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## The President's Report

ASMOSIA III, the transactions for the international conference held in Greece in the spring, 1993, which has been in the hands of the publishers, Archetype Press, is now promised to appear this year, before the next ASMOSIA IV conference. The production schedule appears elsewhere in this newsletter. In order to have this volume come out before or at the ASMOSIA IV conference, authors will be urged to return their proofs, as soon as possible after receiving them, preferably before their deadlines.

Planning for the ASMOSIA IV conference, to be held this fall in Bordeaux, 9-14 October, is moving briskly along. As of 1 February, 61 persons had registered and will present 33 papers plus 5 posters. The conference will clearly be another landmark event in the history of our association with state-of-the-art reports and field trips to prehistoric caves and the wine country of Bordeaux. Only those who have registered will receive further information about the meeting and the field trips. A change you should note in the program: Session I is now Weathering and its mechanisms. Characterization of stones and marbles in authentication and identification problems

## New Publications

### *Books*

V. Furlan & R. Pancella, "Analyses et Conservation d'oeuvres d'art Monumentales", EPFL-Labo de Conservation de la Pierre, MX-G Ecublens, CH-1015 Lausanne, 152 pp., CHF105.

Papers presented at the 1992 conference organized by the LCP on the 10th anniversary of its founding.

### *Articles*

K. Ulens, L. Moens, R. Dams, S. Vanwinckel, & L. Vandeveld, "Study of element distributions in weathered marble crusts using laser-ablation inductively-coupled plasma-mass spectrometry", *Journal of Analytical*

*Atomic Spectrometry* 9, 1994, 1243-1248. Weathering layers were studied as a tool for authenticating marble objects. Depth profiles for 9 elements were determined and showed significant trends.

V. Vergesbelmin, "Pseudomorphism of gypsum after calcite, a new textural feature accounting for the marble sulfation mechanism", *Atmospheric Environment* 28, 1994, 295-304.

## Communications

*Archetype Publishers* advises that the manuscripts for ASMOSIA III will go to the typesetter on 31 March. Authors will receive their proofs sometime after the end of April. They must be returned quickly to the editors. If we can stick to the schedule, the final manuscript will be in the hands of the printers by the end of July. The volume should be ready by 1 Sept., in time for the Bordeaux meeting. IF YOU ARE AN ASMOSIA III AUTHOR, BE SURE THE EDITORS HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS.

The *Community of Mediterranean Universities, C.U.M. University School Monument Conservation* announces its Third Course: Geotechnical Aspects of the Protection of Monuments; the Conservation Project: Knowledge of the Functional Elements for the Programming of Interventions, to be held at Gargnano (Lake Garda) Italy, 4-10 September 1995. The course is intended for specialists in different scientific fields who are involved in monument conservation. Number of places is limited to 30. Objectives are two: to update and perfect the knowledge of experts involved in monument conservation and to create a center of cultural and scientific exchanges for the Mediterranean area. Deadline for applications 31 January 1995 to the Director, Prof. Fulvio Zezza, Istituto di Geologia Applicata e Geotecnica, Facolta di Ingegneria-Politecnico, Via Re David 200, 70125 Bari, Italy.

*13th International Bronze Congress* will be held 28 May-1 June 1996 at the Harvard University Art Museums. Sessions will focus on bronze statuary, ancient technology, modern conservation and technical study, history, and the influence of classical bronzes

during the Renaissance. Additional events include an exhibition of classical bronze statuary from North American collections, visits to the conservation laboratories of Harvard University, and a field trip to Providence, Rhode Island. Abstracts are due 1 October 1995. Information at Harvard University Art Museums, 32 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 U.S.A.; tel. 617-495-3393, fax -617-495-9936.

*First Meeting, Santiago 95, European Association of Archaeologists* will be held 20-24 September 1995 will take place in Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain. The organizers hope to establish the position of Iberian archaeology in a European context and also to show the recent developments of archaeology in Galicia and Spain. The program will have three fundamental blocks:

I. Interpreting the Archaeological Record;  
II. Managing Archaeological Heritage;  
III. Politics of Archaeological Practice.  
Closing date for preinscription 1 March.  
Information at Apdo. de Correos 994, 15700 Santiago de Compostela, Spain; tel. 34-81-590555, fax 34-81-598201/582144.

*1995 Laboratoire de Conservation de la Pierre Congress* of the Ecole Polytechnique, Lausanne, Switzerland will be held 25-29 September at Montreux, Switzerland on "Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage": Stone Materials, Air Pollution, Murals and Scientific Research Work and Case Studies. The LCP will be dissolved at the end of 1996 and a new structure will be announced, following the retirement of its director and founder, Prof. Vinicio Furlan. Deadlines: abstract 10 Feb; registration pre 31 March CHF650, after CHF750; final text 30 April. Information at EPFL-DMX-LCP, Congrès LCP 95, Renata Pancella et Michèle Citti, MX-G Ecublens, CH-1015 Lausanne, Switzerland, tel. 41 21 693-4876 or 2835; fax 41 21 693-4878

*1st Meeting Gruppo Nazionale di Geologia Applicata* with participation of the International Association of Engineering Geology will be held in Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Sicily, Italy, 12-15 June, 1995. The theme of the meeting is "The Fragile Town in Italy"; Geological, Hydrogeological and Geotechnical Incidence on the Historical Evolution of Ancient Settlements and on the

Conservation of the Artistic and Cultural Heritage. Scientific Secretariat Istituto di Geologia Applicata e Geotecnica, Politecnico di Bari, Via E. Orabona 4, Bari Italy; tel. 39-80-5442248, fax 39-80-5442529. Further information from Organizing Secretariat, Centro Interna-zionale Congressi, Viale Papa Pio XII, 18-70124 Bari, Italy; tel. 39-80-517299, fax -514533

*1996 International Symposium on Archaeometry* will be held May 20-24 in Urbana, Illinois, USA under the auspices of the University's Program on Ancient Technologies and Archaeological Materials (ATAM). Among the Symposium topics will be Technology/provenance of stone/pigments/plaster. A pre-conference tour of Chicago museums and a post-conference tour of the spectacular mound site of Cahokia will be offered. Contact Sarah Wisseman, ATAM Program, University of Illinois, 116 Observatory, 901 S. Mathews, Urbana, IL 61801, USA. by March 1, 1995 to receive further information; tel: 217-333-6629, fax: 217-244-0466, e-mail: wisarc@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu

*Colloquium: Thasos: Matières Premières et Technologie de la Préhistoire à nos jours*, Limenaria, Thasos, Greece will be held Sep 26-30 organized by the Ephoria of Antiquities of Kavala, Archaeological Museum, Erythrou Stavrou 17, GR-65403 Kavala, Greece; tel. 51-222335, fax 51-224717, and École Française de Athènes, Diditou 6, GR-10680, Athens, Greece; tel. 1-3612518, fax 1-3632101. Contributions dealing with the history or the activities of technology which developed in Thasos from prehistory to modern times are welcome. The occasion will mark the opening of a museum of ancient technology and industrial archaeology at Limenaria.

## Personals

Congratulations to Professor Paul G. Marinos of the National Technical University of Athens who has just been elected President of the International Association of Engineering Geology. Professor Marinos had previously served the Association as Vice President for Western Europe.

# Calendar

(\* = new items or information)

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Apr 2-7. *Archaeological Chemistry Symposium, American Chemical Society*, Anaheim, CA. Contact Dr. Mary Virginia Orna, Department of Chemistry, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY 10805 USA. tel. (914)654-5302, fax -5387. Information in Newsletter 6 #4.

April 17-21 *Materials Research Society, Spring Meeting*, San Francisco. Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. tel 412-367-3003, fax -4373.

\*June 12-15. *1st Meeting Gruppo Nazionale di Geologia Applicata*, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Sicily, Italy. The theme is "The Fragile Town in Italy". Information from Organizing Secretariat, Centro Internazionale Congressi, Viale Papa Pio XII, 18-70124 Bari, Italy; tel. 39-80-517299, fax -514533. Further information in this newsletter.

\*July 3-5. *Archaeological Science Conference*, Liverpool. Contact The Science Conference Organization, Dept of Archaeology, 14 Abercromby Square, Univ. of Liverpool, PO Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX, UK

Aug 27-Sep 1. *Second International Symposium on the Geology of the Eastern Mediterranean Region*, Jerusalem. Includes a theme symposium and field trip on geoarchaeology. Contact Secretariat, Second International Symposium on the Geology of the Eastern Mediterranean Region, P.O.B. 50006, Tel-Aviv 61500, Israel. tel. 972 3 5140014, fax 972 3 5175674.

Aug 30-Sep 8. *International Rock Art Congress*, Pinerolo-Torino, Italy, Contact R. G. Bednarik, Australian Rock Art Research Ass., P. O. Box 216, Caulfield South, Vic 3162, Australia.

\*Sep 4-10. *Third Course, Geotechnical*

*Aspects of the Protection of Monuments*, Gargnano (Lake Garda) Italy. Community of Mediterranean Universities. Contact Prof. Fulvio Zezza, Istituto di Geologia Applicata e Geotecnica, Via Re David, 200, 70125, Bari, Italy. Information in this newsletter.

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**Oct 9-11. ASMOSIA IV Conference, Bordeaux-Talence. First announcement see Newsletter 6 #4.**

Oct. 9-14. *International Earth Sciences Colloquium on the Aegean Region*, Izmir-Güllük, Turkey. Contact Prof. Özkan Pi\_kin, General Secretary IESCA 1995, D.E. University, Dept. of Geology, P.K. 74 (E.Ü.-PTT) 35100 Bornova, Izmir, Turkey. tel. (232)388-2919, fax -7864, email DMUJEOO1@TREARN.BITNET

Nov 6-9. *Geological Society of America, Annual Meeting*. New Orleans. Contact Geological Society of America, 3300 Penrose Place, Boulder, CO 80301. tel 303-447-2020,

fax -1133.

\*Dec 27-30. *Archaeological Institute of America, 97th Annual Meeting*. San Diego, CA. Abstract deadline 24 March. Contact AIA, 675 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02215-1401. tel 617-353-9361, fax -6550, bitnet ARC900@BUACCA

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\*Sep 8-14. *XIII Congress International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences*, Forli, Italy. Contact Secretariat of the Congress, Casa Saffi, via S. Marchesi 12, 47100 Forli, Italy. tel. 39 543.35725, fax 39 543.35805. Information in this newsletter.

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