

Update from Tom Brogan on the INSTAP Study Center

I am happy to report the lively and successful reboot of our operations on Crete this summer. Among the four larger projects, Jeff Soles noted great progress with the Middle Minoan II structure at the western edge of the Mochlos settlement and the historical levels on the summit. We hosted 27 individual scholars who continued their work on a wide range of topics including Bronze Age jewelry, sealings from Kato Zakros, and the LM IIIC-Late Geometric graves in the area of Kavousi (Fig. 1). Among them were a dozen graduate students studying both new finds and the unique collections in in our library and archives. Our staff was also busy, over-



Figure 1. Leslie and Joe Day visiting the Late Geometric tholos at Skouriasmenos in September (Photo M. Eaby).

seeing efforts to clean sites (Fig. 2) for visitors, reduce the threat of fires and prepare material for study, analysis, and publication. For more details about the work of our members and staff, please look for the next issue of the Study Center’s newsletter, *Kentro*, and our series of winter lectures which are announced on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).* I also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Study Center will celebrate 25 years of operations next year. One of the first events next summer will be a workshop in early June, *Protopalatial pottery: relative chronology and regional differences in Middle Bronze Age Crete*, which we will host with Dr. Ilaria Caloi and Dr. Giorgos Doudalis.

*In our previous newsletter we misspelled K. Tzortzinis’ surname. We apologize for this error.



Figure 2. Late Geometric houses at Kavousi Kastro after cleaning (Photo M. Eaby).

INSTAP SCEC Fellowships

Help us support the next generation of Aegean Bronze Age Scholars!

Each year, the INSTAP Study Center for East Crete offers the Richard Seager and Harriet Boyd Hawes fellowships to qualified candidates. These fellowships provide funds for scholars to work at the Study Center and take advantage of our unique facility in east Crete.

Richard Seager Fellowship

Named for the American Archaeologist Richard Seager, generous donations since 2009 have enabled us to offer a yearly fellowship in the amount of \$4,000. The fellowship is intended for scholars in the field of the Aegean Bronze

Age/ Early Iron Age who are working to complete their doctoral dissertations. Since its founding, seven of the 11 recipients have completed their dissertations, and we expect the remaining four to finish in the next few years.

Harriet Boyd Hawes Fellowship

The Hawes Fellowship for Gender Studies was introduced in 2015 with the goal of incorporating gender studies in Aegean Bronze Age archaeology to highlight aspects of ancient life that have not yet received sufficient attention. This \$3,000 fellowship was established with the generous support of the Ms. Foundation for Women and is open to both doctoral and post-doctoral candidates in the fields of Anthropology, Art History, Ancient History, or Classics.

If you would like to support these fellowships, please either donate online through PayPal at <https://instapstudycenter.net/friends-of-the-instap-study-center/donations/> or send a check made out to the INSTAP Study Center for East Crete with the name of the fellowship you would like to contribute to in the memo portion of your check. Checks should be sent to the attention of Elizabeth Shank at the INSTAP Study Center for East Crete, U.S. Office, P.O. Box 162, Rouzerville, PA 17250.

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Book Presentations

R. Laffineur, T.G. Palaima, eds. 2021. *Zoia. Animal-Human Interactions in the Aegean Middle and Late Bronze Age*, Proceedings of the 18th International Aegean Conference (*Aegaeum Series* 45), ISBN 9789042946361 (<https://www.peeters-leuven.be/>), €115.



LM III sealstone from Knossos (CMS II, 3, no. 9)

The volume presents through 28 papers the ways humans of the Middle and Late Aegean Bronze Age interacted with wild, and domesticated animals in their everyday lives, and how they shaped their religious practices, economic activities, and artistic production. The topics range from iconographic studies of animals to micro fauna analysis of excavated contexts.

C. E. Galanaki. 2021. *Gournes, Pediada: A Minoan Cemetery in Crete*, INSTAP Academic Press, Philadelphia. ISBN 978-1-931534-26-0 (oxbowbooks.com), \$80.00.



EM I high-pedestalled bowl from the cemetery (INSTAP Press)

The publication presents the results of the excavation of an Early Bronze Age cemetery in north-central Crete. The site produced 37 tombs and an associated rectangular building. The excavation produced evidence for strong relations with the Cyclades during the time of the Kampos Cultural Group, seen in the pottery repertoire, the obsidian artifacts, and metal objects found at the cemetery.

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