

PKAP NEWSLETTER

PYLA-KOUTSOPETRIA (CYPRUS) ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT
HTTP://WWW.CHSS.IUP.EDU/PKAP/

Dear Friends of the Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project,

Hello! This is our redesigned annual newsletter keeping you up to date on all the activities and plans of PKAP. We have had an outstandingly successful 2006-2007 off-season and are looking forward to the 2007 field season. Our success can be directly linked to hard work of the project participant and volunteers, and the generosity of the University of North Dakota, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and grant awarding agencies. In particular, we'd like to thank our private donors for their contributions. These contributions allowed the project to provide educational opportunities to 4 students from UND and IUP by keeping project costs low.

Thanks for all the support!

The PKAP Triumvirate

Bill Caraher (UND), R. Scott Moore (IUP), David Pettegrew (Messiah College)
william.caraher@und.edu, rsmoore@iup.edu, dpettegrew@messiah.edu



Koutsopetria

SUMMER 2006

The summer 2006 field season was a great success. The PKAP triumvirate was joined by two UND graduate students – **Brandon Olson**, and **Jean Trenbeath** – and two IUP students – **Kathy Gleditsche**, **Carrie Glessner**. We were ably assisted by three PKAP alumnae/i **Katie Pettegrew**, **Olympia Papdemetriou** (IUP), and **Greg Fisher** (Keeble College, Oxford).

Our main task was to produce a catalogue of Roman and Late Roman pottery – particularly the fine wares for the final publication. The best preserved artifacts were described, measured and drawn. Cataloguing work ensures that the pottery collected over the past three field seasons will be accurately described so that it will be useful for other researchers in the future.

Jay Noller and the **Cyprus Geological Survey** diesel powered coring machine came for a visit on one of the last days of the season. Prof. Noller drilled deep (15 meters!) cores of the harbor area in the southeast section of our site. While we don't have results from these deep cores yet, it seems very likely that this area was a deep embayment in the historical period. This is exactly the result we were hoping for and reveals one more piece of the Koutsopetria puzzle.

We were visited by **Dimitri Nakassis**, an expert in Aegean Prehistory from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. He is a veteran of many excavations and surveys in Greece. He visited Koutsopetria and Kokkinokremos and will help us in 2007 place the Bronze Age component of our site in a regional context.

Finally, a section of Koutsopetria suffered from deep plowing in the Spring. This incident, while destructive, revealed several significant architectural features, like several cut blocks, a settling basin for a some kind of hydraulic system, and numerous Late Roman tiles and artifact fragments. A basin, of the kind that frequently appear in Late Roman churches, also emerged elsewhere on the site (see right).



PKAP 2007 Field Team



Late Roman Basin



Katie, Jean, and Carrie in the Lab

FALL AND WINTER 2006

One great success this Fall was the world premiere of our documentary, *Survey on Cyprus*, produced by PatrowVisual and PKAP. If you recall, this documentary was shot during the 2005 field season. We showed the documentary in Grand Forks, North Dakota to almost 80 interested students, faculty, and PKAP supporters. Two months later it won the best-documentary award at the Forx Film Festival.

We also presented three academic papers this fall. **David Pettegrew** presented PKAP research at the annual meeting of the American School of Oriental Research. **Scott Moore** presented research at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Archaeology. **Greg Fisher**, a two year PKAP veteran and graduate student at Keeble College, Oxford, presented research at the POCA conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. **Bill Caraher** will present PKAPs research as the keynote speaker at the North Dakota Archaeological Association annual meeting in April.

We have also submitted a second report to the Report of the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus and will submit a short paper to Near Eastern Archaeology in the Spring!

SUMMER 2007

New faces will join the PKAP senior staff this summer...

We are excited to report a new collaboration with **Michael Brown** of the **University of Edinburgh**. He will be doing geophysical work at both Kokkinokremos and Koutsopetria. He will test the electrical resistivity of the soil to determine the presence of sub-surface structures like buildings, roads, or wells without excavation. Our collaboration will combine his dissertation research on the settlement at Kokkinokremos with our own research at Koutsopetria.

Dimitri Nakassis will again visit to help with the ongoing analysis of the Bronze Age remains in the Pyla area and work with Michael Brown to produce a synthetic analysis of prehistoric finds from the entire area.

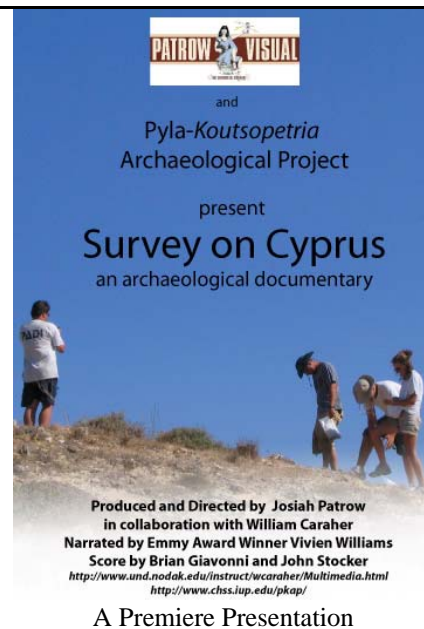
Mat Dalton, fresh from an internship at the British Museum, will be on staff to illustrate finds for our ongoing cataloguing efforts.

And the return of some old friends...

Joe Patrow will once again turn his **documentary cameras** on the activities of the Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project. Armed with backing from IUP and experience derived from two years in the film industry in Los Angeles, Joe will collect footage for a feature length documentary project to be released for broadcast in 2009.

Susan Caraher will once again assist with keeping track of the nearly 10,000 artifacts collected over the last four years. She will bring experience from Australia and Greece and the 2005 PKAP field season.

Sarah Lepinski aims to return to complete documenting the Late Roman wall-painting from Dr. Maria Hadjicosti's excavations. Sarah will bring experience from numerous other excavations, and is completing her dissertation work at Bryn Mawr College on the painted plaster from the Corinth Excavations in Greece.



Students at Kourion



Coring at Koutsopetria

GIVING TO PKAP...

PKAP benefits each year from the generosity of our private donors. These gifts enable the project to maximize the growing number of educational and research opportunities. In 2007, our private donor funds will go toward enhancing the educational component of the project.

Contact Bill, Scott, or David for tax-deductible giving opportunities!