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Note from the Editors

The Institute for Aegean Prehistory has announced its 1990 funding program. Research applications should be submitted no later than Dec. 1, 1989. Projects relevant to the history of the Aegean world from the Paleolithic to the first Olympiad are eligible for funding, with some preference given to proposals for the publication of, or study of material from, previously unpublished or partially published but no longer active excavations.

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Past Conferences

The Third International Congress Santorini, Greece, entitled "Thera and the Aegean World III" was held on the island of Santorini, September 3-9, 1989. Abstracts are published by The Thera Foundation, under the same title. The papers were divided into nine sessions as follows:

Social, Political and Economic Interpretations: G. Cadogan, "Thera's Eruption into our Understanding of the Minoans"; J.L. Davis and J.F. Cherry, "Spatial and Temporal Uniformitarianism in Late Cycladic 1: Perspectives from Kea and Milos on the Prehistory of Akrotiri"; T.D. Devetzi, "The Stone Industry at Akrotiri: A Theoretical Approach"; C. Doumas, "The Elements at Akrotiri"; C. Gillis, "Akrotiri and its Neighbours to the South: Conical Cups Again"; S. Hood, "The Cretan Element on Thera in Late Minoan IA"; V. Karageorghis, "Rites de Passage at Thera: Some Oriental Comparanda"; L. Katsa, "The Pottery-Producing System at Akrotiri: An Index of Exchange and Social Activity"; C. Lambrou-Phillipson, "Thera in the Mythology of the Classical Tradition: An Archaeological Approach"; M. Marthari, T. Marketou and R.E. Jones, "LB 1 Ceramic Connections between Thera and Kos"; C. Palyvou, "Architectural Design at Late Cycladic Akrotiri"; A. Papagiannopoulou, "Some Changes in the BA Pottery Production at Akrotiri and Their Possible Implications"; J.-C. Poursat, Craftsmen and Traders at Thera: A View from Crete"; E. Schofield, "Evidence for Household Industries on Thera and Kea"; M.H. Wiener, "Crete and Thera: Modes of Interaction".

Explosive Volcanology of the Thera Islands: T.H. Druitt, "The Pyroclastic Stratigraphy and Volcanology of Santorini"; U. Eriksen, W.L. Friedrich and H. Tauber, "Fossiliferous Xenoliths found in the Deposits of the Minoan Eruption on Santorini, Greece"; V. Francaviglia and B. Di Sabatino, "Statistical Study on Santorini Pumice-falls"; G. Heiken and F.W. Mc Coy, "Precursory Activity to the Minoan Eruption, Thera, Greece"; J. Keller, "Explosive Volcanism in the Hellenic Arc: A Summary and Review"; R.A. Mellors and R.S.J. Sparks, "Spatter-rich Proximal Pyroclastic Flow Deposits from Santorini, Greece"; G.A. Papadopoulos, "Deterministic and Stochastic Models of the Seismic and Volcanic Events in the Santorini Volcano"; D.M. Pyle, "New Estimates for the Volume of the Minoan Eruption"; H. Sigurdsson and S. Carey, "Assessment of Mass, Dynamics and Environmental Effects of the Minoan Eruption of Santorini Volcano"; R.S.J. Sparks and C.J.N. Wilson, "The Minoan Deposits: A Review of their Characteristics and Interpretation"; C.J.N. Wilson and B.F. Houghton, "Eruptive Mechanisms in the Minoan Eruption: Evidence from Pumice Vesicularity"; C.J. Vitaliano, S.R. Taylor, M.T. McCulloch and I.A. Nicholls, "Ash Layers of the Thera Volcanic Series: Petrology, Mineralogy and Geochemistry".

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Chronology: The Thera Event and its Global Impact: M.G.L. Baillie, "Irish Tree Rings and the Event in 1628 B.C."; P.P. Betancourt, R. Goldberg, R.H. Simpson and C.J. Vitaliano, "Excavations at Pseira: The Evidence of the Thera Eruption"; P.P. Betancourt, "High Chronology or Low Chronology: The Archaeological Evidence"; G. Bonani, W. Woelfli and C. Dumas, "AMS Radiocarbon Dating of Middle and Late Bronze Age Settlements in Akrotiri prior to the Santorini (Thera) Eruption"; H.B. Clausen, "New Ice-Core Data on the Thera Eruption"; V. Francaviglia, "Sea-born Pumice Deposits of Archaeological Interest on Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean Beaches"; R.B. Galloway, Y. Liritzis, T. Marketou and A. Sampson, "Radio-isotope Analyses of Aegean Tephra: Contribution to the Dating of Santorini Volcano"; C.U. Hammer and H.B. Clausen, "The Precision of Ice-core Dating"; R.A. Housley, R.E.M. Hedges, I.A. Law and C.R. Bronk, "Radiocarbon Dating by AMS of the Destruction of Akrotiri"; H.W. Hubberten, M. Bruns, M. Calamitou, C. Apostolakis, S. Filippakis and A. Grimanis, "Radiocarbon Dates from the Akrotiri Excavations"; P.I. Kuniholm, "Overview and Assessment of the Evidence for the Date of the Eruption of Thera"; Y.G. Lolos, "On the Late Helladic I of Akrotiri, Thera"; C. MacDonald, "Destruction and Construction at Knossos: LM 1A-B"; E. McClelland, "A Paleomagnetic Study of Minoan Age Tephra from the Thera Islands"; S.W. Manning, "The Eruption of Thera: Date and Implications"; T. Marketou, "Santorini Tephra from Rhodes and Kos: Some Chronological Remarks based on the Stratigraphic Evidence"; M. Marthari, "The Chronology of the Last Phases of Occupation at Akrotiri in the Light of the Evidence from the West House Pottery Groups"; D.E. Nelson, J.S. Vogel and J.R. Southon, "More Radiocarbon Data from the Last Occupation of Akrotiri"; H. Puchelt and P.M. Warren, "Stratified Pumice from Bronze Age Knossos with Reference to the Chronology of the Minoan Eruption of Thera"; P. Sotirakopoulou, "The Earliest History of Akrotiri: The Late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age Phases"; D.G. Sullivan, "Minoan Tephra in Lake Sediments in Western Turkey: Dating the Eruption and Assessing the Atmospheric Dispersal of the Ash"; D.H. Tarling and W.S. Downey, "Archaeomagnetic Results from Late Minoan Destruction Levels on Crete and the Minoan Tephra on Santorini"; B. Weninger, "High Precision Calibration of the Radiocarbon Dates from Akrotiri".

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Comparative Volcanology: S. Aramaki, "The 1783 Eruption of Asama Volcano, Japan"; R.W. Decker, "How Often does a Thera-type Eruption Occur?"; S. Self, "Kakatau 1883, Tambora 1815, and the Minoan Eruption of Santorini"; R.S.J. Sparks, "Modelling the Dynamics of Major Explosive Volcanic Eruptions"; W. Hildreth, "The Katmai Eruption of 1912: A Comparison with the Minoan Eruption of Santorini"; H. Schmincke, P.V.D. Bagaard, A. Freundt, C. Park and R. Schumacher, "Evolution of Complex Plinian Eruptions: The Late Quaternary Laacher See Case-history. A Progress Report".

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The Congress also brought Thera to the attention of the media: Mario Modiano reports on the symposium, in *The Times*, Sept. 9th, 1989, under the title *Academic swords cross over destruction of Minoan civilization*, and again *Threat to Thera frescoes dismays visiting experts* (*The Times*, Sept. 16th, 1989).

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On July 15, 1989 the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute sponsored a workshop on current fieldwork in Cyprus. Members of the Department of Antiquities and directors of foreign missions gave concise reports on work in progress. Of special interest to *Nestor* readers were a report by Ian Todd on the discovery of a "ceramic factory site" specializing in the production of White Slip pots and Alan Simmons' report on the still controversial Paleolithic site at Akrotiri-Aetokremnos "Site E". Reports were also presented on recent work at Kalavassos-Kopetra (McClellan), Kalavassos-Ayios Dhimitrios: Building 10 (South-Todd), Maroni-Vournes (Cadogan), Khirokitia (Le Brun), the Palaepaphos Survey (Rupp) and the Vasilikos Valley Survey (Todd).

Future Conferences

TAG 1989 will be held at Newcastle upon Tyne on December 18-20, 1989. This year's conference will provide opportunities to discuss most key theoretical issues of current concern, as well as focussing on reviews of progress in major research themes over the last decade. For more information please contact:

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Future Lectures

On November 1, 1989 at 7:45 P.M., The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium will meet at the Institute of Fine Arts, One East 78th Street. At the meeting Dr. Leonard Gorelick will speak on "Comparative methods of manufacture: Ancient Near Eastern vs. Minoan seals."

Forum

You thought the lost gold of Troy had disappeared from the Berlin Museums in World War II? But now you can actually touch it and feel its fine relief under your fingertips - embossed on the cover of Elizabeth Peters' *Trojan Gold* (TOR Book, N.Y. 1987. ISBN 0-812-50759-2). All that is missing is Sophia Schliemann's lovely face under the crown as in the famous photograph. A photograph of an aging *hausfrau* is what triggers the action in Munich. The heroine, a six foot tall "bean pole" when compared to Gerda "the dumpling", a blond American art historian working at the National Museum in Munich, who treats us to some nice and some not so nice German -graduate students be warned, this is not the way to learn the language. The plot, well, suffice it to say that it will not enlighten about the Bronze Age. But the book is amusing reading, good for a long flight or for relieving stress when facing deadlines.

Wolf Rudolph.

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