From the Editors

*NESTOR* encourages readers to submit communications of interest and/or information concerning recent publications relevant to *NESTOR*’s traditional scope -- the Aegean and neighboring regions from the Paleolithic to the end of the Bronze Age. Send offprints or notices to *NESTOR*, Department of Classics, University of Cincinnati, P.O. Box 0226, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0226, U.S.A.; or via email at nestor@ucbeh.san.uc.edu.

Electronic News and Notices

The following sites on the World Wide Web will be of immediate interest (note that the addresses must be typed exactly as they appear here):

http://classics.lsa.umich.edu/PRAP.html -- this is the Internet Edition of the Pylos Regional Archaeological Project. Browsers will be treated to a Site Gazetteer, numerous photos and maps of the study area, copies of the PRAP preliminary reports, and a variety of other items of interest.

http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/amphoras/tocs.html -- maintained by Robert Kallet-Marx and Philippa Matheson at the University of Toronto, this site (home of the TOCS-IN Project) archives the tables of contents of more than 150 journals which will be of immediate and peripheral interest to *NESTOR* subscribers (including *AJA*, *AA*, *BCH*, *CAJ*, *JFA*, *JMA*, and *OJA*).

John Younger's "Caught in the Net" column, which has appeared in each issue of *Biblical Archaeologist* since Issue 58:3 (1995), is a recommended read for any *NESTOR* subscriber interested in the World Wide Web. Younger's columns are useful for both true novices and seasoned veterans of the Internet; topics covered to date have ranged from "How to Get Started" and "Searching the Net" to "Creating Web Pages" and "Student Internet Projects."

Past Lectures and Conferences

The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine in conjunction with the Institute of Jewish Studies at the University College London sponsored an international conference entitled *Concepts of Disease in Ancient Babylonia* on December 9-10, 1996. E. Reiner served as the keynote speaker, discussing "Astral Influences on Diseases and Remedies."

Upcoming Lectures and Conferences

The first *Symposium on Mediterranean Archaeology* will take place February 21-23, 1997 at the University of Edinburgh. For more information contact Sophia Antoniadou, Department of Archaeology, University of Edinburgh, at santonia@hsyl.ssc.ed.ac.uk.
The American Philological Association has released the preliminary program for the 128th APA Annual Meeting, which will take place December 27-30, 1996 at the New York Hilton and Towers. Papers of interest to NESTOR readers include:

- R. Palmer, "From Mycenae to Homer: The Continuity of Greek Agriculture"
- E. L. Brown, "Linear A on Trojan Spindlewhorls, Luvian Anax at Knossos?"
- R. Arnott, "Medicine and Magic in the Sanctuaries of Minoan Crete"

Announcements

The new INSTAP Study Center for Eastern Crete will open in the summer of 1997. It will have a library with a specialized collection including any publications dealing with Crete as well as a file of offprints. INSTAP invites all NESTOR readers to help build up this important research tool by sending copies of past and present offprints of their work to Professor Philip P. Betancourt, Department of Art History, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

In conjunction with this opening, a tour designed to showcase the Study Center and many of the important archaeological sites in the area will be led by Al and Mary Leonard, with lectures by a number of guest speakers and archaeologists. For more information contact telephone (520) 621-1689, fax (520) 621-3678, or email aleonard@ccit.arizona.edu.

Communications

Metaxia Tsipopoulou and Erik Hallager submitted the following communication to NESTOR:

During the summer of 1996 Dr. Metaxia Tsipopoulou discovered part of a new hieroglyphic archive in the palatial building at Petras, Siteia in Eastern Crete. During detailed stratigraphic investigations in the area of the north façade, a Middle Minoan II deposit was discovered below a heavy layer of Late Minoan IA. This deposit revealed the north entrance to the MMII building, and into this entrance the remains from a hieroglyphic deposit had fallen from a room above. In 1996 less than half of the area into which the hieroglyphic documents had fallen could be excavated. The documents were fragile and have as yet only been very preliminarily studied, but we should like to communicate briefly the finds of the 1996 excavation:

- Two complete and unpierced four-sided claybars; one was inscribed on all four sides, the other on three sides.
- Nine more or less complete medallions; eight inscribed with a single sign group, one unfinished. Six of the medallions had on the reverse differing numbers of dots (probably representing 10’s), suggesting a system of sign-groups on the obverse and numbers on the reverse.
- One preserved and one fragmentary crescent with seal impressions; three other fragments possibly representing crescents were recovered.
- Three different kinds of sealings and nodules with seal impressions, including two door/chest sealings, one of which carried a seal impression from a prism with a partly preserved hieroglyphic inscription; three two-hole hanging nodules with seal impressions from relatively large seals of which two depict quadrupeds; nine nodules of a type which had been pressed up against something and had internal stringmarks. The seal impressions on these nodules had a high percentage of pictorial motifs as compared to simple geometric designs, with depictions of various quadrupeds dominant.

A number of unfinished documents were also found, among them a nodulus and a two-holed hanging nodule, both of which lacked seal impressions.

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