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We are very sorry to report the death of our distinguished colleague, Prof. George E. Mylonas, at age 87, on April 16, 1988, in Athens after a brief illness.

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The MICHAEL VENTRIS FUND was set up jointly in 1957 by the Institute of Classical Studies (University of London) and the Architectural Association to create an annual award in memory of Michael Ventris, who was killed in a road accident in 1956.

The Fund was created with the generous help of friends and fellow-workers. It has been given alternately to support projects in Mycenaean Greek studies and in architecture undertaken by scholars and architects on the threshold of promising careers in these fields.

Now, after 30 years, inflation has defeated the best efforts of the Trustees to maintain the purchasing power of the Award, though its value has risen over the years from £50 to £500. The Trustees are therefore appealing for further funds, in the hope of raising around £50,000. It is hoped that this would permit them to support a Greek and an architectural project every year.

Donations made out to the Michael Ventris Memorial Fund should be sent to: The Secretary, THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION, 34-36 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3ES, or The Secretary, THE INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL STUDIES, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY.

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Recent Conferences

SECOND SESSION OF THE "GROUPE DE CONTACT INTERUNIVERSITAIRE D'ETUDES CHYPRETIQUES/INTERUNIVERSITAIRE CONTACTGROEP VOOR CYPRISCHE STUDIES"

The second worksession of the "Groupe de contact interuniversitaire d'études chypriotes/Interuniversitaire contactgroep voor Cyrische studies (National Foundation for Scientific Research) took place in Brussels at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel on Friday 29th of January 1988.

It started with a presentation by Mrs. Marguerite Yon, Directeur de Recherches au C.N.R.S., on "Chypre. Fouilles de Kition-Bamboula" in the presence of the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus and of the Rector of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

The afternoon was devoted to the Cypriote collections in Belgium. Mrs. Rina Margos presented 116 pieces from the Early Bronze Age to the Roman Period from the department of classical antiquities in the Royal Museums of Art and History at Brussels.

Mrs. Marijke Meekers commented on a loan from the Cyprus Museum by the Director of the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus, M. Vassos Karageorghis,
at the department of oriental antiquities of the Royal Museums: a stone axe and two sherds of the Neolithic Period, four sherds of the Chalcolithic Period, four vases of the Bronze Age, and five of the first millennium.

M. Guy Donnay presented items from the Early Bronze Age to the Medieval Period in the "Musée Royal de Mariemont."

Frieda Vandenameele commented briefly on three limestone heads of the Classical Period, a jug of the Middle Bronze Age and one of the CG III or CA I Period in the Museum Mayer van den Bergh at Antwerp.

M. Eric Gubel noted seven items of the "Vleeshuismuseum" at Antwerp which belong to the Bronze Age.

M. Jan Driessen discussed the collection of the "Katholieke Universiteit Leuven", in total twenty-two vases belonging to the Bronze and Iron Ages and two stone objects from the end of the Neolithic or the beginning of the Chalcolithic Period.

There are also a series of Base Ring jugs preserved in the store-rooms of the department of Egyptian antiquities of the Royal Museums of Art and History at Brussels, and a number of vases, also of the Late Bronze Age in the showcases for the Palestinian region in the Royal Museums.

At the end of the day the assembly decided to publish this inventory. M. Paul Aström proposed to include it in the series of the Corpus of Cypriote Antiquities, Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology XX, which was unanimously accepted.

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"When Worlds Collide: The Indo-Europeans and the Pre-Indo-Europeans," was the title of a conference funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and held at the Rockefeller estate in Bellagio, Italy, Feb. 8-13, 1988. The program included:

"Language Contacts in the Caucasus and the Near East" (read by John A.C. Greppin): Thomas L. Markey (Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA), "North European Swidden/Clearing Names: Settlement History and Contact Patterns;" Louis Binford and Sergei A. Starostin, discussants.

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A workshop on Intensive Archaeological Survey in Greece was held at the University of Illinois at Chicago, March 11-12, 1988.

The first morning was devoted to summary reports of survey projects in Greece: Grevena: Stan Aschenbrenner, University of Minnesota-Duluth; Nemea: Jack Davis, University of Illinois-Chicago; Kitarini Limni: Michalis Potiades, Boston University; Lefkas and Kephallenia: Tom Gallant, University of Florida-Gainesville; Southern Euboea: Don Keller, Southern Euboea Exploration Project; Chania and Vrokastro: Jennifer Moody, University of Minnesota; Skourta: Mark Munn, Stanford University; Kavousi: Donald Haggis, University of Minnesota; Mesara: John Bennet, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The remaining time was devoted to discussion sessions covering a wide range of topics and questions related to archaeological survey in Greece. A limited number of copies of handouts and project descriptions circulated at the workshop are available from: Jack L. Davis, Department of Classics, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 4348, Chicago IL 60680.

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The American Research Institute in Turkey, Ankara, is presenting its eighth annual lecture series in Archaeology in Turkey. Lectures this year include several on prehistoric topics:

April 14, 1988 Bruce Verhaaren "Between Anatolia and Mesopotamia: Kurban on the Euphrates"

May 12, 1988 Mark Nesbitt "Plants and Man in Ancient Anatolia"

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The Turkish National Science and Research Foundation (TUBITAK) has organized a Colloquium on Quaternary Studies in Turkey, held in Istanbul, Gebze, on April 27-29, 1988.

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Upcoming Conferences

May 23-27, 1988, Ankara. "Annual Meeting on Excavations, Surveys and Archaeometric Studies Conducted in Turkey, 1987." The meeting is organized by the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Department of Antiquities and Museums. Every research unit, Turkish and foreign, will present a report on the year's work. American projects in 1987 included Aphrodisias (New York University/Kenan Erim); Cayönü (Istanbul University-Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago/Mehmet Ozdogan); Dendrochronology Project (Cornell University/Peter Kuniholm); Gordion (University of Pennsylvania/Keith Devries); Elmali (Bryn Mawr College/Machteld Mellink); Sardis (Harvard-Cornell/Crawford Greenewalt, Jr.), and the Uluburun Shipwreck (Institute of Nautical Archaeology/George Bass).

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The Second International Congress on the "Black Sea through the Ages," organized jointly by the University of Samsun and the French Institute of Anatolian Research in Istanbul will take place June 1-3, 1988, in Samsun.

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Archaeology Film Awards

IIe Festival International du Film d'Archéologie de Paris

La Cité des Sciences de l'Industrie, à Paris, accueillait les 3, 4 et 5 novembre 1987 le IIe Festival International du Film d'Archéologie de Paris remarquablement organisé par une équipe animée par Michelle Bouyssonie, Dominique Cartier et Louis Girard, commissaire du festival. Quarante-six films furent présentés et les prix récompensèrent les films suivants :

Prix du film de chantier : "Demircihüyük" (RFA, 16 mm, 33 minutes, réalisation : Stefan Dolezel). Fouille d'un tumulus du premier Age du Bronze en Anatolie, études complémentaires et restauration de la forteresse.


Prix de la créativité : "Cerchi di Fuoco" (Italie, video, 28 minutes, réalisation : Riccardo Mastini). Archéologie expérimentale exécutée par des scolaires.

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