

Dear Friends of the Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project,

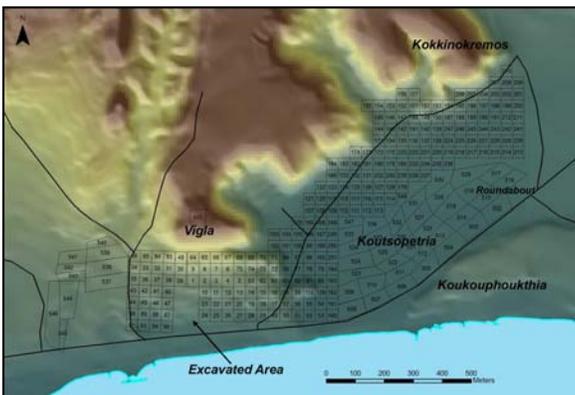
Hello and I hope you have had a good winter. We wanted to send along to our friends and supporters a word of thanks for the financial, moral, and logistical support provided before and during the 2005 field season. We have included in this packet some of our success stories from the 2005 field season; for photos and more information check out our project web site: <http://www.chss.iup.edu/pkap/>



The 2005 season built on the successful 2004 field season. As you may remember the overall aim of the project is to define the borders of our site and then situate the finds in relation to 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.



The results from our 2004 field work recently appeared in our preliminary report: William R. Caraher, 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* (2005), 245-268. We also presented papers on our 2004 results at the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute's (CAARI) Annual Summer Workshop in Nicosia, the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) annual meeting in Philadelphia in November, and a poster at the 2006 Archaeological Institute of America's (AIA) annual meeting in Montreal, Canada. We have been pleased with the positive feedback that we have received on our article and our presentations.



During the 2005 field season the PKAP team consisted of Prof. Scott Moore, Prof. Bill Caraher, Prof. David Pettegrew, Prof. Mike Fronda, Sarah Lepinski, Brian Willis, Greg Fisher, Olympia Papademetriou and five students from Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Luke Bechtel, Erin Gill, Jordan Haines, Allison Hastings, and Alesha Shumar. We had an incredibly productive five week season during which we finished our gridded collection over the Late Roman site of Pyla-Koutsopetria. In addition to completing the collection over the main area of our site, we were also able to complete the survey of our outlying areas, including the area we believe to be the ancient harbor.

As we continue to document the archaeological remains from the Early Christian basilica at Pyla-Koutsopetria, we have worked closely with our collaborator in the Cypriot Department of Antiquities, Dr. Maria Hadjicosti. We were fortunate to have Dr. Sarah Lepinski of Bryn Mawr College join us last summer for 2 weeks. She began the process of documenting the fragmentary but potentially valuable Early Christian wall painting found in the excavation of the basilica.

We also expanded the educational component of our program. Last summer, our project included five undergraduate students and two graduate students. Professor Michael Fronda of McGill University joined the project as our educational consultant. He worked closely with Bill Caraher and Scott Moore to develop a significant educational program that integrated the archaeological fieldwork with a historical study of both our area and the island. The students enjoyed the program and most of them have stayed involved with the project during this school year.

We are also very excited about the work that Joe Patrow, a graduate student at the University of North Dakota, did for us last summer. Joe spent two weeks with the project last summer videoing the survey and over the winter has developed a documentary about PKAP. The production of the documentary is in its final stages and, based on the rough cut, is a very professional product that will benefit us in the classroom and garner more publicity for the project.

We are also very excited about the next several years. In 2006 we plan to complete the documentation of all artifacts collected during Phase 1 (2003-2005). Our main goal for the project this summer will be the preparing of the diagnostic artifacts (photographing, illustrating, and measuring) for publication. We plan on publishing our results from Phase 1 in a monograph that includes the excavation results of our collaborator in the Cypriot Department of Antiquities, Dr. Maria Hadjicosti. We are also planning this summer to begin preparing for Phase 2 (2007-2009) of the project, a survey of the region immediately to the north of our current survey area.

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 Prof. William Caraher.

Thanks again for all the encouragement and we look forward to a great 2006 season!

Sincerely,

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