Topographic and Chronological Scope of Nestor

The start of the new millennium seems an opportune time to restate the topographic and chronological scope of Nestor. Our primary geographic nexus remains the Aegean, including all of Greece, Albania, the southern coast of Bulgaria, the western and southern coasts of Turkey, and Cyprus. Nestor includes publications concerning the central and western Mediterranean, southeastern Europe, the eastern Mediterranean, western Asia, and other regions of archaeological research, if the specific bibliographic items contain Aegean artifacts, imitations, or influences, or make reference to Aegean comparanda.

Nestor’s chronological range continues to be the prehistoric period in the regions covered, from the Palaeolithic through the end of the Geometric period. As with publications concerning geographic regions outside our direct range, so with bibliography regarding chronological periods beyond our limits, Nestor includes items concerned with other periods if they discuss comparisons or questions of continuity involving the prehistoric period.

Within the topographic and chronological scope defined above Nestor attempts to list all publications on any aspect of human activity. These include, but are not limited to human interactions with the environment, material culture, social, political, and economic activities, structures, and organizations, and languages and systems of recording, writing, and accounting. Related topics such as Philistine culture within our chronological limits, ‘Archaeoligica Homerica’, the Classical Cypriot syllabary, and Indo-European linguistics especially concerning the development of Greek continue to be covered as previously.

In a similar vein publications concerning scientific analysis, archaeological methodology and theory, and ethnoarchaeology are included in Nestor if they cite comparisons, data, or examples from Aegean prehistory. The editorial staff wishes to serve Nestor readers as fully and conveniently as possible, and we hope that this editorial restatement will further that objective.

From the Editors

The editors of Nestor wish to announce some changes in content and format beginning in this issue. Nestor is adding a section to the COMMUNICATIONS under the heading of Aegean News in Brief. We thus invite contributors to publish briefly (10 lines or less) new discoveries and theories with the greatest interpretive significance for Aegean prehistory. There is currently no print forum for such succinct and prompt dissemination of new evidence and ideas in the ancient world; it is our hope that Nestor can fill that need for Aegean prehistory.

Nestor is also instituting a new section of the COMMUNICATIONS entitled Calls for Papers. We invite organizers to submit announcements of conferences and symposia which may be of interest to Nestor’s readers in advance of the closing dates for application. This section is intended to permit Nestor’s readers to identify opportunities for the dissemination and exchange of ideas.
Readers will note some other changes in format with this issue. *Nestor* returns to the practice of publishing the ISBN numbers of listed volumes, for the convenience of those readers who wish to obtain a volume listed by *Nestor* either from its publisher or from an Inter-Library Loan service. *Nestor* extends to titles in English its practice in other languages of capitalizing in accordance with the example of the source. Finally, *Nestor* has increased its range of accents and other diacritical marks, permitting a more accurate recording of authors’ names and bibliographic titles in a wider range of languages.

**Calls for Papers**

The UK chapter has announced a call for participation in the *Sixth Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology Meeting* to be held at Bristol University on 24-25 February 2001. The organizers particularly wish to encourage attendance by research students, archaeologists in units, agencies and planning authorities, and those who have not previously participated in CAA conferences. All topics in the field are encouraged. Title and abstract (maximum 500 words) should be submitted in plain text to the organizers: Alan Chalmers and Majid Mirmehdi, University of Bristol, Department of Computer Science, Merchant Venturers Building, Woodland Road, Bristol BS8 1UB; telephone: +44 (0)117 954 5150; fax: +44 (0)117 954 5208; e-mail: alan@cs.bris.ac.uk and majid@cs.ac.bris.ac.uk. Further information is available at: www.cs.bris.ac.uk/Events/CAAUK2001/

On 3-7 September 2001 the Politecnico di Milano, Italy will host the *International Cultural Heritage Informatics Meeting* with the theme “Cultural Heritage and Technologies in the Third Millennium” (*ichim2001*), exploring cultural heritage institutions whose new forms are being determined by the combined impact of innovative technologies and changing social expectations of their role. Papers and tutorials are invited that address technical, cultural, social, organizational, or economic issues, especially in the following areas:

- Technology-based communication of cultural heritage
- Changing organizational paradigms, enabled or enhanced by technology
- Innovative technology for cultural heritage documentation
- Applications of innovative technology within cultural heritage organizations
- Technology enabled services for cultural heritage

Full or Short Papers, and Tutorial outlines must be received by 2 February 2001. Proceedings of *ichim2001* will be published, as have previous meetings (available at www.archimuse.com/publishing/museums.html). Proposal submission forms and further information about the conference is available at www.ichim01.polimi.it/ (Italy) or www.archimuse.com/ichim2001 (US). The Conference Co-Chairs are Paolo Paolini and Jennifer Trant, Archives & Museum Informatics, 2008 Murray Ave, Suite D, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

In July 2002 the *Second International Conference: Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations* will be held in Saint Petersburg, Russia, hosted by the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St. Petersburg Branch) in cooperation with the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Cultural Anthropology of the Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow). The following issues will be discussed:

- Civilizational and evolutionary (including formation) models of socio-political development
- Interaction of the socio-political and cultural-mental groups of factors in the processes of social evolution
- Cultural and socio-biological foundations and factors of dominance in human societies
- Socio-political evolution of the East: models and tendencies
- Evolutionary position of the state among the forms of socio-political organization
- Democratic and non-democratic forms of socio-political organization at different levels of cultural complexity
- Political center and regions: interrelations within the frameworks of different models of socio-political organization
- Schools and trends in the study of the hierarchy and power
Panel proposals (maximum 500 words) must be received by 1 September 2001; Paper abstracts (maximum 300 words) must be received by 1 December 2001. Please include full name, title, institutional affiliation, full postal and e-mail addresses, and fax number. Correspondence should be sent to Dr. Serguei A. Frantsouzoff, Institute of Oriental Studies (St. Petersburg Branch) 18 Dvortsovaya nab., 191186 St. Petersburg, Russia. telephone: +7-812-315-84-90; fax: +7-812-312-14-65; e-mail: invost@mail.convey.ru.

Future Lectures and Conferences

On 28 February 2001 the British School in Athens will host a public lecture at the Institute of Classical Studies in London by K. Demakopoulou on “The Mycenaean acropolis of Medea: a third palatial centre in the Argolid?”.

The following Mycenaean Seminar lectures have been announced by the Institute of Classical Studies in London for the Spring of 2001:
14 February: L. Preston, “LM II-III burials”
14 March: S. Voutsaki, “The rise of Mycenae: political interrelations and archaeological evidence”
14 March: J. Wright, “Factions and the origins of leadership in early Mycenaean society”

Those desiring further information should contact the Mycenaean Seminar, Institute of Classical Studies, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU; telephone: 020 7862 8702 web-site: www.sas.ac.uk/icls/

On 17-21 April 2001, Cardiff University will host a conference entitled Building Communities: House, Settlement and Society in the Aegean and Beyond, exploring a range of approaches to the built environment of the Mediterranean world from the Neolithic to the Hellenistic period. Booking forms are available from Su Hayward-Lewis at haywardlewis@cardiff.ac.uk; telephone: +44 (0)29 2087 5508; fax: +44 (0)29 2087 4990; post: ‘Building Communities’, c/o Su Hayward-Lewis, Conference Office, Cardiff University, P.O. Box 533, Cardiff CF14 3XZ. The closing date for booking is 23rd March 2001. The booking form as well as a full program will also be available at: www.cf.ac.uk/hisar/conferences/oikos/

Those desiring further information should contact oikos@cardiff.ac.uk Papers of interest to Nestor readers will include:

A. Skourtopoulou, “Identifying Domestic Space through Refuse Patterns in the Neolithic of Northern Greece”
N. Efstratiou, “Neolithic Households in Aegean Thrace, Greece: The Contribution of Ethnoarchaeology”
L. Steele, “The Neolithic Settlement at Çatalhöyük and Pueblo Ethnoarchaeology”
S. Souvatzi, “The Identification of the Neolithic Household: Unfeasible or Just Disregarded?”
S. Spanou, “Changing Patterns in Spatial Boundaries: Private and Public Space in Chalcolithic Cyprus”
T. Whitelaw, “Identifying Households in Minoan Crete”
L. Hitchcock, “Naturalizing the Cultural: Architectonized Landscape as Ideology in Minoan Crete”
T. Cunningham, “In the Shadows of Kastri: An Examination of Domestic and Civic Space at Palaikastro”
J. Driessen, “Monuments of Minos: The Palaces of Crete”
D. Dvorsky-Rohner, “A Comparative Analysis and Interpretive Discussion of Cultural Expression in Domestic Space: The EH II Sites of Lithares, Boeotia and Manika, Euboea”
J. Bennet, “Architecture, Image and Text: The Built Environment in Late Bronze Age Pylos”
K. Glowacki, “House, Household, and Community at LM IIIC Vronda, Kavousi”
S. Andreou, “Constructing Mounds: Stability and Change in the Communities of Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Central Macedonia, Greece”
A. Mazarakis Ainian, “Public and Private Space in Early Iron Age Greece”

A. Coucouzeli, “From Megaron to Oikos: The Last Days of Aristocracy at Zagora”

M. Prent, “Cretan Early Iron Age Hearth Temples and the Articulation of Cultic Space”

On 30-31 May 2001 The Center for Mediterranean Civilizations and its Director, Professor Irad Malkin will host an International Workshop Mediterranean Paradigms and the Study of Antiquity at Tel Aviv University. The Workshop will consider how useful the concept of the Mediterranean is to the study of antiquity. Speakers will include C. Ampolo, L. Foxhall, I. Malkin, I. Morris, N. Purcell, Z. Rubin, B. Shaw, and G. Woolf. There will be at least ten fellowships for graduate students and post-doctoral candidates ($900 for people coming from Europe and $1250 for those coming from the American continent or a comparable distance). Application is by curriculum vitae and a letter describing the applicant’s main field of interest; One letter of recommendation should be sent directly to Professor Irad Malkin, The Center for Mediterranean Civilizations, Tel Aviv University, 69978 Tel Aviv, Israel; telephone: 972-3-6405187; fax: 972-3-6405076. Application can be made by e-mail to mediter@post.tau.ac.il Fully furnished apartments in central Tel Aviv will be available for a cost of $70 a night (minimum residency: six nights; double occupancy possible). Help with arrangements for hotel accommodation is also available. The organizers point out that the Israeli Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies will hold its annual, international meeting on June 4-5, 2001 at Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan (http://research.haifa.ac.il/~mluz/isp/cs/kenesmenu.html).

Past Lectures and Conferences

On 15-18 November 2000 the Universitat de València hosted the International Symposium on Neolithic landscapes of the Mediterranean. Topics included palaeoanthropology, the particular characteristics of human landscapes during the Neolithic period, and regional studies on the processes of neolithization in the Mediterranean region. The co-ordinators were Ernestina Badal, Joan Bernabeu, and Bernat Martí at Departament de Prehistoria I Arqueologia, Facultat de Geografia i Història, Universitat de València, Av. Blasco Ibáñez, 28, 46010-Valencia; telephone: 34-963864242; fax: 34-963864249; e-mail: paisaje@uv.es Further information is available at www.entornsl.com/congreso/paisaje.htm Papers of special interest to Nestor readers included:

M. Ntinou, “Vegetation and human communities in prehistoric Greece”

P. Halstead, “Agropastoral land use and landscape in later prehistoric Greece”

On 16 January, 2001 the Department of Bible, Ancient Near Eastern Studies, and Archaeology of Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beer Sheva, together with The Canada Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology held a mini-conference on The Philistines and Sea Peoples In Historical and Archaeological Sources in honor of the appearance of The Sea People and Their World: A Reassessment, edited by Professor Eliezer Oren (§010042). Papers of interest to Nestor readers included:

E. Oren, “The Origin of the Sea Peoples and Their Culture. The State of Scholarship”

T. Dothan, “Study of the Sea Peoples in Light of New Excavations”

A. Mazar, “Thirty Years of Archaeological Research at Tell-Qasile, Philistia”

E. Stern, “Settlement of the Sea Peoples in the North of the Land of Israel”

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