From the Editors

The editors of Nestor remind all subscribers and subscription services that Nestor is not published during June, July, or August; Nestor 32.6 will be mailed in September 2005, and claims for that issue should not be filed before November of the same year. We wish readers a productive and enjoyable summer and hope to see you during our own research activities.

Grants and Fellowships

On 3 June 2005 applications are due for a Bursary in Bioarchaeology to support bioarchaeological research related to Greece or Cyprus, using the facilities of the Fitch Laboratory at the British School at Athens, which include modern reference collections for archaeobotanical and zooarchaeological research, together with work space, microscopes, and computing facilities. In addition to a bursary of €1400, the award includes free accommodation in the Hostel of the British School at Athens for 3 months during the period from October through December 2005. Further information is available from Dr. E. Kiriatzi, the Laboratory Director (e-mail: fldirector@bsa.ac.uk) or at http://www.bsa.gla.ac.uk/. Applications should include a CV, the names and addresses of two referees, a covering letter that includes a brief description of the proposed project (including aims, methods, materials, and schedule), and copies of any required permits for study and transfer to the Fitch Laboratory of bioarchaeological samples; applications can be submitted by post or e-mail to Fitch Laboratory Bioarchaeology Bursary, The Director, Fitch Laboratory, The British School at Athens, Souidias 52, 106 76 Athens, Greece; e-mail: fldirector@bsa.ac.uk.

Calls for Papers

On 30 June 2005 abstracts (150-200 words, including name, institution, and the title of the paper) are due for the 12th Neolithic Seminar: Prehistoric Gene Flow and Cognitive (r)Evolution: Inferences on the Neolithisation of Eurasia, to be held from 10-13 November 2005 at the Department of Archaeology, Ljubljana University, Ljubljana, Slovenia. The objective of this seminar is to provide a forum for the discussion of cognitive evolution and symbolic transmission in correlation with prehistoric population genetic dynamics in Eurasia, with emphases on origins and diffusions of Y-chromosome haplogroups I, R, E and J and mitochondrial DNA variation in relation to the dispersals of Upper Palaeolithic and Neolithic hunter-gatherers and farmers, the evolution of cognitive structures and the systems of external symbolic storage, and a range of symbolic aspects of artefacts, rituals, and landscapes. Different case studies and theoretical approaches, including archaeology, archaeogenetics, anthropology, sociology, and psychology are welcome. All previous Neolithic Seminar proceedings are available in the periodical Documenta.
Prehistorica XXI-XXXI. Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to miha.budja@uni-lj.si; further information is available from Dr. Mihael Budja, Department of Archaeology, University of Ljubljana, Askerceva 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia; or from the web-site: http://www.ff.uni-lj.si/arheologija/neolitik/seminars/s11.html.

In September 2005 proposals (with ca. 100 word abstracts in English and French) for Colloquia or Workshops are due for the XVth Congress of the Union Internationale des Sciences Préhistoriques et Protohistoriques (XVth Congress of the U.I.S.P.P.), to be held in Lisbon on 4-9 September 2006, with pre- and post-Congress excursions beginning and ending on 28 August and 17 September, respectively. Colloquia must be organized by at least two coordinators from different countries, with the aims of bringing together up-dated perspectives on a major relevant topic, and of leading to specific conclusions; workshops address new research topics, either not considered by the Commissions or having a limited thematic scope, with the aim of promoting discussion on these topics and suggesting guidelines for further work. In April 2006 proposals (with ca. 100 word abstracts in English and French) for papers are due. On 30 June 2005 the period for the lowest fees for registration for this Congress will end, with progressively rising fees for later registration dates. Registration forms, forms for submitting proposals, and a list of Colloquia and Workshops already proposed with abstracts and contact information, and further information are available at http://www.uispp.ipt.pt/, or from Secretary of the XVth Congress of the U.I.S.P.P., c/o Prof. Luiz Oosterbeek, Instituto Politécnico de Tomar, Estrada da Serra, 2300 TOMAR, Portugal; telephone: +351-249-346363; fax: +351-249-346366; e-mail: uispp.xvcongress@ipt.pt.

Past Lectures and Conferences

On 28-30 April 2005 a conference entitled Metallurgy - a touchstone for cross-cultural interaction was held at the British Museum. Further information is available at http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/whatson/events/metals%20conf%201.htm. Papers and posters of interest to Nestor readers included:

J. D. Muhly, “The First Use of Metal on Minoan Crete”
N. H. Gale and Z. A. Stos-Gale, “Cross-cultural Minoan networks and the development of metallurgy in Bronze Age Crete”
M. Cultraro, “Lemnos before Hephaistos. Metalworking and technological interactions in the Northern Aegean during the Third Millennium BC”

On 4-8 May 2005 an international conference entitled Cibo per gli uomini - Cibo per gli dei: Archeologia del pasto rituale was held at the Piazza Armerina, Enna. Further information is available from http://www.foodforgods.it/. Papers of interest to Nestor readers included:

M. Cultraro, “L’archeologia del pasto rituale. Aspetti metodologici e indicatori”
Ch. Marangou, “Material, Ritual and Trascendental food for thought in the Early Bronze Age”
M. Wecowski, “Symposium, Homeric banquet and early Greek conviviality”
H. Whittaker, “Ritual meals in Mycenaean Cult Buildings”
A. Greco, “Il calendario delle festività religiose e l’allevamento ovino nel mondo micenico”
A. Mazarakis Ainian, “The Archaeology of the Ritual Meal in Early Iron Age Greece”
N. Kourou, “Animal sacrifice in the Early Iron Age: tradition and innovation”
S. Todaro, “Il banchetto come rituale comunitario non funerario presso una comunità dell’Antica Età del Bronzo cretese”
F. Carinci, “Dalla Tomba al Palazzo: preparazione, distribuzione e rituale di cibi e bevande”
V. La Rosa, “I piattielli celati: una liturgia tra l’elitario e il domestico nella Creta protopalaziale”
O. Palio, “Consumo di cibo e attività rituale a Festòs in età neopalaziale: l’edificio di Haghia Photini”
P. Militello, “Per la dea, per il signore e per gli hetairoi: cerimonie collettive e pasti rituali a Creta in età tardo minoica”
N. Cucuzza, “Libagioni del TM III A nella necropoli di Hagia Triada”
P. Betancourt, D. S. Reese, L. L. Verstegen, “Feasting at the Hagios Charalambos Cave, a Minoan Ossuary in the Lassithi Plain”
L. Tyree and A. Kanta, “Cooking pots: in the depths of Minoan sacred caves”
L. Girella, “Aspetti formali e funzioni del banchetto rituale a Creta e nell’Egeo meridionale tra Protopalaziale e Neopalaziale”
S. Privitera, “Banchetti domestici nella Creta neopalaziale: I casi di Gournià e Pseira”
K. Perna, “Aspetti rituali e implicazioni sociali della consumazione e dell’offerta del cibo nel culto della dea dalle braccia levate”
E. Pappalardo, “Offerte di cibo nelle processioni religiose a Creta di I millennio”
M. D’Acunto, “I templi a focolare centrale crettì: rituali sacrificali e simbolismo politico”
S. D’Onofrio, “Il cibo più antico del mondo”
R. Laffineur, “Ritual meals in Mycenean Greece”
A. M. D’Onofrio, “I cittadini e i loro antenati: sulle tracce dei rituali nei contesti archeologici della prima età del Ferro e del primo arcaismo (c. 1075-600 a.C.)”

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