

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

## Cyprus and the Aegean in the Early Iron Age

## The legacy of Nicolas Coldstream

An Archaeological Workshop in memory of Professor J. N. Coldstream

Monday, 13 December 2010 Archaeological Research Unit 12 Gladstone Street, Nicosia

Two generations of Early Iron Age specialists from Greece and Cyprus that have followed in the footsteps of Professor Nicolas Coldstream will meet on the 13th of December in the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus to honour the memory of their tutor and to highlight the long-term legacy of his enlightening and matter-of-fact contributions on the key role held by Cyprus in the economy of the Mediterranean world during the Early Iron Age. Long before the establishment of the University of Cyprus, and the development of a School of Cypriot Archaeology, Professor Coldstream was the only university teacher in Europe that had introduced regular undergraduate courses and graduate seminars on the archaeology of Cyprus at University College, London.

Prof. Nota Kourou (University of Athens), Prof. Alexander Mazarakis-Ainian (University of Thessaly), Prof. Irene Lemos (Oxford University), Prof. Maria Iacovou (University of Cyprus) and Associate Prof. Vasiliki Kassianidou (University of Cyprus), one-time pupils of Nicolas Coldstream, will be joined by seven of their own former students (Anna Georgiadou, Antonis Kotsonas, Tonia Livieratou, Manos Mikrakis, Giorgos Papantoniou, Giorgos Papasavvas and Anna Satraki) - young scholars who belong to the *avant garde* of Greek archaeologists specializing on the Early Iron Age of the Aegean and Cyprus - to celebrate the lasting impact of Coldstream's work. Vassos Karageorghis, old friend and associate of Nicolas, will present his human and scholarly personality and Despo Pilidou, also a student of Coldstream and

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now Curator of Antiquities in the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus, will give an

appreciation of Nicolas as teacher and academic advisor.

The Workshop will be opened by the Director of the Archaeological Research Unit, Prof.

Demetrios Michaelides. It will be addressed by the Director of Antiquities of Cyprus, Dr

Maria Hadjicosti and the Director of the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation, Mrs Lefki

Michaelides, who has pledged to publish the proceedings promptly. Back in 1986, Nicolas

Coldstream had delivered the Cultural Foundation's Second Annual Lecture on the History

and Archaeology of Cyprus (the first was by Jean Pouilloux), entitled The Originality of

Cypriot Art.

With this meeting, the University of Cyprus and the Archaeological Research Unit wish to

acknowledge a major debt owed to the late Professor Coldstream who, as chairman or

member of many selection committees in the 1990s, was instrumental in electing the first

professors of archaeology in the faculty of the Department of History and Archaeology.

The Workshop is open to the public (no fees) and all are welcome to attend.

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