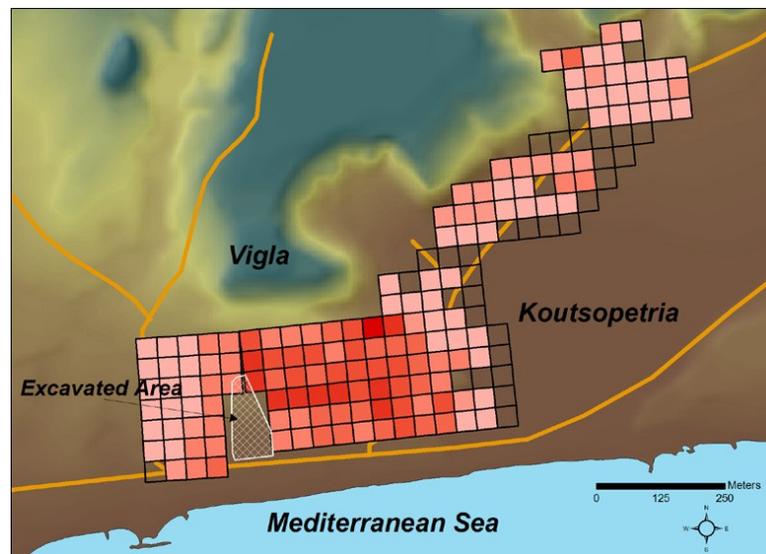


Dear Friends of the Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project,

Hello and I hope you have having a good winter. We wanted to send along to our friends and supporters a word of thanks for the financial, moral, and logistical support provided before and during the 2004 field season. We have included in this packet some of our success stories from the 2004 field season; for photos and more information check out our project web site: <http://www.chss.iup.edu/pkap/>

The 2004 season was an unqualified success. We have made excellent progress toward our projects goals. The overall aim of the project is to determine the relationship between the material culture of this stretch of coastline and other coastal sites on the island, inland sites in the vicinity of Larnaca, and the Eastern Mediterranean more generally. As many of you may already know we are pursuing two lines of inquiry in a multi-year research program: 1) to define the limits and nature of the substantial Late Roman site in this area through a variety of archaeological methods, including intensive survey, analysis of wall paintings, and core sampling; and 2) to contextualize this material in terms of the settlement history of this micro-region from the prehistoric period to the present by expanding the survey area inland in subsequent seasons.



Survey Area and Grid Squares from the 2004 Season

During the 2004 field season the PKAP team consisted of Prof. Scott Moore, Prof. Bill Caraher, and David Pettegrew, and three students from Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Kevin Eckerd, Sara Fortnam, and Brian Willis. We had an incredibly productive 5 week season during which we conducted a gridded collection over the main portion of the Late Roman site of Pyla-Koutsopetria. We surveyed the greater part of the narrow coastal plain which extends from the base of the Koutsopetria ridge, which includes the cliffs of Vigla, Mavropilos, and Kokkinokremos, to the sea. The total area of this region is roughly 585,786 sq. meters. We examined 20% of the surface of 184 40 x 40 m grid squares centered on the western part of the site. The total area we gridded was 294,399 sq m. or close to 30 hectares, over 50% of the total area of the coastal plain, from which we took a 20% sample. The results from this field work will appear in our preliminary report: William R., R. Scott Moore, and David K. Pettegrew, “The

Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project: a Preliminary Report of the 2004 Season,” in *Report of the Department of Antiquities Cyprus*, forthcoming. Our 2004 season also provided us with the experience to be officially recognized by the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR).

Next year looks to be even more productive and exciting. Our primary goal will be the documenting of the over 5,000 finds we collected during the 2004 field season. Scott Moore will be kept busy! We will also be joined by Mara Horowitz from Columbia University who will help us interpret our prehistoric ceramics and work as an illustrator. Susan Phillips, Bill Caraher’s fiancé, will work as a registrar of finds to ensure that we can process and documents the artifacts we have collected.

While we are documenting finds we will also work with a geomorphologist to document the geology of the region. Prof. Jay Noller a geologist at Oregon State University who has worked extensive with archaeologists on the island of Cyprus will complete a detailed geological map of our survey area. He will also coordinate the extraction of a series of cores samples from the low lying area to the east of our main survey grid. We think that this was once an ancient harbor and are optimistic that the analysis of these cores will allow us to date the infilling of this low lying coastal depression.

As we become increasingly engaged in the documentation of the archaeological remains from the Early Christian basilica at Pyla-Koutsopetria, we expect to work closely with our collaborator in the Cypriot Department of Antiquities, Dr. Maria Hadjicosti. We also will be joined by Sarah Lepinski of Bryn Mawr College will also join us this summer for 2 weeks. She will help us document the fragmentary but potentially valuable Early Christian wall painting found in the excavation of the basilica.

We are also planning to beef up the educational component of the project. If funding comes through Prof. Michael Fronda at McGill University will join us for a while to help with the processing the artifacts and developing a field school and study tour. Prof. Sam Fee, an archaeologist expert in educational technology at Washington and Jefferson University will help with the development of an education web presence. Finally, Joe Patrow, a graduate student at the University of North Dakota will shoot professional quality digital video with an eye toward developing a documentary of our project on Cyprus with educational and entertainment value.

Currently the project is awaiting final word on numerous grants, but as you can imagine this ambitious research and education program requires substantial financial commitments. If you are interested in making a tax deductible contribution to PKAP please contact Prof. Scott Moore or William Caraher.

Thanks again for all the encouragement and we look forward to a great 2005 season!

Sincerely,

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