

**ARCANE Regional Group 3: Cyprus**  
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***SCIENTIFIC REPORT***

**1) Summary**

The purpose and some of the conclusions of this successful workshop meeting were:

- 1) to review the CY Group's data entry phase of the Project. Due to central management teething problems with database entries, the first day was spent in detailed discussions of the database with Dr Thalmann. On day 2 it was reported that, while much good progress had been made, there were centralised issues beyond the control of the group that were impeding progress. We were told that these constraints would soon be resolved.
- 2) to synthesize results. Key sites were allocated to individuals.
- 3) to discuss the presentation of the text based on the database. A format very close to the proposed template was adopted.
- 4) to allocate to authors different sections of the text write-up for Brepols publication
- 5) to establish the standardised style and length of each section. Unifying themes were agreed in order to better integrate the work and give it a coherence that might otherwise be lacking.
- 6) and to fix the group's schedule. It was agreed to defer final judgment pending resolution of outstanding database issues.

**2) Description of the scientific content of and discussion at the event (up to 4 pages)**

Dr. **Pavlos Flourentzos**, Director, Department of Antiquities, and member of the Steering Committee opened proceedings. All members of the RG 03 group except for Dr Lina Kassianidou were present:

**Diane Bolger**, Ceramics

**David Frankel**, Philia/EB 1 overview

**Priscilla Keswani**, Burials and Funerary Practices

**Carole McCartney**, Lithics

**Jenny Webb**, Philia-EB

**Demetra Papaconstantinou**, Architecture & planning

**Edgar Peltenburg** Stratigraphy, Small finds (including figurines and Glyptic)

Also attending was Dr. **Jean-Paul Thalmann's** (North Levant RG Leader/Database consultant) expert advice throughout.

## **Database**

Discussion of the DB formed the main topic for much of the first half of the meeting. We returned to it again later during the workshop when specific issues were addressed and Dr Thalmann introduced the Regional Ware Code. Almost all entries have been received by the group co-ordinator, but concern was expressed about the lack of input for metalwork. EP would seek to establish a way forward. The reasons why topic co-ordinators obtained no verification response to their submissions were then outlined. In sum, they revolved around the inability of the group co-ordinator to edit received apd files since material disappeared when edits were put in place, and the constant need to key in each field of each duplicated record became too onerous. As Dr. Thalmann explained, user-unfriendly aspects of the system were being attended to and progress could re-commence once these had been put in place. It should be added that all members of the group experienced similar difficulties, and they were thanked for their patience. We were also told that a new Integrated file version was to be introduced and that once this was available, the team leader's future course of action would be to download all inventories into that file, thus submitting a single file for RG 03. It should be understood that payment to members for their work on inventories could only be made once the Cyprus regional integrated file was accepted by administration.

Many minor aspects of the DB also received attention. They included: more bibliographic entries could be submitted to Demetra who would then circulate; additional references could occur in the publication; where chronological weaknesses were evident, but a site/assemblage was deemed to be important, members were encouraged to use Artificial Inventories or Synopses (see Help and Additional Tools files for how to do these, and note use of jpegs and pdfs and the need to fill in Index sheets ). New sites eg., Politko-*Kokkinokremnos*, will be given Non-Key site status, ie., a number and place on the map.

## **ECY Periods**

After much discussion and in light of the recent AMS dates from CY 015 associated with conventional ECY 1 material, it was agreed to delete the “?” stage at 2800-2900 calBC and to let ECY 1 linger on till c. 2800 calBC. The attached amended chronological table is a result of that conversation, but clearly graphic improvement is required for the last column. Note there are two versions accessible on different sheets. Any advice?

## **Radiocarbon dates**

It was agreed that DF send Politko-*Kokkinokremnos* and those from ECY 3-5 sites to EP who will supply dates from ECY 1-2 sites, including pending ones from SL. In both instances, dates linked to inventories should be highlighted. EP will also contact E. Baretto of the Dating Transversal group for guidance on usage within ARCANE.

## **Map amendments**

It was decided that:

- 1) in addition to Key Sites, other relevant sites be added in due course with suitable coding;

2) for the sake of clarity, only the first, place name be used on maps, so all locality (ie., second) names are to be deleted;

3) a list of full names (place+locality) be appended to the map, and either there, in a separate table, or within the Index, a concordance be provided between old and current 'official' names. Advice is being sought on ARCANE policy on which should have precedence.

4) In addition, the following corrections should be effected:

*Change* Pedieas to Pedieos

*Reduce* to non-key sites: Ambelikou and Maroni

*Add* Kalavastos-Panagia Church, Pyla, Pyrgos-Mavroraki, Marki-Davari

### Allocation of sites to individuals and to periods

<i>Code</i>	<i>Site</i>
CY001	Ambelikou-Ayios Georghios CANCELLED
CY002	Erimi-Pamboula DB
CY003	Kalavastos-Pamboules DB
CY004	Kissonerga-Mosphilia EP
CY005	Kyra-Alonia CANCELLED
CY006	Kyra-Kaminia DF+JW
CY007	Lapithos-Vrysi tou Barba PK+JW
CY008	Lemba-Lakkous EP
CY009	Marki-Alonia DF+JW
CY010	Maroni Maraes CANCELLED
CY011	Nicosia-Ayia Paraskevi PK+JW
CY012	Philia-Vasilkio DF+JW
CY013	Psematismenos Treloukas all
CY014	Sotira-Kaminoudhia PK+JW
CY015	Souskiou-Laona EP
CY016	Souskiou-Vathyrkakas EP
CY017	Vasilia-Kafkallia/Kilistra PK+JW
CY018	Bellapais-Vounous PK+JW
CY019	Marki-Davari JW
CY020	Pyrgos PK+JW
CY021	Pyla PK+JW
CY022	Kalavastos PK+JW

After discussion of the rationale for the establishment and definition of the ARCANE chronological periods ECY 1-5, sites were allocated to periods in order to standardise the whole presentation of the work in the DB and the hard copy publication. Each of the 97 inventories was considered, some were cancelled, and Bellapais-Vounous tomb 19 was added as a result of the valuable co-operation of the ARCANE Steering Committee member Dr Pavlos Flourentzos, Director, Department of Antiquities. Thanks were given to Dr. Georgos Giorgiou for providing the information. Only a few inventories remain to be allocated (see attached, esp. Pink coloured cells).

### RG 3 publication volume format

Following the template received from ARCANE and modified in light of treatment regarded as appropriate for the Cyprus Group, the following outline and authors were determined. Please read in conjunction with the initially circulated publication document which provides further details. Note that no schedule was attempted at this stage pending full approval of submitted DB.

### *Title page*

Will feature the name of the editor(s) — i.e. the team leader(s) — and those of the associated editors (i.e. the topic coordinators)

### *Foreword (1-2 pages)*

Introduction: to be circulated by EP for comment after receiving input from DF and JW on 2<sup>nd</sup> half 3<sup>rd</sup> mill. Georgos' thesis might be helpful for some aspects here.

- Geography (*c. 1 page*) : the boundaries of the region and their justifications (i.e. how is the region defined and why so ? Are there subregions ?).
- Methodology (*c. 1 page*) : working methodology followed by the group.
- Periodizations (*5-10 pages*) : former periodizations and their problems (i.e., former knowledge and why it is no longer adequate).
- The data available (*10-12 pages*) :
  - The excavated sites in the region (total number, nature, etc.).
  - Key sites retained for our study : how many were retained ? why ?

### *Stratigraphy (25 pages with tables)*

- Presentation of the stratigraphic sequence of the selected sites.

DP: sites CY 002, 004, 008

EP: sites CY 015

DF: sites CY 009, 014

Note that we did not consider other sites because their tombs presented limited stratigraphical evidence, but PK please comment as needed.

- This chapter should stress the stratigraphic hiatuses, the major articulations of the local stratigraphic sequences, etc., i.e., this chapter should underline the bases for chronological divisions which will be, so to speak, tested by the following analysis of the different categories of material.

### *Pottery (max. 80 pages) DB and JW*

- Introduction. *This should include an historical note on how the material has been used previously and how/if we're enhancing usage by concentrating on benchmark assemblages.*
- Presentation and discussion : the order of variables follows that of the database. *Presentation should be Ware by Ware. Discussion should include trends, hiatuses, strengths and pitfalls as well as directions for future research.*

*Note we decided to exclude distributional maps but to include frequencies.*

### *Architecture (20-25 pages) DP*

To be presented by type, context, and phase.

*Metal (15-20 pages) under consideration: LK??*

To be presented by type, context, and phase.

Other objects (inc. Glyptic & Art) (15-20 pages) EP, DF and JW

To be presented by type, context, and phase.

*Lithics & stone industry (10-15 pages) CM*

*Burials & funerary customs (20-25 pages) PK*

*C14 (5-10 pages) EP and DF*

*Conclusions (c. 15 pages)*

EP to synthesize and circulate for comment so conclusions are co-authored by all.

*Credits (max. 5 pages) EP*

*Bibliography DP*

*Index and concordances DP*

### 3) Assessment of the results and impact of the event on the future direction of the field

A major achievement was the agreement for a final CY ARCANE chronology as follows:

<i>APPROX DATES calBC</i>	<i>PREVALENT SYSTEM</i>	<i>ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM (1)</i>	<i>ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM (2)</i>	<i>ARCANE</i>
3000_	MChal	Chalcolithic I	Erimi Culture (ECU)	<b>ECY 1</b>
2800_	?			
2600_	LChal	Chalcolithic II	Prehistoric BA 1	<b>ECY 2</b>
2400_	Philia			
2200_	ECI-II	Chalcolithic III	Prehistoric BA	<b>ECY 3</b>
2000_	ECIII	EC		
				<b>ECY 5</b>

It was agreed that with so many new discoveries, the production of this concerted effort by top-tier scholars in the field will become a milestone in the history of the development of our understanding of the prehistory of Cyprus and its synchronisation with neighbouring regions.

#### **4) Final programme of the meeting**

##### Thursday 1 May

Detailed discussions on database issues led by Dr. Thalmann

##### Friday, 2 May

0900-0930: arrival and registration.

0930-0940: Welcome from Dr. Pavlos Flourentzos, Director, Department of Antiquities.

0940-1100: Database review and its collection (EP) with responses of initialled team members.  
Discussion of responsibilities for the whole C14/thermoluminescence (published and unpublished) assemblage.

1100-1130: Coffee.

1130-1300: [Synthesis study](#): attributions of inventories to “finalised ” chronological periods

1300-1400: Lunch.

1400-1600: Publication-discussion of who does what, and schedule.

1600-1630: Coffee.

1630-1800: Return to unresolved issues of DB and publication.

2000: Dinner.