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COMMUNICATIONS

Research Grants

Research applications to the Institute for Aegean Prehistory (INSTAP) for 1988 funding should be submitted no later than December 1, 1987. Projects relevant to the history of the Aegean world from the Neolithic to the first Olympiad are eligible for funding, with some preference given to proposals for the publication of, or study of material from, previously unpublished or partially published but no longer active excavations.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 early January; awards will be announced in February 1988. The required application forms may be requested from: Mrs. Adelaide L. Lewis, Associate Director, Institute for Aegean Prehistory, c/o The Millburn Corporation, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

Conferences

The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium met at The Institute of Fine Arts on Wednesday, October 21, 1987. Prof. Judith Weingarten spoke on "The Transformation of Taweret into the Minoan Genius: A Study in Cultural Transmission in the Middle Bronze Age," (signed) Ellen Davis, Guenter Kopcke, Malcolm Wiener.

A conference sponsored by the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France) and the National Science Foundation (U.S.A.) on Symbolic, Structural, and Semiotic Approaches in Archaeology was held at Indiana University, Bloomington, 6-10 October, 1987. Organizers: Jean-Claude Gardin, C.N.R.S., Paris; Michael Herzfeld, Indiana University, Bloomington; Christopher Peebles, Indiana University, Bloomington. Participants: Olivier Aurenche, Université de Saint-Etienne, Lyon; James Bell, University of South Florida, Tampa; Christopher Chippindale, Girton College, University of Cambridge; Carole Crumley, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Whitney Davis, Northwestern University, Evanston; James Doran, University of Essex; Michael Fotiadis, Boston University; Henri-Paul Francfort, C.N.R.S., Paris; Alain Gallay, Université de Genève; Patricia Galloway, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson; Susan Kus, Rhodes College, Memphis; Marie-Salomé Lagrange, C.N.R.S., Paris; Mark Leone, University of Maryland, College Park; Jean Molino, Université de Provence, Aix-en-Provence; Catherine Perlès, Université de Paris X, Nanterre; Valentine Roux, Mission Archéologique Franco-Indienne, New Delhi; Danièle Stordeur, Institut de Préhistoire Orientale, Saint Paul le Jeune; Dan Sperber, Université de Paris X, Nanterre. The proceedings will be published and announced in Nestor.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, is sponsoring a symposium on scientific and visual approaches to the analysis of Early Cycladic sculpture on November 9, 1987. Further information is available from:

Cycladic Art Symposium
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Boulevard and Grove Ave.
Richmond, VA 23221

The British Association of Near Eastern Archaeology will hold its first Annual Meeting at Manchester from 3-5 December 1987. The special theme of the meeting is "URARTU." Invited speakers include Mr. C.A. Burney, "From origins to monarchy in Urartu;" Dr. A. Cilingiroglu, "Burial customs in the region of Urartu;" Dr. J.E. Curtis, "Assyrian influence on Urartian material culture;" Mr. J.D. Hawkins, "Kings of Urartu and their inscriptions;" Dr. V. Sevin, "The westward expansion of the kingdom of Urartu;" Dr. T. Tarhan, "Van Citadel: Ancient Tushpa."

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The second meeting of the "Groupe de contact interuniversitaire d'études chypriotes" will take place on a Friday at the end of January or in the first two weeks of February, 1988, at the "Vrije Universiteit" Brussels. Mrs. Marguerite Yon, Director at C.N.R.S., will give a lecture on Kition-Bamboula in the morning. The afternoon will be devoted to papers dealing with Cypriote collections in Belgium. On the Thursday before the meeting, Mrs. Yon will give another lecture on Ras Shamra-Ugarit, at the Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire in Brussels, sponsored by the Fondation Georges Dossin.

The "Groupe de contact" will organize an international colloquium in May-June, 1989, on "Sculpture et petite plastique chypriotes."

Anyone who would like to know more about the activities of the "Groupe" should send their name and address, and any information about their projects (conferences, colloquia, exhibitions, publications) to: Frieda Vandenabeele, President, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Sectie Kunstgeschiedenis en Archeologie, Pleinlaan 2, B-1050 Brussel-Bruxelles.

The Chicago Society of the Archaeological Institute of America plans the following lectures:

October 6, 1987	Albert Leonard, Jr.	"Mycenaean Greek Trade with the Eastern Mediterranean"
November 5, 1987	Sarantis Symeonoglou	"Homer's Ithaka. A Memorial Lecture in Honor of Father Raymond V. Schoder, S.J."
January 6, 1988	Alan Peatfield	"Minoan Religion: New Developments and Near Eastern Connections"
February, 1988	Robert Biggs	"Cuneiform Tablets from Ebla: Third Millennium Royal Archives from Syria"

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Recent Dissertation Completed

Lambrou-Phillipson, Connie. "The Oriental Presence in the Aegean during the Bronze Age, 3000-1200 BC." Ph.D. thesis, University of Athens. The work includes a catalogue of all known Egyptian, Syro-Palestinian, Mesopotamian, Cypriot, and Asia Minor artifacts found in Greece from the time of the Bronze Age.

Nestor would be pleased to list relevant dissertations in progress and recently completed. Please send names of students, their project title and university to the editors.

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