From the editors

The 1996 NESTOR bibliography has been added to the searchable online database, which now covers publications from the years 1954-1996. If you haven’t done so already, please check out our Web site: http://ucaswww.mcm.uc.edu/classics/nestor/nestor.html (also accessible from the newly refurbished University of Cincinnati Department of Classics home page). We would also welcome your additions or updates to the online edition of the International Directory of Aegean Prehistorians, which is available through our Web page.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish all NESTOR subscribers a happy holiday season and to thank everyone for their continued support of this venerable publication. Please take the time to contact us by mail or email (nestor@ucbeh.san.uc.edu) with any suggestions concerning the printed or electronic versions of NESTOR – we welcome any ideas which might improve the quality and utility of the bibliography. (You might find it convenient to append a note to your subscription renewal, which is enclosed here.)

Past Lectures and Conferences

On April 27, 1997, Helen Hughes-Brock presented “Greek Bronze Age Beads” at a seminar entitled “Bead Studies after Beck,” sponsored by the Bead Study Trust and held at the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Cambridge.

The Mendelhavsmuseet – The Museum of Mediterranean and Near Eastern Antiquities in Stockholm – hosted a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Swedish Cyprus Expedition on September 20-21, 1997. An international conference included the following papers of interest:
P. Åström, “Swedish Archaeology on Cyprus after the Swedish Cyprus Expedition”
P. Flourentzos, “Paralimni Nissia – A unique Neolithic Settlement”
P. Fischer, “Contacts between Cyprus and the Transjordan: Finds from the Swedish Jordan Expedition at Tell Abu al-Kharaz, Jordan Valley”
E. Rystedt, “The Trade of Mycenaean Chariot Kraters in the Eastern Mediterranean: Some Considerations of Volumes and Destinations”
K. Hägg Niklasson, “Den mänskliga faktorn’: Om forskning kring stenåldersgravar på Cypern”
V. Karageorghis, “Cyproite Archaeology in its Mediterranean Context”
P. Åström, “Svensk arkeologi på Cypern efter den Svenska Cypern Expeditionen”
P. Flourentzos, “A Hoard of Unique Sculptures from Tamassos”
P. Fischer, “Cyproite Skeletal Material from 3000-2000 B.C.: Sex, Age and Pathological Conditions”
Robert Drews of Vanderbilt University addressed the **The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium** at the Institute of Fine Arts in New York City on December 3, 1997; the topic was “A Philistine Migration from the Aegean to Canaan?”

Wolf-Dietrich Niemeier reviewed the results of recent excavations at Miletus with “Minoans, Mycenaeans, and Hittites in Western Anatolia: New Excavations at Bronze Age Miletus/Millewanda,” which he presented on December 3, 1997, in a lecture sponsored by the Oriental Institute Membership Office and the Chicago Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

The **21st British Museum Classical Colloquium: The Greeks in the East** was held on December 9-10, 1997, in London. The program was organized by the British Museum Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities, in collaboration with the Department of Western Asiatic Antiquities. Papers of interest to *NESTOR* readers:

L. Schofield, “Aegean Metalwork in the East”
J. Lesley Fitton and S. Quirke, “The Treasure of Tod: Context and Contacts”
B. Muller, “The Mari Wall-Paintings”
W.-D. Niemeier, “Frescoes from Tel Kabri and Alalakh”
D. Collon, “Trade in the Bronze Age: The Evidence from Seals”
A. Caubet, “Aegeans at Ras Shamra/Ugarit”
E. Oren, “Trade between the Aegean and the Levant at the End of the Late Bronze Age”
W.-D. Neimeier, “Minoans, Mycenaeans and Hittites in Western Asia Minor: New Excavations at Bronze Age Miletus”
M. Popham, “Pendant Semi-Circle Skyphoi and Plates from Lefkandi: The Implications for Al Mina”
R. Kearsley, “Early Greek Pottery from Al Mina”
S.-A. Ashton, “Large, Late and Local: An Analysis of Pottery from Al Mina”

**Announcements**

*NESTOR* passes along the following from Cheryl Floyd, U.S. Academic Director, INSTAP-SCEC:

In the summer of 1997 a new Study Center, the INSTAP Study Center for East Crete (INSTAP-SCEC), opened in Pacheia Ammos, Crete. This American research facility is dedicated to the advancement of Cretan studies from all periods of history, but places special emphasis on Aegean prehistory and archaeology.

For the 1997 summer season, the Center acted as the operating headquarters for six American and Greek-American Archaeological Projects, including the excavations and surveys at Gournia, Mochlos, Kavousi, Chrysokamino, Vrokastro and Halasmenos. The Center is also open for use by individual members, of any nationality, ranging from established scholars to university and college students.

INSTAP-SCEC is open year round and offers numerous facilities and services to its members. Facilities included a library, a photographic studio and dark room, a computer laboratory, a conservation laboratory, and a drafting room. Services offered included: email accounts for members, usage of filed equipment, and the services of professional photographers and conservators. For more information on the Center (including general information, application information, fees, etc.), please contact: Director, INSTAP Study Center for East Crete, Pacheia Ammos, Ierapetras 72200, Crete, Greece; telephone +3 0842 93027; FAX +3 0842 93017; email instapec@ier.forthnet.gr; or U.S. Coordinator, INSTAP-SCEC Office, MASCA, University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, 33rd and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6324, USA; telephone (215) 573-4146; FAX (609) 881-4093; email crfloyd@masca.museum.upenn.edu.

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