

Official academic activities in the framework of the State Visit of Their Majesties the King and the Queen of the Belgians to the Hellenic Republic

May 3, 2022 – 11.50-15.40

Information for participants

1. Encounter: Connecting past and future. The impact of New Technologies on Archaeology and Heritage Conservation

Very limited participation

1.1. Practical information

- **Date and time:** Tuesday 3 May 2022 – 11.52 – 12.23
- **Venue:** Cape Sounio Grecotel: Ground Floor terrace (next to the fountain or the terrace with the swings) or Foyer -1 level (next to the windows, where there is natural light)
- **Official presence:**
Belgium: HE Pierre-Yves JEHOLET, Minister President of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation; HE Françoise GUSTIN, Ambassador of Belgium to the Hellenic Republic, EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM TO THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC; Representative of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade, and the Federal Cultural Institutions, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; Ms. Pascale DELCOMMINETTE, CEO of WBI
Hellenic Republic: Mrs Lina G. MENDONI, Minister of Culture; Mr. Dimitrios LOUKAS, Mayor of Lavrion
- **Participants:** Rectors and Presidents participating in the Encounter (Very limited participation)
- **Lead:** WB Campus & VLUHR

1.2. Description

Topics on the impact of new technologies for archaeology and heritage conservation will be presented, showcasing Belgian academic expertise in connection with Greece.

Each encounter takes place around a table. The Rector of the university to which the researcher(s) belongs, acts as host and introduces the researcher(s). The rationale and scope of the research collaboration are presented, and the methodological approach, main findings, relevance, impact and perspectives of the project are explained. Speeches are followed by a discussion. This table pitch formula provides for a lively interaction between TTMM the King and the Queen with the researchers.

Two groups will be set up:

Group 1:

The King will be accompanied by Ms. Mendoni, Ambassador Gustin and Minister Wilmes' representative.

The Sovereign and his escorts will start the encounter at table* 1 and continue to table 2, table 3, table 4, table 5 and table 6.

Group 2:

The Queen will be accompanied by Minister-President Jeholet, Mr. Loukas and Ms. Delcomminette. The Sovereign and her companions will begin the encounter at table 6 and will continue to table 5, table 4, table 3, table 1, table 2 and table 3.

*see topics of each table further in the document.

As far as possible, speakers are invited to boost the presentations and possibly provide visual material at the tables. It is also possible to show photos or short videos.

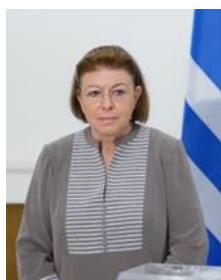
This meeting will be hold in English.

Please, consider the short timing foreseen for the Encounter: +/- 4 minutes per topic.

1.3. Participants

Belgian participants		
HE Pierre-Yves JEHOLET	Minister President	WALLONIA-BRUSSELS FEDERATION
HE Françoise GUSTIN	Ambassador of Belgium to the Hellenic Republic	EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM TO THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
Representative of the Minister for Foreign Affairs		FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
Ms. Pascale DELCOMMINETTE	CEO	WALLONIA-BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL
Prof. Vincent BLONDEL	Rector	UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN
Prof. Jan DRIESSEN	Professor	UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN
Prof. Annemie SCHAU	Rector	UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES
Prof. Athéna TSINGARIDA	Professor – Director EBSA	UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES
Mr. Ioannis (Yangos) CHALAZONITIS	Post-doctoral researcher	UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES
Mr. Yvon MOLINGHEN	International Officer	UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES
Prof. Rik VAN DE WALLE	Rector	GHENT UNIVERSITY
Prof. Roald DOCTER	Professor	GHENT UNIVERSITY
Prof. Luc SELS	Rector	KU LEUVEN
Prof. Patrick DEGRYSE	Professor	KU LEUVEN

Hellenic participants		
Ms. Lina G. MENDONI	Minister of Culture	
Mr. Dimitrios LOUKAS	Mayor of Lavrion	
Prof. Christos ZEREFOS	Head of Academy of Athens	ACADEMY OF ATHENS
Prof. Yiannis PAPADATOS	Head of the Department of Archaeology	NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS
Ms. Constantina BENISSI	Head of the Department for the Supervision of Greek & Foreign Scientific Institutions & Coordination of International Cooperation & Organizations	HELLENIC MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND SPORTS



Styliani “Lina” Mendoni, Ministre de la Culture et des Sports

Ms Styliani "Lina" Mendoni, born on 1 April 1960 in Athens, is an archaeologist graduated from the University of Athens and a politician. Since 9 July 2019, she has been Minister of Culture and Sports in the Kyriakos Mitsotakis Government.

1.4. Topics, abstracts and speakers' biographies (in order of presentation)

General introduction by Athena Tsingarida (director EBSA) accompanied by Constantina Benissi (Head of the Department for the Supervision of Greek & Foreign Scientific Institutions & Coordination of International Cooperation & Organizations, Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports)

The Belgian School at Athens. 60 Years of Collaboration in Archaeology between Belgium and Greece

Timing: 11.52 – 11.56.30'

Belgian archaeologists have been working in Greece at least since the beginning of the 20th century, often as members of the French School at Athens. It is in the early 60s that the first formal Belgian institutionalized research was initiated on the site of Thorikos through the auspices of the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research. It was followed in 1965 by the creation of the “Comity of Belgian excavations in Greece, (asbl, CFBG)”, soon to become the Belgian Mission in Greece, the latter granted the status of School by the Greek government in 1985.

The presentation will provide a brief history of the Belgian archaeological missions and activities in Greece since the early 60s, while it will also lay emphasis on the three main archaeological programs, currently under work at Thorikos in Attica, Sissi and Itanos in Crete.



Athena Tsingarida (director EBSA)

Athena Tsingarida is Professor of Ancient Greek Art and Archaeology at the Université libre de Bruxelles, ULB. She was elected Director of the Belgian School of Athens in March 2022. She holds degrees in Classical Archaeology and Byzantine Studies from the Université libre de Bruxelles, ULB, and obtained her Doctorate (DPhil) from the University of Oxford (Wolfson College) where she studied as a Cecil Rhodes Scholar (Oxford). A specialist of Archaic and Classical Greece, she has published widely in the fields of ancient Greek pottery, social practices and cultural interactions throughout the Mediterranean world and reception of Classical Art in 19th-century Europe. She undertook excavations and field study in Syria (Apamea) and Greece (Sifnos and Crete) and is currently co-directing (with Didier Viviers) the excavations, restoration works and study seasons in Itanos (Eastern Crete).

Prof. Athena Tsingarida received numerous research grants and fellowships for her work. She has been Senior Associate Member of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (2006-2007); T.B.L Webster Fellow at the Institute of Classical Studies, University College London (2014-2015). More recently, she was awarded a Visiting Research Fellowship at Merton College, University of Oxford (Hilary Term 2023), while she also currently chairs the Scientific Committee of the Royal Museums of Art and History (Cinquantenaire), Brussels.



Ms. Constantina Benissi, Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports

Archaeologist at the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports. She is a graduate of the University of Athens (B.A. from the School of Philosophy-Department of History and Archaeology). She holds Master's Degrees from the Université Bordeaux III, France ("Méthodes Physiques en Archéologie et Muséographie") and from the Hellenic Open University ("Cultural Organisations Management"). She has worked as an archaeologist at the Ephorates of Antiquities of Euboea and the city of Athens. Since 2001 and having graduated from the National School of Public Administration, she has been working at the Directorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities of the Ministry. In 2014, she was appointed as Head at the Department for the Supervision of Greek & Foreign Scientific Institutions and Coordination of International Cooperation & Organisations, a position which she still holds. In the past, she has worked on a variety of subjects ranging from the management of archaeological museums to the illegal export and repatriation of antiquities, as well as the implementation of the

international conventions and E.U. legislation for the Illicit trafficking of cultural goods. From her current post, she handles the issuing of permits for systematic archaeological research, study and analysis of archaeological material, as well as international and bilateral issues relating to cultural heritage. She has participated, as an official representative of the Hellenic Ministry, to several Conferences of UNESCO, the Council of Europe, the European Union, and other regional frameworks of collaboration. She is studying the terracotta figurines from Euboea.

Table 1. 'We, the People'. ADNA, Isotopes and Residue analysis at Minoan Sissi

Jan Driessen (UCLouvain) accompanied by Rector Vincent Blondel

King: 11.56.30' – 12.01

Queen: 12.10-12.14.30'

While previously, forensic studies on ancient skeletons only allowed the identification of the sex and the age of the deceased, new scientific techniques are now being applied, opening unexpected insights into the life of the ancient Bronze Age populations of Crete (c. 3000-1200 BC). Three of these are, applied in the **Sissi Archaeological Project** (Sarpedon) are here presented: Advances made in genetics, isotope and residue analyses now make it possible to acquire information on parental and marital relations, diseases and pathogens, mobility patterns and dietary regimes of the people in the Bronze Age settlement and cemetery at Sissi on Crete. It has become clear that the petrous bone of the inner ear of the human cranium has a much higher chance to preserve aDNA and successful sampling now illustrates the arrival of new population groups on the island of Crete during its history but also the type of marital practices and the presence of various diseases. A comparison between the strontium isotopes of the tooth enamel of skeletons from the cemetery at Sissi with the local substrate geology as preserved in snail samples shows how some individuals were born elsewhere but were buried at Sissi, which suggests regional mobility at least at death. And the analysis of microbotanical remains (starch) from food-related ceramic containers (cooking pots) from the Sissi settlement has allowed the identification, besides the usual foodstuffs, of previously unattested plant ingredients, such as tiger nuts, used in the Minoan cuisine. These examples are just a few of the techniques that modern-day archaeologists employ to get closer in understanding humans who lived 4000 years ago.



Jan Driessen (UCLouvain)

Jan Driessen is an expert in the Bronze Age archaeology (Minoan civilisation) of the island of Crete and was director (2012-2022) of the Belgian School at Athens, the institution responsible for the organisation of Belgian archaeological research in Greece. He is corresponding member of the American Institute of Archaeology and honorary member of both the British and French School at Athens. He received his PhD at the University of Leuven in 1989 and had a postdoc in Athens between 1989 and 1993 before becoming postdoctoral researcher of the FWO in 1992. In 1999, he

was appointed professor and, in 2007, full professor at the UCLouvain where he teaches Aegean and Greek archaeology. He was head of the Department of Archaeology and Arts between 2002 and 2009 and created the Institute of Arts, Civilisations and Literature. He has more than 40 years of fieldwork experience, having participated in excavations in Belgium, Greece, Egypt, Turkey, Syria and Cyprus, and co-directed excavations on Crete at Palaikastro and Malia. Since 2007, he directs the large-scale Belgian excavation project of the Bronze Age settlement, palace and cemetery Sissi on Crete and, since 2014, he co-directs the Belgian (Gent & UCLouvain)-Greek excavations at Pyla on Cyprus. He is the author, co-author or editor of 30 books and more than 150 scientific papers (H34). He was visiting professor at the universities of Austin (Texas, USA), Leuven and Munster (Germany). He sits on various research evaluation committees and was awarded several prizes (Michael Ventris Memorial Award, *Bois Sauvage*, Andante) and several major grants (ARC, FSR, FNRS). At the UCLouvain, he directs the *Aegis* research group.

Table 2. From the 2D to 3D Itanos: Making archaeology accessible

Yangos Chalazonitis (ULB) accompanied by the Rector Annemie Schaus

King: 12.01-12.05.30'

Queen: 12.14.30'-12.19

While archaeology provides us with important evidence on past societies and cultures, it may also mean destruction of knowledge if we do not register accurately what was found, where it was found and under which conditions. Records under the form of drawings, photos, maps, plans and diaries are critical to any archaeological project. Yet, the recent incorporation of digital technology in the field of archaeology may bring new perspectives and challenges, not least the accessibility of archaeological remains. Through few case studies taken from the excavations at the Necropolis of the ancient city of Itanos (East Crete), we will illustrate how 3D archaeology plays an important role in documenting the excavation process for specialists and contribute to the preservation and understanding of cultural heritage for visitors from all backgrounds on the site and in the museum.



Ioannis (Yangos) Chalazonitis (ULB)

Ioannis (Yangos) Chalazonitis completed his graduate and Masters studies in Classical Archaeology in the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He holds a doctorate in Classical Archaeology from the University of Oxford (Merton College), where he defended his thesis, titled *The North-Eastern Aegean, 1100-600 BCE*, under the supervision of Prof. Irene Lemos.

Since 2017, his main activities have focused on post-doctoral research in the Center of Research in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (CReA-Patrimoine) of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, under the supervision of Prof. Athéna Tsingarida. From 2017 to 2019, he held a Philippe Wiener – Maurice Anspach fellowship for his project *Warriors on the Periphery: Early Arms and Armour in Eastern Macedonia*. Since 2019, he has worked as an FRS-FNRS post-doctoral scholar (*Chargé de Recherches*), on a project titled *Legacy of the Riverland Heroes: 'Elite' burials as a focus of social*

cohesion in Archaic communities of the Strymon river plain, which has been awarded the Brepols Early Career Award by the Union Académique Internationale.

His research interests include the historical and cultural development of the north-eastern Aegean, the nature of interplay and interactions between Greek and non-Greek population groups within the overall context of the Greek colonization, the expression of social identities and social status in funerary contexts and the development of metallurgical technologies during the Early Iron Age and the Archaic Period. He incorporates digital mapping and documentation techniques, as well as archaeometric analyses of archaeological material, into his research.

He has participated in excavations in Kos (Kardamaina) and Tenos (Xombourgo), and he has assisted in material studies in Corfu and Thasos, while also collaborating with the Ephorates of Antiquities of Kavala and Serres for his own research. From 2021 onwards, he is a member of the excavation team of Itanos, under the direction of Prof. Athéna Tsingarida and Prof. Didier Viviers.

Table 3. Thorikos: Integrating the data from field survey, geophysical prospection, and excavation
Roald Docter (UGent) accompanied by Rector Rik Van de Walle

King: 12.05.30' - 12.10

Queen: 12.19-12.23.30'

The Thorikos Archaeological Research Project (TARP) is composed of some 65 international scholars affiliated to 30 universities and research centres. Their integrated multi-disciplinary contribution to our knowledge of the site, with a chronological range of the late 4th millennium BC to the 20th century AD, is based on the implementation of state-of-the-art technologies and research methods.

In the presentation we focus upon the integration of results yielded by mainly three different approaches. In the first place, intensive field survey, in which artefacts at the surface are systematically collected and archaeological structures are recorded. In the second place, geophysical prospection of selected parts of this wider surveyed area: both magnetic surveys that record spatial variation in the earth's magnetic field and ground-penetrating radar survey, a method that uses radar pulses to form an image of the subsurface. In the third place, and on the basis of the two prior approaches, a selected area is excavated following well-established praxis. In 2021, we have implemented the iDig application in the excavation process, which has been developed for the Athenian Agora excavations of the American School of Classical Studies, and that starts from a real-time digital recording in a single context excavation system.



Roald Docter (Universiteit Gent)

Roald Docter is full professor at Ghent University, having been appointed to the chair of 'Archaeology and History of Art of Classical Greek Antiquity' at the Department of Archaeology in 2001. He studied History of Art and Archaeology in Amsterdam at the Universiteit van Amsterdam

and obtained a doctorate in Archaeology at that University with Prof. Herman Brijder and Prof. Hans Georg Niemeyer (1997). He has worked as assistant at Amsterdam and Hamburg, and obtained scholarships for Madrid and Málaga from the Spanish State and the German DAI and for Hamburg from the DAAD. Thereafter he held two Postdoc positions in Amsterdam, one of which of the Royal Academy of Sciences (KNAW). He has extensive fieldwork experience in Tunisia, Albania, Italy, Bulgaria, Malta, the Netherlands, and Greece, (co-)directing the projects in Carthage, Malta, Apollonia Pontica and Thorikos. His research interests include Greek, Etruscan and Phoenician transport amphorae, metrology, Phoenician and Punic pottery, Greek Geometric pottery, Phoenician and Greek colonisation, rural archaeology, landscape archaeology, survey techniques and metallurgy. He is widely published with several books as (co-)author and (co-)editor, and many articles in scientific journals and books. He is editor of the peer-reviewed journal *Carthage Studies* and of the *Thorikos Reports and Studies* series (Peeters Publishers, Leuven). He is supervisor of 12 ongoing PhD theses.

Table 4. Marathon revisited: paperless archaeology in a born-digital excavation

Yiannis Papadatos (NKUA, University of Athens)

Queen: 11.56.30' – 12.01

King: 12.10-12.14.30'

Over the last 8 years the NKUA excavations at Marathon, about c. 1 km from the Tumulus of the Athenians, have revealed the remains of two successive prehistoric settlements, two cemeteries, one sanctuary and an industrial quarter, dated from 2500 to 200 BC. The excavation has made important contributions to our knowledge about Marathon, from its deep prehistory down to the period of the great battle and after it.

However, beyond its scientific aims, the excavation has also a strong educational component, since it is the training ground of students from NKUA, and other collaborating European universities, as part of their curriculum in archaeology. The use of modern excavation techniques and digital methods of recording ensures that future archaeologists will acquire all the necessary skills and competences through the excavation of a broad array of contexts (domestic, funerary, ritual), dated to many different periods. For the above reasons, the project, from its beginning, was planned and organized as a paperless, “born-digital” excavation, in which the archaeological information is acquired in digital format already in the field, at the time and location of the excavation. This documentation strategy includes the use of several tools and techniques that will be presented during the meeting, such as (a) high accuracy GNSS receivers, (b) tablets and data collection software to fill in excavation forms, (c) and photogrammetry for creating georeferenced 3D models of all excavation features.

Furthermore, digital technologies are also used in special programs of Public Archaeology, aiming at increasing public awareness regarding archaeological practice and protection of cultural heritage. This is achieved by guided tours for the public and educational activities for school kids from Marathon and further afield. During this program, about 600 kids have come into direct contact with an archaeological excavation, are encouraged discover new skills such as observation, critical and synthetic thinking, team co-ordination and new insights into material culture.



Yiannis Papadatos (NKUA, University of Athens)

Yiannis Papadatos is Associate Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology in the Department of History and Archaeology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He received his degree on Archaeology and History of Art from the NKUA (1994), and his PhD on Prehistoric Archaeology from the University of Sheffield (1999). He has also worked in the University of Sheffield, the Greek Archaeological Service and the Hellenic Open University. He has extensive field work experience, and he is the director of several field projects, carrying out excavations and field work in Siteia and Hierapetra East Crete, and in Marathon, Attica. His research interests include Minoan Archaeology, Early Bronze Age Aegean, Funerary Archaeology, Mountain Archaeology and Ancient Technology. He has published several books as (co-)author and (co-)editor, and many articles in scientific journals and books. He is editor of the peer-reviewed journal *Athens University Review of Archaeology* (AURA). He is the supervisor of 4 completed and 6 ongoing PhD theses.

Table 5. The protection of cultural and natural heritage against the consequences from manmade changes to our climate

Christos Zerefos (Academy of Athens)

Queen: 12.01-12.05.30'

King: 12.14.30'-12.19

The presentation will include a climatological analysis of specific interest at 263 UNESCO cultural and natural heritage sites in the Mediterranean. It was found that a significant increase of climate change hazards in the decades to come are seen at all UNESCO sites, especially for the worst scenario. More specifically the selected heritage sites are expected to suffer from increased temperature, heat waves and increased wildfire danger, extreme rainfall, floods and mean sea level rise. Deterioration of aridity conditions is also expected for several sites mostly along the North African coast, Spain, southern Italy and Greece.



Christos Zerefos (Academy of Athens)

Christos Zerefos, Secretary General, Academy of Athens; Climate Envoy for Greece; Head, Research Center for Atmospheric Physics and Climatology, Academy of Athens. Professor of Atmospheric and Environmental Physics at the Universities of Athens and Thessaloniki. Visiting Professor at the Universities of Boston, Minnesota, Oslo. Member of Academy of Athens, Academia Europaea, the

Norwegian Academy, the European Academy of Sciences, the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences etc. Has received a number of internationally recognized awards, among which the Order of Honour from the President of the Hellenic Republic (2020) and the French Government Decoration "Commandeur dans l'ordre de Palmes académiques" (2015). Honorary Professor of the Physics Department of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2018), Honorary Doctorate Degree, University of Patras (2016), Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, University Division of the American College ANATOLIA, Thessaloniki (2008). Global Ozone Award, UNEP on the 10th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol (1997), Awards of the American Geophysical Union (Editors Award for Excellence in Refereeing, 1998 and Yoram Kaufman Award, 2015), of the European Academy of Sciences (Blaise Pascal Medal, 2015), UNEP Honourable Mentions (1995, 1999, 2012), "Honorary Member" of the International Ozone Commission (2016), the Gold Medal of the City of Thessaloniki (2008), Badge of Honor of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (2018), the "Ioan Ursu" Medal of the Balkan Physical Union (2018), the "European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Award" awarded to the National Observatory of Athens for the establishment of the Geostrophysics Museum and the rehabilitation of the laboratories and the Library of the National Observatory under his supervision (2010). He has supervised 55 masters and more than 30 PhD theses. He has created from zero 8 recognized educational and research Institutions and has published more than 269 research papers. His expertise on ozone-climate interactions has been recognized by thousands of citations and with h-index 67 (Google Scholar, March 2022).

See for more: <http://www.christoszerefos.com/>, <https://montrealprotocolwhoswho.org/>

Table 6. Heritage materials research: from ancient Greek architecture to modern green cement

Patrick Degryse (KU Leuven) accompanied by Rector Luc Sels

Queen: 12.05.30' - 12.10

King: 12.19-12.23.30'

At KU Leuven, there has been a long tradition of interdisciplinary research in archaeological and conservation science, involving cooperation with many exact, applied and biomedical scientific disciplines. The recently established Institute for Cultural Heritage 'HERKUL' also fits this approach. In particular, new technologies in archaeological and heritage conservation are developed, ranging from the application of scanning technologies to conserve and study heritage, over developing new methods of non-invasive chemical and structural analysis to characterise archaeological materials, to reconstructing human behaviour in the context of the ancient landscape and climate. An example linking all these innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to heritage conservation, in cooperation with the Greek National Centre of Scientific Research 'DEMOKRITOS', is the physical, chemical and mechanical characterisation of Greco-Roman lime mortars which can serve as a model for present-day low impact "green cement" building materials.



Patrick Degryse (KU Leuven)

Patrick Degryse is Full Professor at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and part-time professor at Leiden University (the Netherlands). His research focuses on the exploitation and use of industrial minerals and ores in ancient times. In particular, he has gained expertise in the development and use of novel techniques from the geosciences in artefact analysis and the provenance determination of their raw materials. His research group develops the potential of these methods to understand ancient technology, reconstruct ancient economies, and assess the use, exchange and trade of materials. He teaches geology, geochemistry and archaeometry, and outside the lab is active in several field projects in the eastern Mediterranean and the Caribbean. He has published over 200 articles in journals, books and conference proceedings, and recently brought the book “When Art isn’t Real” for the general audience. He was a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College in Oxford, an A. von Humboldt Fellow, and European Research Council grantee, and is chair-elect of the Standing Committee of the International Symposium on Archaeometry, the major international conference in archaeological sciences. He has supervised 20 doctorates, with currently 5 PhD’s ongoing.

1.5. Logistics

VENUE

Cape Sounio Grecotel: Ground Floor terrace (next to the fountain or the terrace with the swings) or Foyer -1 level (next to the windows, where there is natural light)



TIMING

- » Transportation by bus will be organised at 09.00 sharp from the Hotel Grande Bretagne (1 Vasileos Georgiou A Str, Athens) to Grecotel Cape Sounio.
- » 10.15: arriving at Grecotel.
Participants at the “Encounter” will be led to the Terrace (1 level) where the Encounter is going to take place.
- » 11.30: participants must be ready to welcome the Sovereigns.
They will take their places around standing mantles where they will wait for the King and the Queen.
- » The King and the Queen will enter the building at 10.50. They will join the academic tables. The King and the Queen will evolve from table to table as explained above.

- » At 12.23, The Sovereigns will leave the “Encounter”.

Contact persons will be: Cécile Liégeois – WB Campus (+32 477 81 47 11), Aline Franchimont – WB Campus (+32 478 72 19 75) and Lieve Coninx – VLUHR (+32 479 40 87 01).

1.6. Protocol

Here are some elements related to the protocol when meeting HHMM the King and the Queen:

- » When HHMM the King and the Queen are entering or leaving a room, you should stand up, turn to them and wait for them to greet you.
- » Greetings will be made without any form of physical contact; no hands will be shaken, not even by the Sovereigns.
- » On presentation to HHMM the King and the Queen and in a later conversation, the traditional address is “Your Majesty”, “Majesté”, “Majesteit”.
- » In the conversation, HHMM the King and the Queen will ask questions.
- » You should not take any picture.
- » The dress code is business attire.

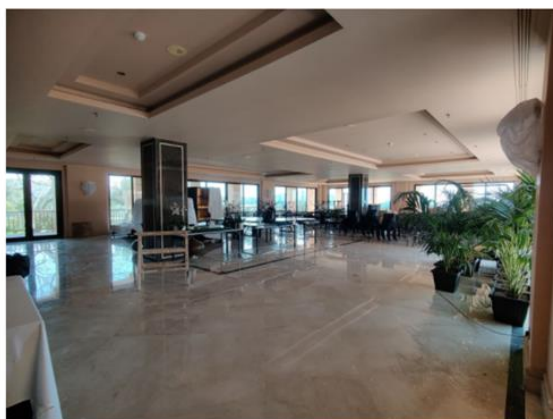
2. Conference on collaborations in the field of archaeology

Parallel session, during the Encounter

2.1. Practical information

- **Date and time:** Tuesday 3 May 2022 – 11.30-12.15
- **Venue:** Cape Sounio Grecotel : check-out Room or conference Room -1 Level
- **Official presence:** Ms. Pascale DELCOMMINETTE, CEO of WBI
- **Participants:** Academic delegation (Belgians and Greeks) and other upon invitation
- **Lead:** WB Campus & VLUHR

Check-out Room



Conference Room -1 Level



2.2. Programme

11.30	Arrival of the participants to conference room
11.35-11.40	Welcome by Pascale Delcomminette, CEO, Wallonie-Bruxelles International
11.40-11.55	Lecture by Robert Laffineur (ULiège) on the archaeological site of Thorikos and the work carried out there by the Belgian archaeological mission
11.55-12.05	Lecture by Dr Eleni Andrikou, Archaeologist and Director of the Ephorate of Antiquities of East Attica. "The Lavreotike peninsula: the southeastern part of the city-state of Athens"
12.05-12.15	Exchanges with the two experts
12.15	End of the conference

2.3. Description

A conference on collaborations in the fields of archaeology will be done by Belgian and Hellenic experts:

- Prof. Robert Laffineur from Université de Liège is giving a lecture on the archaeological site of Thorikos and the work carried out there by the Belgian archaeological mission.
- Dr. Eleni Andrikou, Archaeologist and Director of the Ephorate of Antiquities of East Attica is giving a lecture entitled *"The Lavreotike peninsula: the southeastern part of the city-state of Athens"*.

There may then be exchanges between the two experts and the audience.

2.4. Speakers' biographies (in order of presentation)



Prof. Robert Laffineur (ULiège)

Doctor in Art History and Archaeology from the University of Liège, Robert Laffineur was foreign member of the French School of Archaeology at Athens, Lecturer, Professor, then Full Professor at the University of Liège (Dept. of Historical Sciences, Section of History of Art and Archaeology), holder of the Chair of Art History and Archeology of Greco-Roman Antiquity. He pursued research on the Aegean Bronze Age, especially on the Mycenaean period (2nd half of the 2nd mill. BC) and on the metal arts in ancient Greece, particularly precious metals. He is the author of several books (including *L'orfèvrerie rhodienne orientalisante* published in 1979 in the series *Travaux et mémoires des anciens membres étrangers de l'Ecole française d'Athènes et de divers savants*, XXI) and numerous articles in Belgian and international journals. He has lectured in Europe, North America and Australia. He has participated in numerous congresses and colloquia in Belgium and abroad, as well as in archaeological excavations in Cyprus and Greece, in particular in the Belgian excavations at the site of Thorikos (Attica). He is the organizer of the *Rencontres égéennes internationales* which have been held every two years in foreign universities since 1986 and the editor-in-chief of the series *Aegaeum, annales liégeoises et Paspennes d'archéologie égéenne*, of which 46 volumes have appeared to date. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Institute for Aegean Prehistory (Philadelphia) in 2004. He held the *Chaire Francqui au titre belge* at the UCLouvain in 2006-2007 (cycle of lectures *Pour une archéologie nouvelle*) and was Visiting Professor of the Australian Archaeological Institute in July-September 2010. He is a founding member of the association "Liège, Athènes du Nord" and, since 2014, Honorary Consul of the Hellenic Republic in Liège for the provinces of Wallonia.



Dr. Eleni Andrikou (Ephorate of Antiquities of East Attica)

Eleni Andrikou graduated in 1985 from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Philosophy, Faculty of History and Archaeology. She became doctor of prehistoric archaeology in the same School in 1992. Her PhD thesis is entitled "The Late Minoan III settlement at Arkhanes, Crete" and was prepared with the support of the National Scholarship Foundation. From 1992 on she is a member of the Archaeological Service – Ministry of Culture having been appointed after undergoing a special written examination. She has worked at the Prehistoric and Classical Ephorate of Boeotia, at the Directorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities and the Directorate of Museums, Exhibitions and Educational Programs in the central service of the Ministry. From 2005 on she works at the Ephorate of Antiquities of East Attica (former 2nd Ephorate). Head of the Ephorate during the period 2011 – 2014 and from 2018 on. Her publications concern finds of

prehistoric period as well as of classical/hellenistic times. Her post-doc dissertation deals with evidence from Thebes, Boeotia about the collapse of the mycenaean palatial system. E. Andrikou has also given lectures on Mycenaean Thebes in Boeotia and the antiquities of Mesogeia and Lavreotike areas in Attica.

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3. Academic lunch in presence of HM the King and HM the Queen

3.1. Practical information

- **Date and time:** Tuesday 3 May 2022 – 12.30-13.45
- **Official presence:**

Belgium: HM the King and HM the Queen; HE Pierre-Yves JEHOLET, Minister-President of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, GOVERNMENT OF THE WALLONIA-BRUSSELS FEDERATION; HE Françoise GUSTIN, Ambassador of Belgium to the Hellenic Republic, EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM TO THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC; Representative of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade, and the Federal Cultural Institutions, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Hellenic Republic: Mrs Lina G. MENDONI, Minister of Culture; Anna TRIANTAFYLLOU PANAGIOTAREA, Special Advisor to the Minister; Mr. Dimitrios LOUKAS, Mayor of Lavrion
- **Participants:** Academic delegation (Belgians and Greeks) and other upon invitation
- **Lead:** WB Campus & VLUHR
- **Venue:** Cape Sounio Grecotel Glass terrace 1st floor or Breakfast Room 1st floor

Glass terrace 1st floor



Breakfast room 1st floor



3.2. Programme

12.15	Arrival of the guests to lunch room
12.30-12.35	Arrival of HM the King and HM the Queen
12.35-12.38	Welcome word by HE Pierre-Yves JEHOLET, Minister-President of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation
12.38	Lunch
13.45	End

3.3. Description

The presence of HHMM the King and the Queen shall enlarge the scope of the activity by providing higher visibility for academic relations between Hellenic Republic and Belgium. The Sovereigns have shown a keen interest on the impact of new technologies for archaeology and heritage conservation. Their participation in academic events during previous State visits and Their presence has contributed to the large mobilisation of local partners and guests.

3.4. Participants

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Representative of the Minister for Foreign Affairs		FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
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Ambassador Machteld FOSTIER	Private Secretary to Her Majesty the Queen	ROYAL PALACE
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Mr. William DE BAETS	Deputy Chief of Cabinet and Diplomatic Advisor of His Majesty the King	ROYAL PALACE
Mr. Eugène CRIJNS	Economic Advisor of His Majesty the King	ROYAL PALACE
Lieutenant Commander Renauld HOCK	Equerry of His Majesty the King	ROYAL PALACE
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4. Guided tour of the archaeological site of Thorikos

4.1. Practical information

- **Date and time:** Tuesday 3 May 2022 – 14.00-14.40 (*very limited participation*) and 15.00-15.40 (open to all)
- **Venue:** Archaeological site of Thorikos

A first visit will take place with the Sovereigns from 14.00 to 14.40 (very limited participation). The list of people who can join them will be communicated to those concerned.

The majority of the academic participants will take part in a second visit, from 15.00 to 15.40. They will be divided into two groups.

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4.2. Description

Fieldwork in Thorikos

The site of Thorikos, where Prof. Herman Mussche (Ghent University) started archaeological fieldwork in 1960, has been the focus of research by four Belgian universities between 1963 and 1989 (Rijksuniversiteit Gent, Université libre de Bruxelles, Université de L'Etat à Liège and Université Catholique de Louvain). After a break, fieldwork resumed in 2004 under the direction of Prof. Robert Laffineur of Université de Liège, who passed this task on to Prof. Roald Docter of Ghent University after his retirement in 2006. Since then, the Thorikos Archaeological Research Project (TARP) has been expanded into a multicollegial interdisciplinary project under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Culture and the Ephorate of Antiquities of East Attica. The project now counts on the collaboration of no less than 64 researchers belonging to 30 international universities and research centers (Belgium, Greece, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Cyprus, Sweden, and Canada).

Site visit

The site of Thorikos is far too extended to be covered in a visit of 40 minutes, but fortunately the most renowned, conspicuous and controversial monument of the site, the theatre, offers itself as a point of departure. Here, in easy walking distance from the road, the whole history of the site can be traced and viewed from nearby through a variety of monuments and functional elements.

Thorikos: Theater



HORIKOS

historical overview of the excavations
the Theatre Zone

