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COMMUNICATIONS

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A new series of occasional publications has just been announced. It is entitled Studies in Ancient Chronology, and the first volume (1987) is Bronze to Iron Age Chronology in the Old World: Time for Reassessment? by P.J. James, I.J. Thrope, N. Kokkinos, and J.A. Frankish. For more information, contact the Institute of Archaeology, UCL, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY.

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Call for Papers

The Fourth International Symposium on the Mesolithic in Europe will be held at the "Katholieke Universiteit Leuven," Belgium, around 20 September 1990. Papers on all aspects of Mesolithic studies are invited. The Symposium will be organized into a number of sessions, with each session devoted to a particular theme or topic. Individual papers will be assigned to the appropriate session. Further information about the Symposium, with a provisional outline of the program, will be circulated to intending participants in May 1989. All correspondence and enquiries should be addressed to:

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Recent Conferences

The Second International Congress on the Aegean: The Aegean from Middle to Late Bronze Age took place in Liège on April 18, 19, and 20, hosted by the Université de Liège, Service d'histoire de l'art et d'archéologie de la Grèce antique. The following papers were delivered: Christos Boulotis (Académie d'Athènes), "Les phénomènes religieux des anciens aux nouveaux palais;" Eddie Marcelis (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), "Contribution à l'étude des ateliers en Crète à l'époque des premiers et des seconds palais;" Gisela Walberg

(University of Cincinnati), "Middle to Late Minoan. Changes in Ceramic Decoration?" (read in absentia by Charles Gates); Catherine Kopaka (Université de Crète), "Les foyers en Crète du Bronze moyen au Bronze récent;" Frédérique Petit (Université de Liège), "Les rhytons minoens du Bronze moyen au Bronze récent;" Eveline et Ioannis Loucas (Athènes, Bruxelles), "Le déclin des sanctuaires de sommet au Minoen récent;" Judith Weingarten (Le Caylar, France), "Old and New Elements in the Seals and Sealings of the East Temple Repository, Knossos;" John Younger (Duke University, Durham, North Carolina), "Bronze Age Glyptic in its Middle Phase (ca. 1700-1500 B.C.);" Keith Branigan (University of Sheffield), "Minoan Foreign Relations in Transition;" Filippo Carinci (Università degli studi di Roma "La Sapienza"), "The 'III fase protopalaziale' at Phaistos. Some Observations;" Vincenzo La Rosa (Université de Catane), "Nouvelles données du Bronze moyen au Bronze récent à Haghia Triada;" Anna Lucia D'Agata (fouilles d'Haghia Triada), "Some MM IIIB/LM I Pottery from Haghia Triada;" Jan Driessen (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) et Sandy MacGillivray (British School at Athens), "The Neopalatial Period in East Crete" (read in absentia by J. Weingarten); Gilles Touchais (Ecole française d'Athènes), "Le passage du Bronze moyen au Bronze récent en Grèce continentale: état de la question;" Søren Dietz (Musée National, Copenhague), "The Definition of Middle Helladic III;" Oliver Dickinson (University of Durham), "'The Origins of Mycenaean Civilisation' revisited;" Stefan Hiller (Universität Salzburg), "On the Origins of the Shaft Graves;" Hans Lauter (Universität Marburg), "Die protomykenische Burg von Kiapha Thiti/Attika;" Wolfgang Wohlmayr (Universität Salzburg), "Ägina Kolonna - Die schachtgräberzeitliche Siedlung;" Joost Crowel (Universiteit van Amsterdam), "Pictorial Pottery from Mycenae at the Time of the Shaft Graves;" Yannis Lolos (Musée de la guerre, Athènes), "The Tholos Tomb at Koryphasion: Evidence for the Transition from Middle to Late Helladic in Messenia;" Agnes Sakellariou (Athènes), "Problèmes chronologiques des tombes du cercle A de Mycènes" (read in absentia by G. Touchais); Thanasis Papadopoulos (Université de Ioannina), "The Greek Mainland and its Aegean Neighbours during the Transitional Period from MBA to LBA: the Evidence of Metalwork;" Jon van Leuven (Göteborg University), "The Religion of the Shaft Grave Folk" (read in absentia by J. Younger); Sophie Stos-Gale (Oxford University), "Identification of the Bronze Age Trade in Metals by Lead Isotope Analysis;" Rina Margos (Musées Royaux d'art et d'histoire, Bruxelles), "La céramique de Phylakopi aux Musées royaux d'art et d'histoire: étude préliminaire d'un matériel hors contexte;" Janice L. Crowley (University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia), "Subject Matter in Aegean Art: the Crucial Changes" (read in absentia by S. Dietz); Charles Gates (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Iconography at the Crossroads: the Aegina Treasure;" Robert Laffineur (Université de Liège), "Mobilier funéraire et hiérarchie sociale aux cercles des tombes de Mycènes;" Michel Fortin (Université Laval, Québec), "La soi-disant forteresse d'Enkomi (Chypre) à la fin du Bronze moyen;" Noel H. Gale (Oxford University), "Cypriot Metallurgy in Middle and Late Bronze Age;" Jean-Pierre Olivier (F.N.R.S., Bruxelles), "De la non-congruence de la nomenclature métallique dans le domaine des écritures;" Henri et Micheline van Effenterre (Paris), "Du Bronze moyen au Bronze récent?"

John Younger notes that "the major result of the conference as a whole was to document exceedingly well how rich the so-called transition period between Middle and Late Bronze Age really was...One interesting upshot was the conclusion by Carinci and La Rosa: after the disaster of ca. 1700 Phaistos began to rebuild but it seems that part-way through the rebuilding the Phaistians moved instead to Ayia Triada and remodeled it to serve as their bureaucratic center; when Phaistos was finished the Phaistians decided not to relocate the bureaucratic center back to Phaistos but to leave it at AT. This

deduction startled most of us and the discussion was lively but their belief held, and Weingarten, viewing the issue from the point of view of sealing practices, said it made perfect sense; so, perhaps it's right."

John added that six of the 34 papers, a sizable percentage, were read in absentia. Naturally, there were no discussions after absentee papers, nor was there the chance to see these people, hear them, and, if appropriate, ask them a few questions, which is what a conference is all about.

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The Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology were held in Phoenix, Arizona, April 27-May 1, 1988. Papers related to Old World prehistory included: Ofer Bar-Yosef (Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel), "Pradigmatic Biases in the Study of the Levantine Epipaleolithic and Neolithic;" Claudia Chang (Sweet Briar), "The Cultural Landscape of Pastoralism: Beyond the Site Concept;" John F. Cherry (Cambridge) and Jack L. Davis (Illinois-Chicago), "High Density Distributional Archaeology: A Mediterranean Perspective;" G.A. Clark (Arizona State), "Biases in Levantine Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology: A Personal View;" Ernestine Elster (UCLA), "Small Bowls, Big Roles: So-called Altars in the Neolithic of Southeast Europe;" Margaret F. Glass (Calgary), "Settlement Pattern Change from the Early to Late Neolithic in Central Europe;" Haskel J. Greenfield (Indiana), "Late Neolithic Subsistence Economy of the Central Balkans (Yugoslavia);" Gordon C. Hillman (London), "Plant Food Economy of the Two Settlements at Abu Hureyra: Dietary Diversity, Seasonality and Advent of Agriculture;" Zeidan Kafafi (Yarmouk), Rolfe D. Mandel (Kansas) and Alan H. Simmons (Desert Research Institute), "The 'Ain Ghazal Survey: Human Occupation of the Wadi Zarqa, Central Jordan;" Timothy Kaiser (Toronto), "Vinca Subsistence at Opo: Functional Inferences from Household Ceramics;" Anthony J. Legge (London), "Steppe Hunting and the Origins of Animal Domestication at Abu Hureyra;" Bonnie Magness-Gardiner (Arizona), "Interpreting Patterns of Ceramic Distribution: Historical Sources in Second Millennium B.C. Syria;" Anthony E. Marks (Southern Methodist), "On Changing Assumptions in E. Mediterranean Hunter-Gatherer Research--A Personal Perspective;" Theya I. Molleson (British Museum), "The People of Abu Hureyra;" Andrew M.T. Moore (Yale), "The Excavation of Abu Hureyra;" Beth Alpert Nakhai (Arizona), "The Transition from the Late Bronze Age to the Early Iron Age at Tell El-Wawiyat, Israel;" Sandra L. Olsen (Johns Hopkins), "The Bone Artifacts from Abu Hureyra," Deborah I. Olszewski (Arizona State), "Stone Tool Use at Abu Hureyra 1;" Judith A. Rasson (Pacific Lutheran), "Experimental Open Pit Firings: Achieving High Temperatures;" Peter A. Rowley-Conwy (Cambridge), "Animal Bones from Abu Hureyra: Methods of Study and their Results;" Alan H. Simmons (Desert Research Institute), "Desperately Seeking Hippos: Early Man and Pygmy Hippopotamus in Cyprus;" Anthony G.M. Sinclair (Cambridge), "Foraging for Meaning: Seeking Structure in Palaeolithic Society;" Ruth E. Tringham and Margaret W. Conkey (UC Berkeley), "Living with Ambiguity: Social Life of Prehistoric Europe;" Pamela Vandiver (Smithsonian Institution), Olga Soffer (Illinois) and Bohuslav Klima (AU CSAV), "Venuses and Wolverines--the Origins of Ceramic Technology ca. 26,000 B.P."

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A Symposium on Quaternary Research in Turkey, organized by TUBITAK (Turkish National Science Foundation) took place April 27-29, 1988, in Istanbul. The program included: Oguz Erol, "Jeomorfoloji yönünden Türkiye'de Kuaterner stratigrafisi;" Nüzhet Dalfes, "Kuaterner araştırmalarının kuramsal

çerçevesi;" Işın Yalçinkaya, "Paleolitik Çağ araştırmalarında jeolojik yöntemlerin önemi;" Naci Orbay, "Paleomanyetizmanın temel ilkeleri;" Ay Melek Özer, "Elektron spin rezonans yöntemi ve Kuaterner araştırmalarındaki yeri;" Naif Türetken, "Termolüminesans yöntemi ve jeolojik yaş tayinindeki uygulamaları;" Mustafa Özbakan, "Radyokarbon analizi;" İlhan Kayan, "Kıyı jeomorfolojisinde biyoerozyon şekilleri;" Engin Unay, "Arvicolidae'lerin (Mammalia-Rodentia) Kuaterner stratigrafisindeki önemi;" Dinçer Gulen, "Buzul devrinde Anadolu'ya göç eden favna elemanlarından Ostrakodlar (Crustacea);" Berna Alpagut, "Paşalar Miyosen Fosil Yataklarının Pliyosen ve Kuaterner Depositleri ile ilişkileri;" Gültekin Günay, "Antalya travertenlerinin jeolojisi ve hidrojeolojisi;" Engin Meriç and Mehmet Sakiç, "İstanbul Boğazı ve Haliç'in oluşumu üzerine yeni görüşler."

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A Symposium on Ceramic History and Archaeology organized by David W. Kingery, M.I.T., was held on May 3 at the Annual Meeting of the American Ceramic Society in Cincinnati, Ohio. Papers of possible interest to Nestor readers included: Tracey Cullen and Donald Keller, "The Greek Pithos through Time: Multiple Functions and Diverse Imagery;" R.C. Henrickson, "Why Paint a Pot like That? Painted Decoration, Vessel Function, and Stylistic Regionalism" (Godin III painted ware tradition); Gloria Anne London, "Perceptions of Pottery among Traditional Potters in Cyprus."

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Recent Lectures

Peter Kuniholm, Department of Classics, Cornell University, has reported on "The Aegean Dendrochronology Project: New Dates from Old Trees" at the St. Louis Art Museum (April 12); Monmouth College, Illinois (April 13); Rockford College, Illinois (April 14); University of Arizona (April 15); and will give additional AIA lectures on November 14 (Lubbock, Texas), November 15 (Sante Fe, NM), November 16 (Boulder, CO) and December 4 (St. Catherine's, Ontario).

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Harry Tzalas spoke on "O Dromos tou Obsianou, me plio apo papyro stis Kyklades" at the Naval Museum of Greece in Piraeus on May 18.

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Research in Progress

Nicolle Hirschfeld, a graduate student in the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M University, is working on a study of inscribed marks on BA pottery from Cyprus: "Cypro-Minoan" potmarks.

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§870208 (p. 2103) should read Morpurgo Davies, Anna §860678

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