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### *Note from the Editors*

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### *Past Lectures*

Prof. Wolf-Dietrich Niemeier lectured on "Kretisch-minoische Freskomalerei in kanaanäischen Palästen. Neue Ausgrabungen in Tel Kabri, Israel" in the Archaeological Society of Berlin, November 26, 1991.

### *Future Lectures*

The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium will meet at the Institute of Fine Arts, One East 78th Street, February 11, 1992. Prof. Manfred Bietak will speak on "Minoan Frescoes from Tell El-Dab'a, Eastern Delta, Egypt."

### *Past Conferences*

The *1st Scientific Meeting for the Promotion of Archaeological Sites in the Aegean* was held November 22-24, 1991, in Mytilini, Greece. The conference was organized by the Greek Ministry of the Aegean. Information: Ministry of the Aegean, M. Asias 2, Mytilini 81100, Greece. Telephone: 0251-21452.

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### *Notes from the Editors*

February 23 was the 35th anniversary of *Nestor*. In addition to a birthday cake, *Nestor* received an electronic mail address: NESTOR@UCS.INDIANA.EDU (for those on Internet) or NESTOR@IUBACS (for those on Bitnet). It was also an opportune moment to plan for the future. The most important of such plans concerns the conversion of the 29,000-entry bibliography of *Nestor* to date into a data base, suitable for search by computer. When the plan materializes, *Nestor* as a data base will become available to subscribers on diskettes at the cost of distribution. We will keep readers informed on the progress of this project, which ought to be a significant service to the profession.

The UCLA Institute of Archaeology announces an endowment to its Publications Unit in memory of Jo Anne Stolaroff Cotsen, which will provide support for the publication of outstanding research and scholarship. Archaeologists are invited to write the Institute for information on how to submit a manuscript for consideration as the next Cotsen Prize Imprint. Address: UCLA, Institute of Archaeology Publications, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1520. Tel.: (310) 825-7411.

John G. Younger, Classical Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706, offers to *Nestor* readers a bibliographical search service for articles cited in *Nestor* since 1970. Subjects on which he has concentrated include archaeologists, society, techniques, the Aegean and Cyprus from the Palaeolithic through the Late Bronze Age (chronology, sites, pottery, artifacts, trade, warfare, metallurgy, economy, engineering, tools, conveyances, husbandry, agriculture, writing). Subjects which he has not emphasized include reviews, Homer, the transition from Bronze Age to the Iron Age, areas outside the Aegean. Along with your subject request, send \$5.00 to John G. Younger in the above address.

### *Past Conferences*

An International Symposium, *La Production du vin et de l'huile de l'âge du bronze à la fin du XVIème siècle de notre ère* was held in Aix-En-Provence and Toulon, 20-22 November, 1991. It was organized by Marie-Claire Amouretti and M. Jean-Pierre Brun, in association with CNRS. The proceedings will be published.

### *Work in Progress*

Margaret Mook, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota, and recipient of the Olivia James Fellowship 1992, will be this summer completing her study of the LMIIC-Orientalizing pottery from the Kastro at Kavousi.

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A Day School, *Knossos: The Legacy of Sir Arthur Evans*, was held at the Large Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Arts, University of Birmingham, June 15, 1991. The Day School was organized by the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Birmingham.

A Colloquium on *Archives Before Writing* was held October 23-25, 1991 in Oriolo Romano, Italy. Fifteen papers were given on the administrative aspects of seals and sealings and their role in the early development of state organizations. The proceedings will be published.

### *Future Lectures*

The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium will meet at the Institute of Fine Arts, One East 78th Street. Prof. Joseph Shaw will speak on "Excavations on Kommos" (April 14, 1992), and Prof. Aharon Kempinski will speak on "Minoan Elements in the Canaanite Palace at Tell Kabri" (April 20, 1992).

### *Work in Progress*

In the Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte der Universität Heidelberg the following works are in progress: Murat, Akman: "Megalithische Gräber in Ostthrakien" (Magister); Clemens Lichter: "Entwicklung von Architekturformen im südosteuropäischen Neolithikum und Chalkolithikum" (Magister); Gabriele Albers: "Kultstätten und Kultpraxis des ausgehenden 2. Jahrtausends v.Chr. im östlichen Mittelmeerraum. Eine interkulturelle Analyse" (Dissertation); Marion Boller: "Figürliche Gefäße im Neolithikum und Chalkolithikum Südosteuropas" (Dissertation); Ourania Kouka: "Siedlungsorganisation in der Nordägäis während der Frühen Bronzezeit" (Dissertation); Ioanna Kraounaki: "Das Neolithikum und Chalkolithikum in Attika" (Dissertation); Helena Pastor-Borgonon: "Tell Kabri. Phönizische Präsenz in Nordgaliläa" (Dissertation); Kalliope Sarri: "Die Keramik der Mittelbronzezeit von Orchomenos" (Dissertation); Konstantinos Sbonias: "Frühkretische Siegel: Der soziale und ökonomische Aspekt. Eine Raum- und Funktionsanalyse" (Dissertation); Efthalia Welli: "Die mittelhelladische Keramik von Kirrha (bei Delphi)" (Dissertation); Anke Zimmermann: "Zur Interpretation neolithischer Kleinplastik in Südosteuropa und Kleinasien" (Dissertation); Joseph Maran: "Kulturwandel auf dem griechischen Festland und den Kykladen im

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§900423, for "van der Meere" read "van der Merwe."

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### *Recent Lecture*

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### *Announcements*

Research applications to the INSTITUTE FOR AEGEAN PREHISTORY (INSTAP) for 1993 funding should be submitted no later than December 1, 1992. Projects relevant to the history of the Aegean world from Paleolithic to the first Olympiad are eligible for funding, with some preference given to proposals for the publication or study of material from previously unpublished or partially published but no longer active excavations. The INSTAP Research Review Committee will consider applications during December and January; awards will be announced in late February 1993. The required application form may be requested from: Mrs. Adelaide L. Lewis, Director of Grant Programs, Institute for Aegean Prehistory, c/o the Millburn Corporation, 1270 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020-1795.

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*Qu'il est permis de rire entre mycénologues...*

The following find is too significant to keep secret any longer. This tablet was discovered in a private collection in Rome in October, 1991, at which time I was permitted to see and transcribe—but not to draw or photograph—it. Later I returned for a second look with José Melena, an expert in Knossian tablet joins and matters taureadorial. We present this text in hopes that the learned readers of *Nestor* may find it useful in their work and offer additional valuable commentary.

## RO Li 1

- .1 te-qa-jo , a-pu pa ka-ru-to-jo
- .2 pu-ro-de , pe-re , DE ta-u-ro-jo
- .3 ta-ra-sa , ta-ra-ku-ja
- .4 na-u-qe , qa-ra-du-ja
- .5 i-ke-to , me-ta po-ro-wi-to-jo

lat. inf. [[ me-ta-qe ku-na-ke pa-tu-ko-po-jo ]]

*Commentary:*

The text seems to have the palaeographical characteristics of Knossian-Kydonian scribes and might have come from a Cretan site during the early years of excavation when tablets were occasionally handed out as souvenirs to distinguished visitors. The five lines of the recto of this tablet provide our first clear evidence that the Mycenaeans did indeed use their Linear B script for higher purposes than mere economic records. The five lines constitute a poem. Contrary to all of our expectations from the study of oral poetic tradition, the poem is not in hexameter and does not treat a lofty theme. However, its subject might be linked to the *nostos* tradition of travel adventures and even offer proof of the theories of scholars like S. Morris who posit a narrative literary tradition corresponding to such visual scenes as those in the ship frescoes from Thera.

The poet here tells a simple story, which we assume he could have expanded and embellished as the occasion required. His skills at versification are deft. Notice the subtle use of tablet-recording techniques in order to create a precise metrical pattern: an abbreviated adjunct (*pa* = pa-ra-jo-jo 'old, ancient') in line .1; a phonetic ideogram in line .2 (*DE* = de-ma 'hide'); and ellipsis of the word for month (*me-na*) in line .5. Given the telegraphic economy of his narrative and his understanding of scribal practices, it might not be too speculative to propose that he was trained as a scribe and then in his spare time used the art of writing to preserve the products of his Muse. For modern parallels compare Housman's career as a postal clerk.

The bottom edge of the tablet preserves traces of an erased line in the poet-scribe's hand. It seems to be his first attempt to expand the poem beyond the 5-line limerick format. José L. Melena first noticed, read and interpreted these *vestigia* when we were studying the tablet together in Rome in October, 1991. The rhythm and syntax of the sixth line is clumsier, but its content and imagery are certainly designed to appeal to an audience of male seafarers at a palatial banquet.

*Translation:*

Thebaios from ancient Karystos  
 brought the hide of a bull down to Pylos.  
 The sea tossed to and froly.  
 And the ship traveled slowly.  
 He arrived past the month of Ploiwistos.

[[And with women whose twin breasts form deep bays...]]

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*Errata*

§920264 The three women listed as editors were, in fact, in charge of the production of the book. The editorial committee consisted of the following: Waldemar Chmielewski, Witold Hensel, Jerzy Kolendo, Maria Nowicka, Anna Sadurska, and Tadeusz Sarnowski.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

### *Notes from the Editors*

*Nestor* makes every effort to report timely, complete and accurate information on new publications but our library is not immune to the current trends in cutbacks. That and the practice of some publishers of announcing new releases without specifying the date of publication have led us on occasion to errors and omissions. We apologize, and thank colleagues (especially John Cherry, Jack Davis and Bernard Knapp) who have helped correct old errors and avoid new ones.

Other authors could help us greatly by providing, or having their publishers provide us with early copies of the title page, including the date of publication, and, especially for edited volumes, a copy of the table of contents on which are noted the beginning and ending page numbers of each contribution.

### *Recent Meetings*

The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium met at the Institute of Fine Arts, One East 78th Street, October 29, 1992. Professor Robert Arnott spoke on "The Early Cycladic I Cemetery of Pelos, Melos: Approaching a Republication."

The 4th International Symposium on Minoan and Mycenaean Seals, was held 10-12 September 1992 at Clermont-Ferrand, France, under the direction of Professors Ingo Pini (CMS) and Jean-Claude Poursat (Université Blaise-Pascal). Professor John G. Younger, Department of Classical Studies, Duke University, North Carolina, kindly provided the information for the readers of *Nestor*.

At the Second Conference on Gender and Archaeology, October 16-17, 1992, at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, Diane Bolger (University of Maryland) presented a paper on "Ladies of the Expedition: Harriet Boyd, Edith Hall and the Feminization of Mediterranean Archaeology." Cheryl Claassen, organizer of the conference, reports plans to publish the proceedings.

### *Future Conferences*

Tufts University and the Archaeological Institute of America, Boston Society, announce the 1992 Annual Colloquium on Sardinian Archaeology, to be held on Friday, November 6, 1992. The colloquium is entitled *Šrdn, Mycenaeans, Cypriots and Phoenicians: The 'Dark Age' in the West Mediterranean*. The session will start at 4:00 p.m in the Cabot Auditorium, Tufts University, Medford.

The Second International Festival of Films on European Archaeology: *Archeos 92*, will be held at the British Museum, London, UK, 23-28 November 1992. Contact: Mike Corbishley, Head of Education, English Heritage, Keysign House, 429 Oxford Street, London W1R 2HD, UK.

The Theoretical Archaeology Group will meet in Southampton this year. Booking forms will be circulated in October 1992. Contact: EuroTAG Organizing Committee, Department of Archaeology, University of

Southampton, Southampton SO9 5NH, UK. FAX: (0)703-593939 (mark "TAG, Department of Archaeology").  
E-mail: csg@UK.ac.soton.mail

A symposium entitled *From the Bronze to the Iron Age* will be held in Ravello, Italy in 1993. Contact: Centre Universitaire Européen pour les Biens Culturels, Villa Rufolo, I 84010 Ravello, Italy.

The International Conference on the Human Uses of Caves will be held in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, 6-9 July 1993. Contact: Dr. Christopher Smith, Department of Archaeology, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU, UK.

The International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences will meet at the University of Sydney, Australia, 25-29 July 1993. Contact: Trish Pemberton, UISPP93 Conference Secretary, Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology, c/o Anthropology A14, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia. E-mail: Ian.Johnson@Antiquity.Su.Edu.Au

15th International Radiocarbon Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, UK, 14-18 August 1994. Contact: International Radiocarbon Conference, c/o Mrs. M. Smith, Department of Statistics, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QW, Scotland, UK.

### *Request for information...*

For a study of the excavations by Christos Tsountas and Klon Stephanos in the Early Cycladic cemetery at Chalandriani on Syros, I am looking for any original documents by Tsountas or Stephanos about their work on Syros. If any reader knows of such documentation or has suggestions of where to look or ask for them, I would greatly appreciate the information. Contact: Jan Jaap Hekman, Institute for Art History, Architectural History and Archaeology, State University of Groningen, P.O. Box 716, 9700 AS Groningen, Netherlands.

### *Announcement*

Professor B. Rutkowski wishes to inform *Nestor* readers that his book *Petsofas. A Cretan Peak Sanctuary* (§920223) can be ordered from its publisher, Art and Archaeology, c/o Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland. (US\$ 48.00 (surface mail), US\$ 51.50 (air mail for Europe), and US\$ 56.50 (air mail outside Europe)).

### *News Item*

Sturt W. Manning, Department of Classics, University of Reading, UK, sent *Nestor* the following: "Santorini, ice-cores and tree-rings: Resolution of the 1645 or 1628 BC debate?" In the last decade publications by scientists working respectively on ice-core, and tree-ring material, have suggested precise datings for a major climatic/atmospheric, and probably volcanic event in the 17th century BC (*Nature* 307:121-126; 328:517-519; 332:344-346). The ice-core date was 1645 +/- 7 BC. The tree-ring date was 1628-26 +/- 0 BC. Are these the same event? Given the remarkably small claimed errors, these similar, but different, datings have led to some debate. The apparent coincidence prompted some to try to conflate them (*Nature* 335:211-212). However, conflation involves error or overconfidence by one or more parties. Since the tree-ring chronology is fixed, and based on actual physical counting of tree-rings for every year back to 1628/27, and is replicated from two continents, ice-core dating seemed the obvious target. After all, some very small error is admitted, and everyone remembered that the ice-core team had only proposed 1645 BC after withdrawing a previous date of 1390 +/- 50 BC (because of problems subsequently recognised with the particular ice-core). But the ice-core team rejected such arguments, stating that "... we are reluctant to accept that the two events occurred at the same time" (*Thera and the Aegean World III*, vol. 3:177). In other words they argued for two events (each not recorded by the other medium). Is this correct?

Readers of *Nestor* may therefore be interested to examine an article by S.J. Johnsen et al. in a recent edition of *Nature* 359(1992):311-313. It represents the first information on the new Summit ice-core. The recent part of this core is dated by cross-reference with volcanic acidity layers dated in the existing Dye 3 core (the source of the 1645 BC date above). In Table 1, the authors list key volcanic acid layers in the Dye 3 core which also occur in the Summit core. As in the case of previous ice-core dates for major volcanic acid layers, the majority correspond closely to dates from tree-rings for major unusual low growth or frost-ring events (excluding specifically polar eruptions such as in Iceland) (e.g. refs. above; *World Archaeology* 23:233-243). In general, in the instances of a 'match' between the two types of records, the ice-core dates either agree with the tree-ring dates within the stated error or are slightly older. In particular, note the period 0-2500 BC (converting the authors' BP from AD 1990 dates). The only three ice-core events listed are 49+/-5 BC, 1646+/-7 BC and 2050+/-10 BC. Compare the respective tree-ring dates for similarly dated major tree-ring events in this period: 44-42 BC, 1628-26 BC, and 2035 BC. The remarkable correspondence is surely not a coincidence. The tree-ring and ice-core records appear to reflect the same major events. It is difficult to accept the alternative argument that there was a series of instances of closely spaced 'pairs' of separate events (and that one half of the 'pair' was always missed by the other medium). In this case, it is also evident that the ice-core dates appear to be systematically just a little too high: by 5-7+/-5 years, by 18-20+/-7 years, and by 15+/-10 years. A very small correction, or a larger error allowance, seems necessary for the ice-core dates.

In these circumstances, the tree-ring event of 1628-1626 BC is perhaps given new validity as representing the single, major, climatic/atmospheric event of the period in and around the 17th century BC. Moreover, the evidence of sulphuric acid in the ice-core record shows its cause to be a major volcanic eruption. From radiocarbon evidence, and a re-evaluation of the archaeological evidence, some scholars might then seek to link 1628-26 BC with the great eruption of the Santorini volcano... (N.B. The recent arguments based on petrologic evidence that the sulphur production of the Santorini eruption was too low to account for the measured ice-core acidity have now been shown to be irrelevant - S. Manning in *OJA* 1992:vol.11(3):in press).

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## COMMUNICATIONS

This issue is dedicated to Saul S. Weinberg, born November 13, 1911, died October 24, 1992. His contributions will be long-remembered.

### *Recent Meetings*

The Geological Society of America held its Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 26-29, 1992. The following papers are of interest to *Nestor* readers: Bullard, Reuben G. "The Archaeological Geology of Midea and its Environment in the Argolid, Greece"; Kraft, J.C., Ilhan Kayan, and George Rapp Jr. "Sedimentary Environmental Lithosomes in the Lower Küçük Menderes Valley, and their Relationships to the Occupancy of the City of Ephesus and the Temple of Diana of the Ephesians (the Artemisian) over the Past 5,000 Years"; Mandel, Rolfe D., and Alan H. Simmons "Geoarchaeology of the Akrotiri-Aetokremnos Rockshelter (Early Occupation in Southern Cyprus); McCoy, Floyd W., Stavros Papamarinopoulos, Christos Doumas, and Clairy Palyvou "Probing the Minoan Eruption on Thera with Ground-Probing Radar: Buried Extent of Akrotiri, Tephra Stratigraphy and Late Bronze Age Volcanic Hazards" (poster session); Aronson, James L. "Chemical Fingerprinting: Obsidian Artifact Sourcing by Archaeologists and Tephrostratigraphy by Geologists"; Stanley, Daniel Jean, and Andrew George Warne "Archaeology as a Tool to Refine Rates of Tectonic Subsidence in the Nile Delta, Egypt."

The Muzeul de Istorie Națională și Arheologie în Constanța (Romania) sponsored its annual *Pontica* conference entitled "Cercetări arheologice și istorice recente între Dunarea de Jos și Marea Neagră" October 29-31, 1992. The conference included sessions on the Neolithic period and the prehistory of Geto-Dacians in Dobrogea.

The Muzeul Județean Ialomița în Slobozia (Romania) held its annual symposium November 12-14, 1992. Presentations included updates on research on the prehistoric cultures situated north of the Danube river. One of special interest to *Nestor* readers is "Relațiile dintre populațiile bronzului târziu din zona Dunării de Jos și civilizațiile balcano-egeice" (Relations Between the Late Bronze Age Peoples in the Lower Danube Zone and the Balkan-Aegean Civilizations) delivered by Marian Neagu from the Muzeul Dunării de Jos în Calarași.

The American Schools of Oriental Research held their Annual Meetings in San Francisco, California, November 19-23, 1992. The following papers are of interest to *Nestor* readers: Rupp, David W. "The Western

Cyprus Project: 1992 Field Season"; Leonard, Albert Jr. "Aegeo-Egyptian Commercial Relations in the Late Bronze Age"; Cline, Eric H. "Egyptian and Near Eastern Objects in the Late Bronze Age Aegean"; Tubb, Jonathan N. "An Aegean Presence in Egypto-Canaan"; Weinstein, James "Hyksos Scarabs and Scarab Types in the Late Bronze Age"; Hitchcock, Louise A., Carolyn Routledge, and Beverly White Cushman "Constructing Religious Practice: Ritual, Space, and Architecture"; Swiny, Stuart, and Sturt Manning "The First Radiocarbon Dates for the Early Cypriot Bronze Age"; Herscher, Ellen "A Comprehensive Relative Chronology for the Early and Middle Cypriot Bronze Age"; Smith, Joanna S. "Contexts of Writing in Late Bronze Age Cyprus: The Problem of the Bone Stylus"; Peltenburg, Edgar J. "Settlement Discontinuity and Resistance to Complexity"; Held, Steve O. "Backwater Blues: Einstein's Islands and the Disharmony of Interaction Spheres"; Frankel, David "Measuring Inter-and Intra-Site Variability in Prehistoric Bronze Age Cyprus: Types, Ranges, Trends"; Manning, Sturt "On the Anatomy of the Development of Socio-Economic Complexity in 4th-2nd Millennium B.C. Cyprus: Settlements, Trade, and Economic Explanations"; Keswani, Priscilla Schuster "Storage and Staple Finance in the Late Cypriote Economy"; Steadman, Sharon R. "The Obsidian Connection: A New Interpretation of Sixth Millennium Trade Routes".

The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium met at the Institute of Fine Arts, One East 78th Street, November 19 and December 3, 1992. At the first meeting Dr. Judith Weingarten spoke on "The Sealing Bureaucracy of Mycenaean Knossos: The Identification of Some Officials and their Seals." At the second meeting Professor Trude Dothan spoke on "Aegean Elements in Ekron of Philistia."

### *Future Lectures*

The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium will meet at the Institute of Fine Arts, One East 78th Street, Thursday, December 17, 1992 at 6:30pm. Dr. Efi Sakellarakis and Professor Yiannis Sakellarakis will speak on "Archanes, Crete: A New Minoan Center. A Synthesis of 28 Years of Excavation." Professor Y. Sakellarakis will also speak the following day, Friday, December 18 at 4:00pm to the Institute of Fine Arts Student Club. His subject will be "The Idean Cave, Crete. A Hundred Years of Excavation."

### *Announcements*

The new address of the Corpus der minoischen und mykenischen Siegel is: Schwanallee 19, D-3550 Marburg, Germany. Tel./Fax (06421) 25817.

### *Request for information*

Deirdre Beyer-Honca, Ph.D. candidate in Classical Archaeology and Anthropology, Indiana University, requests the following: anyone who has any information --field notes, sketches, photos--pertaining to Çatal Hüyük's Neolithic burials is requested to send word either to *Nestor* or to: Deirdre Beyer-Honca, 129 Perkins Street #2, Somerville, MA 02145, U.S.A. I have had trouble obtaining this information, which I need for a thesis involving Çatal Hüyük human bone material, via official channels. Now I am curious whether anyone who has worked at Çatal Hüyük during or after the excavations may have their own notes and be willing to share them. I particularly need information on burial stratigraphy--which graves were found in or outside of which buildings in which levels.

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### *Past Conferences*

A Conference on Cypriot archeology was held at the Medelhavsmuseet, Stockholm, Sweden, on November 4th and 5th, 1992, in celebration of the long-standing connection between Cyprus and Sweden in the field of Cypriote archaeology and as a tribute to the Swedish Cyprus Expedition.

J. Driessen reports that the Swiss School of Archaeology in Athens and Sylvie Müller organised a workshop entitled "Les peintures murales égéennes" held on December 8, 1992. There were contributions by E. Chryssikopoulou "Pigments and Plasters: Ancient Sources and Technique of Wall Paintings in the Bronze Age"; C. Boulotis "Beginnings and Flourishing of Aegean Wall Paintings in Relation to Kamares Pottery"; F. Blakolmer "Complexion Colors and Sexual Differentiation in Wall Paintings"; W.-D. Niemeier "Aegean Frescoes in Canaanite Palaces"; and C. Doumas "The Meaning of Aegean Wall Paintings in Relation to their Context". G. Rethemiotakis presented the recent discovery of a MM IIIA fresco from Galatas. No publication of the proceedings is planned. S. Müller plans to repeat this type of informal meeting in which young scholars receive the opportunity to try out new ideas in the company of scholars with a longstanding reputation.

### *Future Conference*

The Fifth Annual University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Indo-European Conference will be held on 27-29 May, 1993 at the UCLA campus. Theoretical and applied papers on any aspect of Indo-European Studies (linguistics, archaeology, comparative mythology, and culture) are invited. Papers on both interdisciplinary and specific topics (e.g., typology, methodology, reconstruction, the relation of Indo-European to other language groups, the interpretation of material culture, etc.) are welcome. Abstracts of ca. two double-spaced typewritten pages, for 20 minute papers must be received by February 15, 1993. Contact: IE Conference Committee, c/o Germanic Languages Dept., 302 Royce Hall, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1539. E-mail: ibcwgkg@mvs.oac.ucla.edu

### *Annual Video Reports from Troy*

The director of Project Troia, Professor Manfred Korfmann, in collaboration with the Media Department of Tübingen University and the Institut für den Wissenschaftlichen Film, Göttingen, Germany, is providing video documentation of the archaeological investigations in Troy. The videos are in particular directed toward subscribers to *Studia Troica*, members of the society *Friends of Troy*, institutions of higher education and all

friends and supporters of archaeological research. The videos are available in German, English and Turkish. Contact: Institut für den Wissenschaftlichen Film, Nonnenstieg 72, D-3400 Göttingen, Germany.

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