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PARTICIPATION IN EXCAVATIONS AT HALA SULTAN TEKKE, CYPRUS May–June 2015

Professor Peter M. Fischer from the Universities of Gothenburg and Vienna has carried out five seasons of excavations (2010 – 2014) at Hala Sultan Tekke in Cyprus. Hala Sultan Tekke is one of the largest Late Cypriote (= Late Bronze Age) cities, maybe the largest. Students and archaeologists from Sweden, Austria, Australia, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Jordan, Korea, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Syria, Switzerland and USA have participated in the excavations during past seasons. Pre-excavation surveys with ground-penetrating radar lead to the discovery of new city quarters dating mainly to the 13th/12th cent. BCE, nevertheless earlier remains were found too. Remarkable finds were made during the last three years: well-built architecture, a copper production workshop, evidence of extensive textile production, bronze, ceramic and stone objects, weapons and jewellery, sophisticated pottery, and numerous imports. Some of the finds are outstanding: one is the bull figurine (see head of page), others are gold and silver jewellery, cylinder seals (see one example on next page), pictorial vessels and numerous imports. For further information concerning objectives, results etc. see

<http://www.fischerarchaeology.se>

The project director will provide the opportunity for approx. 20 students to participate in NSCE15. Preliminary dates are **3 May – 6 June 2015**. Previous field work is not a precondition. Interested students should contact (please attach your CV):

primarily: <Teresa.Buerge@oeaw.ac.at>; or <peter@fischerarchaeology.se>

Deadline for applications: 21 December 2014.

Peter M. Fischer, Project Director

Time schedule: 3 May – 6 June 2014 (preliminary).

Conditions: The participants have to pay their travel expenses. Accommodation in low-class apartment hotel and basic meals will be provided by the expedition. Expenditures during leisure time have to be paid by the participants. Excursions are planned during the weekends (transportation is free). Although exciting, the field work is tough, the climate is fairly harsh, and the participants should be prepared to spend long days in the field and during processing of the excavated material which will be treated immediately (!) after its discovery – and not during a separate season.

General information

1. Field work 6 AM to 1:30 PM, 30 min. brunch at 9:30
2. Lunch/rest until 3:30 PM
3. 3:30 PM until necessary work is finished. This work includes:
 - processing of the finds, programming of database (finds, features etc.)
 - catalogue of digital photographs and digital video-recording
 - analogue backup, i.e. hand-written diaries, and digital backup (word files of diaries)
 - general discussion concerning the day's events and intentions for the next day
4. Dinner 7 PM.

Research/publications: It is the policy of the project director to encourage participants to deal with research on special topics, finds, find groups etc. and publication. Arrangements can be made only directly with the project director who will act as supervisor. The research/manuscript must be accomplished within a strict time frame. Further information on the website (see general "guidelines" Cyprus season 2012 in website <http://www.fischerarchaeology.se>).

General references concerning field work, recording system and results

Fischer, P.M., 'The New Swedish Cyprus Expedition 2010-2014: Excavations at Hala Sultan Tekke. Preliminary results'. Opuscula 4 (2011) – 7 (2014).

Also as pdf: <http://ecsi.bokorder.se/Opuscula.aspx>

