid=&vref=3535

Contact for informal enquiries: Dr Charlotte O'Brien, charlotte.o'brien@durham.ac.uk

See also the following site: www.durham.ac.uk/archaeological.services

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The construction of the new shelter at Akrotiri, Thera has begun

Read the articles (in Greek):

<http://www.in.gr/>

<http://www.tovima.gr/>



Excavations by the 25th (KE') EPCA at Kastelli Chania

In the final months of 2009, the continuation of the excavation by the 25th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities at Katre street on the hill of Kastelli in the city of Chania, next to the classical fortification of Kidonia, resulted in the discovery of important evidence about the Minoan palatial centre of Chania during the final palatial period (14th-13th century B.C.)

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See also the following articles in the Greek press:

<http://www.tanea.gr/>

<http://www.enet.gr/>

9. MISCELLANEA

Mediterranean Identities: Formation and Transformation (26-28 March 2010)

The Universities of Leicester and Nottingham would like to announce a three-day cross-disciplinary conference that will take place at the University of Leicester from Friday 26th March until Sunday 28th March 2010. A full programme and registration form is available at <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/classics/research/conferences/mediterranean.aspx>. Please note that the deadline for registering is Wednesday 10th March. Please address any queries to the organizers, Constantina Katsari (ck82@le.ac.uk) or Mark Bradley (mark.bradley@nottingham.ac.uk).



Making Senses of the Past: Toward a Sensory Archaeology (26-27 March 2010)

The Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is pleased to announce online registration is now open for the 27th Annual Visiting Scholar conference. Full programme, abstracts, further information and registration can be all be accessed from: <http://cai.siuc.edu/vspages/day/vsconf.html>



The production of salt in the Antiquity

Article by Prof. Christos Doumas (in Greek).

<http://news.kathimerini.gr>

Did unemployed Minoan artists land jobs in ancient Egypt?

One of the most perplexing mysteries that Egyptologists and Aegean experts are tackling is that of the frescoes of [Tell el-Dab'a](#), also known as Avaris.

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Could museum's gold be from ancient Troy?

By Tom Avril

Dr Ernst Pernicka had traveled from Germany to examine the ancient items that lay before him on the University of Pennsylvania laboratory table, and he was dazzled. Earrings with cascades of golden leaves. Brooches adorned with tightly coiled spirals. A necklace strung with hundreds of gold ringlets and beads. The jewelry bore a striking resemblance to objects from one of the world's great collections - a controversial treasure unearthed long ago from the fabled city of Troy. Were the objects on the lab table also from the city that inspired Homer's epic poem of war?

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Earthquake, Volcano, Tsunami: Natural Disasters and Political Change

Abstract of a lecture that was given by Sandy MacGillivray at the Getty Villa on Saturday 6 February 2010.

To read the abstract [press here](#)

Excavations of a Geometric tomb at Kavrochori (Crete)

Real lessons of archaeology by a Cretan citizen.

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Akrotiri Thera

Articles in the Greek press about the lecture of Professor Christos Doumas given at the Archaeological Society at Athens on the 4th of February.

Read the articles (in Greek):

<http://www.tanea.gr>

<http://www.tovima.gr>



Evidence of Stone Age amputation forces rethink over history of surgery

Scientists unearthed evidence of the surgery during work on an Early Neolithic tomb discovered at Buthiers-Boulancourt, about 40 miles (65km) south of Paris. They found that a remarkable degree of medical knowledge had been used to remove the left forearm of an elderly man about 6,900 years ago — suggesting that the true Flintstones were more developed than previously thought.

The patient seems to have been anaesthetised, the conditions were aseptic, the cut was clean and the wound was treated, according to the French National Institute for Preventive Archaeological Research (Inrap).

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10. DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

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

By Yannis Galanakis:

- Deligiannakis, G. & Galanakis, Y. (eds), 2009. *The Aegean and its Cultures. Proceedings of the First Oxford-Athens Graduate Student Workshop organized by the Greek Society and the University of Oxford Taylor Institution, 22-23 April 2005* [BAR 1975], Oxford: Archaeopress.

By the University of Thessaly - Archaeology Lab:

- Mazarakis Ainian, A. & Mouliou, M. (eds), 2008. *Archaeological Quests. Excavations at Homeric Graia*, Volos: University of Thessaly.

By the Periphery of Thessaly:

- *1ο Διεθνές Συνέδριο Ιστορίας & Πολιτισμού της Θεσσαλίας. Πρακτικά Συνεδρίου 9-11 Νοεμβρίου 2006* (2 vols), Thessaloniki, 2008.

By a member of *Aegeus*:

- *6^ο Διεθνές Συνέδριο προϊστορικού Αιγαίου. Το προϊστορικό Αιγαίο και οι σχέσεις με τις γύρω περιοχές. Ελλάς, 30-Αυγ. – 5 Σεπτ. 1987* (programme).
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- Sittig, E., 1951. 'Entzifferung der ältesten Silbenschrift Europas, der kretischen Linearschrift B', *La nouvelle Clío* III: 1-40.

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