INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE IONIAN SEA:
Landscapes, seascapes and the circulation of people, goods and ideas
(Palaeolithic – Bronze Age)

10-11 January 2020
at the Lecture Hall of the
Italian School of Archaeology
Parthenonos 14, Athens

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ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION (09:30 PM - 10:00 AM)

WELCOME (10:00 – 10:10 AM)

Christina Souyoudzoglou-Haywood & Christina Papoulia

KEYNOTE (10:10 – 11.00 AM)

Helen Dawson:

Comparative perspectives in Island Archaeology: A view from the Ionian Sea

PALAEOGEOGRAPHY (11:00 – 12:20 PM)

Chair: Nena Galanidou

11:00-11:20 A. Vött, H. Hadler, L. Obrocki, T. Willershäuser, F. Lang, B. Eder

Palaeogeographical changes and their implications for human activities along the coasts of the Ionian Sea since the mid-Holocene


Use of geoscience to understand the palaeogeographic development of Livadi Marsh, Paliki: implications for the detection of an ancient harbour and anthropogenic settlement

11:40-12:00 D. Sakellariou, A. Zavitsanou, G. Rousakis, N. Galanidou

Palaeogeographic reconstruction of the northern Inner Ionian Sea Archipelago (Western Greece) during Late Quaternary low sea level periods

12:00-12:20 Discussion

COFFEE BREAK (12:20 – 12:50 PM)

ARCHAEOLOGY Session 1 (12:50 – 14:30 PM)

Chair: Kostas Zachos


Tracing Middle Palaeolithic land and sea routes in the central Ionian Sea

13:10-13:30 S. Ligkovanlis, G. Kourtessi-Philippakis

Palaeolithic peopling and settling of Zakynthos island. Interpreting the new evidence within the Western Greek and Adriatic context

Prehistoric settlement in the Inner Ionian Sea Archipelago and its Ionian Archipelago connections

13:50-14:10  C. Papoulia

Lithics as diachronic proxies for the circulation of people and ideas in the dynamic Ionian landscape

14:10-14:30  Discussion

LUNCH BREAK (14:30 – 16:30 PM)

ARCHAEOLOGY Session 2 (16:30 – 18:10 PM)

Chair: Evyenia Yiannouli

16:30-16:50  K. Zachos, N. Galanidou

Prehistoric settlement in the Choirotypa Cave on Lefkas

16:50-17:10  G. Stratouli, T. Bekiaris, V. Melfos

Beyond the horizon. Stone artefacts and social networks in Late Neolithic Drakaina Cave, Kefalonia Island

17:10-17:30  A. Sotiriou

Evidence of settlements on Kefalonia during the EH period. The case of Sami

17:30-17:50  G.J. van Wijngaarden, N. Pieters, C. Wiersma

The Early and Middle Bronze Age in the Ionian Sea. New evidence from the island of Zakynthos

17:50-18:10  Discussion

RECEPTION (18:15 – 20:30 PM)

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ARCHAEOLOGY Session 3 (10:00 – 11:40 PM)

Chair: Gert Jan van Wijngaarden

10:00-10:20 A. Vasilakis, T. Pefani

LBA Ellipsoid Megaron at Tzannata, near Poros, Kefalonia. New evidence for the LBA in Kefalonia and the Ionian Islands

10:20-10:40 O. Metaxas

Diverging trajectories within the western Mycenaean koine: the case of Kefalonia

10:40-11:00 I. Voskos

Migrants, refugees and social restructuring in Late Helladic Kefalonia

11:00-11:20 C. Souyoudzoglou-Haywood

Islands in the stream. A maritime perspective of the central Ionian Islands in the Late Bronze Age.

11:20-11:40 Discussion

COFFEE BREAK (11:40 – 12:10 PM)

ARCHAEOLOGY Session 4 (12:10 – 13:50 PM)

Chair: Thanasis J. Papadopoulos

12:10-12:30 E. Yiannouli

‘Archaeological Shoreline Research’ on the cultural semantics of coasts: the promontory of Kapros, SE Kefalonia, in the Bronze Age

12:30-12:50 V. Lanaras

Aetoloacarnania and the Ionian Sea in the Bronze Age: A history of interaction

12:50-13:10 M. Cultraro

Reconstructing paths of interregional communications: the LH IIIB-C handmade incised pottery of the Ionian Islands

13:10-13:30 F. Iacono, W. de Neef

The Ionian-Adriatic interface as a landscape of mobility

13:30-13:50 Discussion

LUNCH BREAK (13:50 – 15:50 PM)
POSTER SESSION (15:50-16:10)

- M.K. Kalisch  
  Climate and environment of the Ionian Islands. From the first human impact to the Protogeometric period
- C. Alberto  
  The rock-cut tholos tombs between Mycenaean influences and local peculiarities: the case of central-south Sicily
- T. Alusik  
  Health status, medicine and diet on the opposite sides of the Gulf of Corinth in the Bronze Age
- A. Karadima  
  Continuity in the material culture of Kefalonia: LBA and Historical Period. The case of Drakaina Cave

ARCHAEOLOGY Session 5 (16:10 – 17:30 PM)

Chair: A. Vasilakis

16:10-16:30  A. Pentedeka, C. Morgan, A. Sotiriou  
Making pots in no clay’s land: The communal ceramic traditions of prehistoric Ithaca

16:30-16:50  T.J. Papadopoulos  
The nature of warfare in Western Greece and the Ionian Islands during the Late Bronze Age

16:50-17:10  V.L. Aravantinos  
Homeric questions on Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Ionian revisited

17:10-17:30  Discussion

SUMMARY & CONCLUDING REMARKS (17:30-18:00)

Coordination: C. Souyoudzoglou-Haywood

DINNER for speakers (19:00-21:00)