

Scenario 3 – Group 3.A

Description:

During the summer of 2004, Dr. Z completed an intensive survey of 100ha plain in the vicinity of the site of Knossos in central Crete. The project was called the Knossos Extensive Survey Project or KESP. Dr. Z has spent the last several years processing and publishing the survey data. She isolated several 'sites' consisting of architectural remains, scatters of pottery, ceramic figurines, fresco, bones, and stone tools. A number of these sites seem to be promising locations for excavation. However, Dr. Z has been asked by a colleague to collaborate on a new survey in western Crete beginning this summer.

You have been helping Dr. Z process the materials from the survey for the past two years. Because you are somewhat familiar with the material, she has asked your team to explore the possibility of excavating one of the sites identified by the survey. She has asked you to prepare a proposal to submit to the Greek Ministry of Culture for a permit to excavate. In the proposal, you must make a case for the need for further exploration of the site through systematic excavation in order to test the initial interpretation, which was based only on the survey material.

Background:

The Knossos Extensive Survey Project revealed that the landscape around the palatial site of Knossos on the island of Crete was populated with hinterland sites dating from the Early Minoan period (ca. 3000 BC) to the Byzantine, Ottoman, and modern periods. A number of the sites, however, seem to have been occupied only during Bronze Age (3000-1100 BC). Knowledge of small rural sites and other new sites like those discovered in the survey is an important balance to our understanding of larger urban and palatial sites of the Minoan period.

Your group has been assigned POI.387 (Point of Interest). This site is located at on a low hillside at an elevation of 138m ASL, at the coordinates 35°17'5.91"N, 25° 5'9.82"E. It was identified as a roughly 0.5ha scatter of large sherds, a storage jar and seeds near the ruins of a circular stone structure. As part of the survey, only a small sample of materials was collected including a few of the sherds and some of the seeds. The sample represents a fraction of what remained on the ground at the site. Dr. Z has arranged for you to have photographs of the storage jar, which has been mended, and one of the large sherds. In addition, she has included a copy of the notebook page where the site was described and the circular structure was sketched during the fieldwork. The retained seeds and remaining sherds will be made available for study upon receiving permission to excavate.

Procedures for Obtaining an Excavation Permit from the Greek Ministry of Culture

The new Archaeological Law, #3028/2002 "For the Protection of Antiquities and in general of the Greek Heritage", allows three American projects (excavations, surveys) each year, and three joint Greek- American projects (*synergasias*). Those interested in excavation in Greece should submit to the Chair of the Excavations and Surveys Committee a proposal which will be assessed on the following criteria and information:

Permit Application Formatting Guidelines

A. Written Proposal

A brief (no more than three double-space pages, 12pt Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins) summary of what work is intended for the coming season. The following elements should be included:

a preliminary explanation of the 'site' including detailed descriptions of the collected survey materials and reasons why this area was defined as a site
the excavations techniques to be employed, and, if scientific studies are intended, exactly what these studies entail
what you expect to discover from the excavation of this site
the exact dates of the field work which should not be more than 4-6 weeks
page numbers and surnames of all group members at the bottom of each page.
a title that clearly displays the topic of the project and that has an appropriately professional tone

B. Bibliography

A selected bibliography of important, relevant, and recent literature on the topic. This will be no more than 1 page, 12pt Times New Roman font.

C. Budget

A detailed list of anticipated expenses for your project including the prices for scientific testing of materials, tools, accommodations for your team, etc...

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