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### *Note from the Editors*

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### *Past Conferences*

#### *First Joint Archaeological Congress*

The First Joint Archaeological Congress, a joint venture of the American Philological Association, American Schools of Oriental Research, Archaeological Institute of America, and the Society for Historical Archaeology, was held in Baltimore, Maryland, January 5-9, 1989. AIA Abstracts will appear in the spring issue of *AJA*. Presentations of interest to *Nestor* readers included: Barry Powell, "Why was the Greek alphabet created: The epigraphic evidence"; Sarah P. Morris, "Daedalos and Kadmos: Classicism and 'Orientalism'"; Roger D. Woodward, "Greek orthography and syllable structure: The case of Mycenaean and Classical Cypriot"; Dienne M.E. Kenyon, State University of New York at Binghamton, "Bordes and the question of the ethnic Mousterian"; John J. Shea, Harvard University, "Recognizing ethnicity in the Paleolithic: A perspective from the Levantine Mousterian"; Ofer Bar-Yosef, Harvard University, "Stone tools as social markers of Levantine Epi-Paleolithic entities"; David W. Rupp, Brock University, "The pattern of settlement in Western Cyprus in the Later Prehistoric Period, ca. 4500-2400/2300 B.C."; Matthew L. Murray, Harvard University, "The changing social landscape: Aspects of Iron Age settlement in Central Europe"; Paul Lipke, Shipservices, and Cheryl Haldane, Institute for Nautical Archaeology, "Non-destructive exploration of a second royal ship of Cheops"; Steven E. Falconer, New York University, "An Early 'Dark Age' in the Southern Levant: Insights on the basis of complex society"; William D.E. Coulson, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, "The Greek Dark Ages: Directions for future research"; Lenore Gallin, University of California at Los Angeles, "New metallurgical finds in Bronze Age Sardinia"; J. Nicholas Postgate, University of Cambridge, "Territorial control in Mesopotamia: Principle and practice"; Faith Hentschel, Central Connecticut State University, "The Late Bronze Age shipwreck at Ulu Burun, Turkey"; George F. Bass and Cemal Pulak, Texas A&M University, "The Bronze Age shipwreck at Ulu Burun: The 1988 campaign"; P.E. McGovern and R.H. Michel, University of Pennsylvania, "Royal purple: Its identification by complementary chemical techniques"; Ann C. Blasingham, Colby College, "Analyzing Early Cretan seals: A comparison of Mesara tomb groups"; Barbara J. Hayden, University of Pennsylvania and Jennifer Moody, University of Minnesota at Duluth, "The Vrokastro survey project, preliminary results"; Leslie Preston Day, Wabash College, Geraldine C. Gesell, University of Tennessee at Knoxville and William D.E.

Coulson, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, "Excavations at Kavousi, Crete, 1988"; J. Richard Steffy, Texas A&M University, "The economics of ancient shipbuilding"; James G. Lewthwaite, University of Bradford, "Foraging, food production, and social complexity: Analysing the Western Mediterranean Neolithic"; A. Bernard Knapp, University of Cambridge, "Society, economy, and polity in the Bronze Age Levant"; Robert H. Tykot, Harvard University, "The Sea Peoples in Sicily, Sardinia and Etruria: A reexamination of the archaeological and textual evidence in light of recent research"; William P. McHugh, EPIX, Inc. "Radar rivers, Acheulian sites, and paleoenvironments in the Eastern Sahara"; Jack Donahue, University of Pittsburgh, "Paleotopographic reconstruction of archaeological sites"; Eberhard A. W. Zangger, Stanford University, "Prehistoric soils in the Argive plain (Greece)"; Kevin Odell Pope, TGS Technology Inc., NASA Ames Research Center, "The catastrophic impact of Bronze Age agriculture on the Greek landscape"; John A. Gifford, University of Miami, "Reconstructing the Late Holocene coastal geography of South-Central Crete"; Peter I. Bogucki, Princeton University, "Pre-urban settlements in prehistoric temperate Europe"; Thomas G. Palaima, "There's context and there's context and there's context: How to interpret a (Mycenaean) text"; Thomas H. Wilson, National Endowment for the Humanities, "The modern image of Ancient Egypt"; Michael Allen Hoffman, University of South Carolina, "The first Egyptians: The Predynastic origins of Egyptian civilization"; Diana Craig Patch, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, "Cultural systems in Ancient Egypt: An anthropological interpretation"; Mary K. Dabney, Columbia University and James C. Wright, Bryn Mawr College, "Mortuary customs, palatial society and state formation in Bronze Age Greece"; Ann C. Blasingham, Colby College, "Evaluating funerary ritual vessels: Evidence from Minoan Crete"; Priscilla Schuster Keswani, University of Michigan, "Mortuary theory and collective burials: A case study from Bronze Age Cyprus"; Lauren E. Talalay, University of Michigan, "Herding and magic: Neolithic economy and zoomorphic images in southern Greece"; Elizabeth C. Banks, University of Kansas, "Lerna IV settlement development and architecture"; Ruth Palmer, College of Wooster, "The role of direct exchange in the Mycenaean palace economy"; Eric Cline, University of Pennsylvania, "Hittites in the Mycenaean world, and vice versa"; Pamela J. Russell, Emory University Museum, "A cache of Mycenaean and Cypriot pottery from Kalavassos-Ayios Dhimitrios, Cyprus"; Curtis Runnels, Boston University, "A Paleolithic survey of Thessaly, Greece: Report on the 1987 and 1988 seasons"; Brian E. McConnell, Brown University, "The Castellucian village at La Muculufa (Licata, Sicily)"; Glenn M. Schwartz, Johns Hopkins University, "Excavations at Tell Raqai, a village site of early urban northern Mesopotamia"; Lenore Gallin, University of California at Los Angeles, "Shepherd's huts—clue to distribution of Sardinia's prehistoric towers?" Donald R. Keller, Indiana University, "Southern Euboea exploration project: Efforts toward reconstructing the diachronic human ecology of a region"; Donald G. Sullivan, University of Denver, "The impact of ash-fall from the Minoan eruption of Santorini in western Turkey"; Wade R. Kotter, Towson State University, "The environmental context of urban development in Middle Bronze Age Palestine"; Brian Hesse, University of Alabama at Birmingham and Paula Wapnish, Smithsonian Institution, "Demonstrating the ritual use of animals at Tel Dan, Israel"; Ruth Palmer, College of Wooster, "Food for the workers: The nutritional value of Linear B rations"; Randall W. Younker, Andrews University, "The role of balanophagy in recent and ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern food systems"; Kathryn Walker Tubb, Institute of Archaeology, University of London, "Case study: Lifting the 'Ain Ghazal figures"; Richard L. Zettler, University of Pennsylvania, "Sealings and administration in the Early Dynastic I Inanna Temple at Nippur"; Nancy W. Leinwand, Bryn Mawr College, "Assyrian colony seal impressions: Iconography and style in context"; Judith Weingarten, Le Caylar, France, "Some connections between iconography, glyptic 'families' and the Minoan administrative elite in neopalatial Crete"; Diana L. Stein, Archäologisches Institut at Hamburg, "Archaeological and sociological study of 15th-14th c. B.C. seal impressions from Nuzi"; Michelle I. Marcus, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, "The social value of sealings at Hasanlu IVB, Iran"; Bonnie S. Magness-Gardiner, Bryn Mawr College, "Royal seals in second millennium B.C. Syria: Function, style and iconography."

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The NEH-Dickson Conference, entitled "Aegean Seals, Sealings and Administration," was held January 11-13, 1989, at the University of Texas at Austin. Conference topics included: J.-P. Olivier, "The relationship between inscriptions on Hieroglyphic seals and those on archival documents," (Respondent: T.G. Palaima); J.-C. Poursat, "Hieroglyphic documents and seals from Mallia Quartier Mu. A functional analysis," (Respondent: E. Fiandra); Ingo Pini, "The Hieroglyphic deposit and the temple repositories at Knossos," (Respondent: J.-C. Poursat); Bonnie S. Magness-Gardiner, "The function of sealings in three Syrian states: Variations in scale and political objectives," (Respondent: V. Aravantinos); T.G. Palaima, "Origin, development, transition, and transformation: The purposes and techniques of administration in Minoan and Mycenaean society," (Respondent: J.-P. Olivier); J. Weingarten, "Three upheavals in Minoan sealing administration: Evidence for radical change," (Respondent: I. Pini); E. Hallager, "Roundels among sealings in Minoan administration: A comprehensive analysis of function," (Respondent: J. Weingarten); V. Aravantinos, "The inscribed sealings from Thebes: Problems of content and function," (Respondent: R. Palmer); M. Marcus, "Local style sealings and foreign style seals from Hasanlu, Iran: Form and function in context," (Respondent: E. Hallager); Stuart Smith, "The administration of Egypt's southern frontier: Middle Kingdom sealing practice at Uronarti and Askut forts," (Respondent: M. Marcus); E. Fiandra and P. Ferioli, "The use of clay sealings in administrative functions from the 5th to 1st millenium B.C. in the Orient, Nubia, Egypt and the Aegean: Similarities and differences," (Respondent: B. Magness-Gardiner). Further information regarding the conference may be obtained from:

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An Archaeological Seminar was held in the Embassy of Cyprus in Athens, December 9-12, 1988. Its title was "Cyprus: 9000 Years of civilization. Studies and Approaches." Presentations included: "Cyprus: Archaeology 1988," by Helen Mantzourani, "The Neolithic settlement of Khirokitia," by Olga Anagnostopoulou; "The Neolithic settlement of Apostolos Andreas-Kastros," by Irene Gratsia; "The Chalcolithic settlement at Lemba-Lakkous," by Eva Bamboula; "Excavations at Kissonerga-Mosphilia," by Demetra Papakonstantinou; "Burial customs in prehistoric Cyprus," by Evi Baxevani; "Kition," by Dina Gasdagli; "Aghios Dimitrios-Kalavassos and the Late Cypriote Period," by George Evangelou; "The connections of Cyprus with the Aegean during the Late Bronze Age," by Yiannis Pararas; "The prehistoric remains of the greater Kourion vicinity," by Nikoletta Menti.

#### *Future Conferences*

Dr. John Bintliff announces that the "Sixth International Conference of Boeotian Archaeology and History" will take place at the University of Bradford from Monday the 26th to Friday the 30th of June, 1989. The conference will be arranged chronologically, and it is intended that each major period of Boeotian archaeology and history will form a separate session, to be introduced by a keynote paper. It is hoped that the chronological horizons of this conference will be broader than previous meetings, with contributions encouraged on Medieval, Post-Medieval and Contemporary Boeotia, as well as broader coverage of the prehistoric phases. For further information, contact:

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*Past Lectures*

The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium met at the Institute of Fine Arts in New York City, on December 13, 1988, and January 18, 1989. At the December meeting, Mr. Hugh Sackett and Professor Alexander MacGillivray spoke on "New excavations at Palaikastro," while at the January meeting, Prof. Dr. Ingo Pini spoke on "Ten Early Cretan scarabs: the relation between Egyptian and Minoan glyptic art at the beginning of the MM Period."

*Future Lectures*

On February 15, 1989 at 7:45 P.M., another meeting of the New York Bronze Age Colloquium will take place at the Institute of Fine Arts, One East 78th Street. At that meeting Professor Janine Bourriau will speak on "Mycenaean pottery found in stratified context at Memphis-Kom Rabi'a, Egypt."

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