

PKAP NEWSLETTER

PYLA-KOUTSOPETRIA (CYPRUS) ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT

Dear Friends of the Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project,

Greetings from North Dakota and Pennsylvania! As the Winter begins to give way to Spring, our thoughts turn to the 2009 PKAP field season. The 2008 field season was the most exciting and complex to date, and every sign points to the 2009 season being even more interesting and productive. In 2008 we had a team of over 20 scholars, graduate students, and archaeologists from over ten universities in the US and Europe. In 2009 we look to have a team of over 30 scholars and students from every bit as a wide a range of institutions. This team looks ahead to continuing the work begun in 2008 and furthering our program of systematic small-scale, excavations. These small trenches served to ground truth the results of 5 years of intensive survey and sub-surface geophysical prospecting while preserving our commitment to low impact archaeological research. We are also looking ahead to the final publication of our results. This, our seventh field season, will be the last in this phase of the PKAP project. 2010 and 2011 will be study seasons focused on preparing our finds and features for formal publication. None of our work would be possible without the unstinting support of our colleagues, home institutions, and diverse funding bodies. Our private donors are particularly significant in making the last 6 PKAP seasons a strong foundation for ongoing work on Cyprus.

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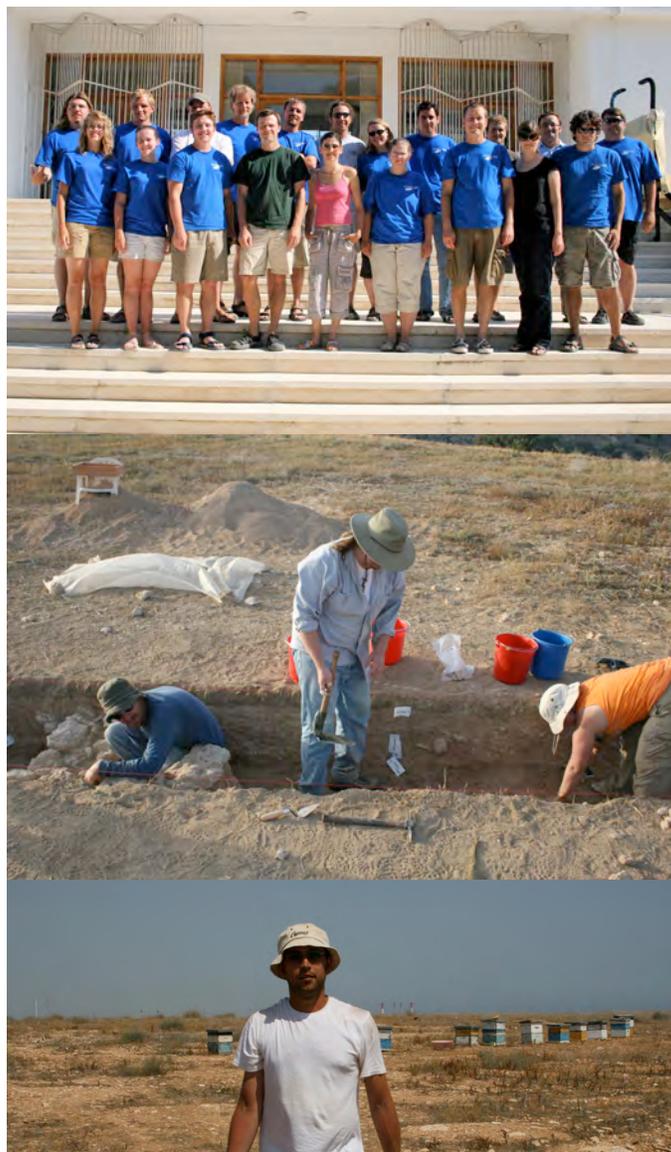
Summer 2008

The 2008 field season focused on excavating a series of small soundings at the Bronze Age site of Pyla-Kokkinokremos and Vigla. The work at Pyla-Kokkinokremos was under the direction of **Michael Brown** (Edinburgh) in collaboration with **Dimitri Nakassis** (Toronto). They positioned this trench to determine whether the entire top of this coastal plateau was covered with settlement or whether it was localized in just one area. In one trench, a substantial wall of Bronze Age date confirmed their suspicions and represents an important piece of evidence that will help the PKAP team argue that the settlement at Pyla-Kokkinokremos was a good bit larger than previously expected.

On the neighboring coastal height of Vigla the PKAP team excavated three trenches under the supervision of **David Pettegrew** in collaboration with **Katie Pettegrew** (Dickinson College), **Brandon Olson** (Penn State University), **Maria Andrioti** (Princeton), and **Mat Dalton**. We entered the season with the idea that there was a large Early Christian basilica on the hill, but our excavations proved otherwise. What we discovered instead was a whole series of walls dating to the Archaic to Hellenistic period—at least 300 years before the birth of Christ! We also explored the fortification wall which surrounds entire height, and it seems to be contemporary with the walls found in the interior. What we might have at Vigla is a fortified settlement.

Finally, **Scott Moore**, **Mara Horowitz**, and **Bill Caraher** continued to work on preparing finds from earlier campaigns of survey and excavation for publication. Scott worked on the last units of pottery collected over the course of five years of survey; Mara brought her expertise in Bronze Age pottery to the material collected from the surface on Kokkinokremos; Bill looked at the fragments of architectural plaster from **Maria Hadjicosti**'s excavations at Pyla-Koutsopetria. The results of these analyses have gone far to prepare the results of survey for publication.

Bret Weber (UND) joined us this summer as our Camp Manager, **Susie Caraher** (UND), as our Registrar. We also worked along side a group of enthusiastic and hardworking students. Their hard work made the season not only productive, but also pleasurable.



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Fall and Winter 2008/2009

PKAP continued to spread the word about our project this fall and winter. We had two articles appear in the 2007 volume of the *Report of the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus* and 2008 volume of *Near Eastern Archaeology* which was dedicated to review of American archaeological research in Cyprus. We also worked on an article for submission to the *Journal of Roman Archaeology*. While it won't make it into the 2009 volume, we hope to have it ready by 2010.

Scott Moore, Brandon Olson, and Michael Brown prepared a poster for the 2009 Archaeological Institute of American Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Bill Caraher will present an overview of the last 6 years of research in the coastal zone of Pyla in the Dean's Lecture Series the 2009 Graduate School Scholarly Forum at UND. Paper, reports, and posters pertaining to PKAP appear on the PKAP webpage. Along with this, you can continue to follow the development of PKAP all through the year through a series of weblogs reached from the PKAP website and are designed to keep our friends and colleagues up to date on PKAP news and happenings (<http://www.pkap.org/blogs.htm>).

Behind the scenes, Scott and Bill have worked to develop the kind of cyberinfrastructure increasingly necessary to support modern archaeological research. Scott has provided the project with server space needed for true collaborative research. Bill has worked to develop a dynamic repository for archaeological data in cooperation with the newly instituted Working Group for Digital and New Media at UND. These initiatives will ensure that the results from our work will be available for researchers around the world and form a solid foundation for the expansion of our field work in future years.

Summer 2009

This summer will be largest and most complex PKAP season to date. Dimitri Nakassis, Michael Brown, **Sarah Lepinski** will return to PKAP to help us manage three separate excavation areas across the coastal zone of Pyla. We will also be joined by a group of eager and well-prepared undergraduates from Messiah Collage and IUP who will contribute to all aspects of our excavation. A study tour from IUP will also join us for 10 days. While we'll keep them busy visiting sites across the island, we look forward to showing them our work at PKAP. We have an impressive group of trench supervisors from Dickinson College, UND, Penn State, Ohio State, and University of Houston. These hardworking colleagues form the heart of the project. Without their scholarly and physical contributions, the project would not be successful. Finally, we hope to have as our artist-in-residence a landscape photographer from the Masters in Fine Arts program at UND. As our last fieldseason of the first phase of work at the site, everyone is aware of the importance of the data that we will collect in 2009.

As is our usual practice, you can follow the entire season across three PKAP blogs!

Giving to PKAP...

PKAP benefits each year from the generosity of our private donors. Their gifts enable the project to maximize the educational and research opportunities available to our students and staff. In 2008, our private donor funds will go toward building the project's archaeological infrastructure on Cyprus which will allow us to continue to expand the project into the future.

Contact Bill, Scott, or Dave for information on tax-deductible giving opportunities!

