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## INTRODUCTION

Project **MedSTACH** aims to establish Cyprus as an excellence hub in archaeology and cultural heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean region, capitalising on multidisciplinary research and technological innovation. To this end, key Cypriot public academic institutions and national policy makers and stakeholders are teaming up with leading international research and academic institutions to lay the groundwork towards creating the **Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage** (acronym **MedSTACH**).

The **MedSTACH** proposal was ranked 1st (attaining full marks 15/15, “Excellent”) on a pan-European scale, among 208 proposals submitted to Programme “Teaming for Excellence” Phase 1, part of European Union’s (EU) Horizon 2020 framework for Research and Innovation. Programme “Teaming for Excellence” (Teaming) aims at connecting, via the creation of new or the major upgrade of existing Centers of Excellence, renowned research institutions from countries with a strong tradition in Research and Innovation with institutions from countries with developing research activity, so that the latter countries become more competitive in securing research funds. The **MedSTACH** proposal was awarded 0.4 million euros for a period of one year (Phase 1 of the Programme) in order to develop a business plan for the **MedSTACH** Centre of Excellence. That business plan will be submitted for evaluation to the EU during Phase 2 of the Teaming Programme, seeking funding up to 15 million euros for a period of 5-7 years, with the possibility of an additional equal amount of national co-funding for a period of 15 years.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of **MedSTACH** is the development of the necessary scientific and technological environment for the advancement of the state-of-the-art in archaeology and cultural heritage research in Cyprus, the Eastern Mediterranean region, and beyond; this will be accomplished by strengthening regional well-springs of scientific and technological expertise, capacity for innovation, and synergies among related Science, Engineering and Technology disciplines. The Centre's mission is fully aligned with the Smart Specialisation Strategy for Cyprus, as it responds to the need for the study, protection, promotion and ultimately valorisation of Cyprus's unique archaeological wealth, as well as the promotion of alternative forms of thematic (cultural heritage) tourism. **MedSTACH**, a first-ever established alliance of this scale in Cyprus for archaeology and cultural heritage, is expected to dynamically promote excellence in relevant research fields and to enhance Cyprus's role as a pole of attraction for scientists and researchers from the Eastern Mediterranean region and the rest of the world, while promoting in a sustainable way smart specialisation and new job creation.

## THE CONSORTIUM

The **MedSTACH** consortium is coordinated by the Department of Civil Engineering and Geomatics of the Cyprus University of Technology (lead partner), and includes as partners the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus, the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus – the national stakeholder and policy maker responsible for cultural heritage management on the island, and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation – the national stakeholder a policy maker responsible for the promotion of Cyprus’s touristic product. The consortium also includes the Laboratory of Geophysical-Satellite Remote Sensing and Archaeo-environment of the Institute for Mediterranean Studies of the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH), and the Institute of Archaeology of the University College London (UCL), both of which convey the experience and expertise of leading international research and academic institutions.



The MedSTACH consortium



## THE STORY BEHIND OUR LOGO

### M + ∞

The **MedSTACH** logo is a combination of letter “M” and the infinity (∞) symbol. Letter “M” represents monuments/memory, and the logo alludes to the use of technology in order to preserve monuments, and cultural heritage in general, into perpetuity. The colour transition from dark green (left) to copper (right) alludes to the restoration of archaeo-materials through technological means.

## 2018 EUROPEAN YEAR OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

The **MedSTACH** project has been awarded the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 (EYCH) label.

The decision of the EYCH 2018 label award was based on the fact that the **MedSTACH** initiative can contribute to the achievement of one or more of the general and specific objectives of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, as endorsed by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU in Article 2 of the legal decision calling for the EYCH.

*“Throughout 2018, we will celebrate our diverse cultural heritage across Europe - at EU, national, regional and local level. The aim of the European Year of Cultural Heritage is to encourage more people to discover and engage with Europe’s cultural heritage, and to reinforce a sense of belonging to a common European space. The slogan for the year is: Our heritage: where the past meets the future” (<https://europa.eu/cultural-heritage>)*

OUR HERITAGE:  
WHERE THE PAST  
MEETS THE FUTURE



## LAUNCHING OF THE HORIZON 2020 TEAMING PROJECT MedSTACH

Another milestone in Cyprus's course towards international recognition as a science and technology excellence hub was recently reached with the kick-off meeting of the European project: Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage – **MedSTACH**. The project seeks to design a new Centre of Excellence in Cyprus for the study and promotion of cultural heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean region, capitalising on recent developments in relevant sciences, engineering and technology.

The kick-off meeting of project **MedSTACH** was organised by the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus, and took place at "Kastellitissa" Medieval Hall, in Nicosia, Cyprus, on September 5th, 2017. The welcome speech was given by the Director of the Department of Antiquities Dr. M. Solomidou-Ieronymidou, while opening addresses were given by: the Director of the Directorate for Research, Innovation and Lifelong Learning of the Directorate of General for European Programmes, Coordination and Development, Mrs. I. Kleanthous, the Scientific Officer of the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, Mrs. K. Makri, the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, Mr. M. Demetriades, the Rector of the Cyprus University of Technology, Prof. A. Anayiotos, the Rector of the University of Cyprus,

Prof. A. Christofidis and the Deputy Director of the Cyprus Tourism Organisation, Mr. M. Menelaou. An overview of project **MedSTACH** was subsequently presented by its coordinator, Prof. Ph. Kyriakidis, followed by presentations by consortium member representatives illustrating their contribution to the project. The meeting was attended by members of the academic, research, government, and diplomatic communities, as well as by individuals with activities and interests spanning the broader cultural heritage sector.

In their opening addresses, both the Rector of the Cyprus University of Technology, Prof. Andreas Anayiotos, and the Rector of the University of Cyprus, Prof. Constantinos Christofides, stressed the significance of project **MedSTACH**, as well as the operational readiness of both public universities to work towards the success of the project. Likewise, the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, Mr. Marios Demetriades, underlined in his opening address that: "The Centre's mission is to foster the necessary scientific and technological environment for: (a) conducting cutting-edge research in the fields of exploration, analysis and interpretation, protection, promotion, and valorisation of the unique cultural heritage of Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean, and (b) strengthening the contribution of that heritage to tourism - one of the basic priority sectors of sustainable growth - through modern and emerging technologies".





The Rector of the Cyprus University of Technology,  
Prof. Andreas Anayiotos



The Director of the Department of Antiquities,  
Dr. M. Solomidou-Ieronymidou



The Rector of the University of Cyprus,  
Prof. Constantinos Christofides



The MedSTACH Project Coordinator,  
Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis



The Minister of Transport, Communications and Works,  
Mr. Marios Demetriades



The Director of the Archaeological Research Unit,  
University of Cyprus, Prof. Vasiliki Kassianidou





"Kastelliotissa" Medieval Hall, in Nicosia, Cyprus

## MedSTACH LAUNCH INTERNATIONALLY

The launch of **MedSTACH** was announced at the official websites of the University College London (UCL) in the UK and Institute for Mediterranean Studies (FORTH) in Greece.

### Launch of new EU-funded MedSTACH collaboration

5 September 2017

The UCL Institute of Archaeology is delighted to be named as a key foreign partner in a recently successful **EU Horizon2020 'teaming' bid** to establish Cyprus as an excellence hub in archaeology and cultural heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean region.

Over the next year, major Cypriot public academic institutions, national policy makers and other key national stakeholders, with input from UCL, will lay the groundwork for creating an **Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage** (MedSTACH).

MedSTACH's goal will be to develop state-of-the-art computational, geospatial, and other scientific or technological approaches to archaeology and cultural heritage in Cyprus and the wider Eastern Mediterranean region.



[University College London \(UCL\)](#)

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### Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage MedSTACH

[www.medstach.eu](http://www.medstach.eu)

Το έργο **MedSTACH** αποσκοπεί στην εδραίωση της Κύπρου ως κέντρο αριστείας για την αρχαιολογία και την πολιτιστική κληρονομιά στην ευρύτερη περιοχή της Ανατολικής Μεσογείου, αξιοποιώντας τη διεπιστημονική έρευνα και την τεχνολογική καινοτομία. Για το σκοπό αυτό, Κυπριακά δημόσια ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα και εθνικοί φορείς χάραξης πολιτικής συμπράττουν μαζί με κορυφαία διεθνή ερευνητικά/ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα ώστε να θέσουν τις βάσεις για τη δημιουργία του Κέντρου Αριστείας **Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage** (ακρωνύμιο **MedSTACH**).

Αποστολή του **MedSTACH** αποτελεί η δημιουργία του κατάλληλου επιστημονικού και τεχνολογικού περιβάλλοντος για τη διεξαγωγή έρευνας αιχμής στην αρχαιολογία και την πολιτιστική κληρονομιά στην Κύπρο και την ευρύτερη περιοχή της Ανατολικής Μεσογείου. Προς αυτή την κατεύθυνση, θα ενισχυθούν οι τοπικές νησίδες επιστημονικής και τεχνολογικής εμπειρογνομosύνης, το δυναμικό καινοτομίας, καθώς και οι συνέργειες μεταξύ συναφών κλάδων της επιστήμης, της μηχανικής και των σύγχρονων τεχνολογιών. Η αποστολή του Κέντρου είναι πλήρως ευθυγραμμισμένη με τη **Στρατηγική Έξιμηνης Εξειδίκευσης της Κύπρου**, καθώς ανταποκρίνεται στην ανάγκη μελέτης, προστασίας, προώθησης και αξιοποίησης του μοναδικού αρχαιολογικού πλούτου της Κύπρου, καθώς και ανάπτυξης εναλλακτικών μορφών (θεματικού) τουρισμού βασισμένων στην πολιτιστική κληρονομιά. Το **MedSTACH**, μια πρωτοφανούς εμβέλειας σύμπραξη στην Κύπρο για την αρχαιολογία και την πολιτιστική κληρονομιά, αναμένεται να προάγει δυναμικά την αριστεία σε συναφείς τομείς έρευνας και τεχνολογίας, και να ενδυναμώσει το ρόλο της Κύπρου ως πόλο έλξης επιστημόνων και ερευνητών από την ευρύτερη περιοχή της Ανατολικής Μεσογείου και από όλο τον κόσμο, προωθώντας παράλληλα με βιώσιμο τρόπο την έξιμηνη εξειδίκευση και τη δημιουργία νέων θέσεων εργασίας.

Την κοινοπραξία **MedSTACH** συντονίζει ως επικεφαλής εταίρος το Τμήμα Πολιτικών Μηχανικών και Μηχανικών Γεωπληροφορικής του Τεχνολογικού Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου, με εταίρους την Ερευνητική Μονάδα Αρχαιολογίας του Πανεπιστημίου Κύπρου, το Τμήμα Αρχαιοτήτων Κύπρου και τον Κυπριακό Οργανισμό Τουρισμού. Την κοινοπραξία συμπληρώνουν το Εργαστήριο Γεωφυσικής, Δορυφορικής Τηλεπισκόπησης και Αρχαιοπεριβάλλοντος του Ιδρύματος Τεχνολογίας και Έρευνας της Ελλάδας (ΙΤΕ), και το **Institute of Archaeology** του University College London (UCL) της Αγγλίας, κομίζοντας εμπειρία και τεχνολογία πρωτοπόρων ιδρυμάτων διεθνώς σε θέματα Έρευνας και Καινοτομίας.

[Institute for Mediterranean Studies \(FORTH\)](#)

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## MedSTACH at 10<sup>th</sup> MONUBASIN symposium

Project MedSTACH was presented during the 10th MONUBASIN (International Symposium on the Conservation of Monuments in the Mediterranean Basin) held at the National Technical University of Athens, Greece, in September 2017.



MedSTACH at the 10th International Symposium on the Conservation of Monuments in the Mediterranean Basin

## MedSTACH at Graz International Conference

Project MedSTACH was presented at the Classical Cyprus, International Conference of Cypriot Archaeology during September 21-23, 2017 at Graz, Austria.



MedSTACH at Graz

September 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>th</sup> 2017

September 21<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>th</sup> 2017

## MedSTACH at Researcher's Night, Cyprus

MedSTACH participated in Cyprus's largest Research and Science event 'Researcher's Night' at Cyprus State Fair in Nicosia. MedSTACH was advertised at the Archaeological Research Unit's (ARU) booth "Archaeology and Cultural Heritage: From Antiquity to the Present", which offered a unique experience to young and older audiences interested in archaeology and cultural heritage. Our visitors had the opportunity to learn about ancient technologies and experience first-hand materials and techniques used in the past for the production of objects made of clay, stone and other... We would like to thank all our visitors and wish to see you all again at our next event!



MedSTACH and Archaeology at Researcher's Night 2017 in Nicosia!

^ | **September 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**



## MedSTACH in Brussels

Phaedon Kyriakidis (Coordinator) and Vasiliki Kassianidou represented **MedSTACH** at the Teaming Coordinators Day in the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission in Brussels.



Phaedon Kyriakidis (Coordinator) and Vasiliki Kassianidou at the Teaming Coordinators Day in Brussels



| **November 9<sup>th</sup> 2017**



## MedSTACH at the 30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICCROM



The 30th General Assembly of ICCROM

The 30th General Assembly of ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) was held in Rome between 29 November - 1 December 2017, the main focus of the discussions being the destructions of archaeological and historic sites, primarily as a result of armed conflict, but also due to natural disasters or man-made interventions. During this General Assembly, the nomination of a new Director-General was ratified, while ICCROM's strategic directions were presented, so as to provide for the sustainable management of cultural heritage and contribute to the dialogue concerning the actions that need to be implemented so as to safeguard heritage. At the time, the Director of the Department of Antiquities, Dr Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou, was partic-

ipating at the General Assembly of UNESCO, and as a result, following her decision, the Republic of Cyprus was represented at the 30th General Assembly of ICCROM, by Dr Anthi Kaldeli, Archaeological Officer at the Department of Antiquities, and participant in MedSTACH.

Given the international character of ICCROM, Dr Kaldeli had the opportunity, during private discussions, to inform other participants, especially the ones coming from Eastern Europe and the Middle East, about **MedSTACH**, and its objectives concerning the scientific research it will undertake, which, according to the current political situation in the region, may play an important role in the broader area of the Eastern Mediterranean. Thus, the Department of Antiquities' objectives were also highlighted, as it became apparent that the Department, as the governmental authority responsible for the control, protection, research and promotion of the archaeological heritage, seeks to be part and supports high-end research, the results of which will ultimately support its strategic actions. As this General Assembly was dedicated to crisis zones, such as the Eastern Mediterranean, it became possible to underline Cyprus's potential role in archaeological research and subsequently the preservation of heritage in this region.

^ | **November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**



## First Info Day at Archaeological Research Unit (ARU), University of Cyprus

The first of a series of Info Days on the **MedSTACH** Project was organized on the 5th of December 2017 at the Archaeological Research Unit, University of Cyprus. The Info Day was aimed at colleagues who are involved in the study, protection or display of cultural heritage and offered a platform for the development of an effective dialogue between them and the **MedSTACH** partnership. Representatives of 12 different organisations, including the A.G. Leventis Foundation and the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI), active in the fields of archaeology and cultural heritage in Cyprus attended the event, marking the first **MedSTACH** Info Day a big success!



MedSTACH Info Day at the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus

## MedSTACH at the launch of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018

The launching of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 was held on the 7th of December 2017 in Milan, while meetings were also organized on the 8th of December 2017. The Republic of Cyprus was represented at the meetings and the kick-off event by the Director of the Department of Antiquities, Dr Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou, who was accompanied by the Archaeological Officer Dr Anthi Kaldeli, as within the Department of Antiquities, she is responsible for the strategies of the European Commission on the management and promotion of cultural heritage. During these meetings, the Director of the Department of Antiquities, who is also National Coordinator for the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 (EYCH2018) for the Republic of Cyprus, presented **MedSTACH** and proposed to the officers of the European Commission in charge of EYCH2018, the reasons why MedSTACH should be considered an important action for Europe, also within the Horizon 2020 strategies, and thus be represented with the EYCH2018 logo. It is reminded that the EYCH2018 aims at highlighting the role of culture for Europe, particularly for social cohesion, acceptance of social differences and promotion of human rights.



The launching of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018

As **MedSTACH's** key objective is the conduct of archaeological research so as to provide for the sustainability of culture, it is the National Coordinator's belief that this project should form part of the activities put forward by the Republic of Cyprus, celebrating the common culture of Europe.

## Delegation from the University of Cyprus in Cairo with the aim to reinforce research collaboration between Cyprus and Egypt in the fields of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

Representatives from the University of Cyprus visited Cairo between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 to explore possibilities for research collaboration between Cyprus and Egypt in the fields of archaeology and cultural heritage. The delegation from the University of Cyprus was led by the Head of the Department of History and Archaeology, Ass. Prof. Giorgos Papasavvas, accompanied by the Director of the Archaeological Research Unit, Prof. Vasiliki Kassianidou and Postdoctoral Researcher Dr Maria Dikomitou-Eliadou.

During the two-day visit, the delegation from the University of Cyprus met with the directors and heads of conservation and scientific research laboratories of the two largest museums in Egypt, namely the Grand Egyptian Museum and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation, as well as officials from the Ministry of Antiquities. Discussions were focused on reinforcing cooperation with the University of Cyprus and the **MedSTACH** project in archaeological research, the initiation of research ven-

tures, the exchange of methodologies and research staff, as well as joint staff training events.

The visit was organised in the framework of the European-funded research initiative “Eastern Mediterranean Science, Engineering and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (**MedSTACH**)”, which aims at the establishment and operation of a Research and Technological Centre of Excellence in archaeology and cultural heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean region, based on Cyprus, capitalising on multidisciplinary research and technological innovation. For the success of the **MedSTACH** project, the University of Cyprus joined forces with the Cyprus Technological University (leading partner), the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation. If **MedSTACH** is successful in its second phase of operation, it will be funded with 15 million euros from the European Commission, for a period of 5-7 years, with the possibility of an additional equal amount of national co-funding for a period of 15 years. The Egyptian authorities welcomed the **MedSTACH** initiative, expressing their interest in reinforcing research collaboration between Cyprus and Egypt.

The visit to Cairo came soon after the 5th Cyprus-Egypt-Greece summit held in Nicosia on the 21st of November, where the three countries expressed their joint interest in preserving and protecting the cultural heritage of the eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, as stated in the joint declaration of the summit. The University of Cyprus was also received by HE the Minister of Antiquities of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dr Khaled El-Enany. The University of Cyprus extends its gratitude to the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Cairo, for the support offered to the delegation prior and during this significant trip.



MedSTACH at the Sphinx!



From the courtesy meeting with HE the Minister and Deputy Minister of Antiquities of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

## MedSTACH Info Day for Stakeholders

An Info Day on the MedSTACH Project was organized on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 by the Department of Civil Engineering and Geomatics of the Cyprus University of Technology, Coordinator of the Project. The Info Day was hosted by the Technical Chamber of Cyprus in Nicosia. Representatives of all Cypriot engineering and technical associations operating in the fields of heritage study, protection, restoration and promotion had the opportunity to get information about the project and exchange opinions. A fruitful discussion paved the way for future collaboration between local stakeholders and the MedSTACH Centre of Excellence.



MedSTACH Info Day at the Technical Chamber of Cyprus



**December 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**



**December 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**



## MedSTACH Info Day at the Department of Antiquities

An Info Day for the promotion of **MedSTACH** was organized by the Department of Antiquities in the library of the Cyprus Museum in Nicosia. The aim of this event was to inform important stakeholders from the public sector, which are also among the close collaborators of the Department of Antiquities, about the scope of **MedSTACH**, and the ways in which the activities that will be put forward within this Centre of Excellence, will provide support and facilitate the work currently undertaken by these authorities and agencies. Another aim was to list ideas from these stakeholders, as to the scientific fields that need to be developed, based on current needs. Future synergies between **MedSTACH** and the public sector were therefore promoted as part of the event, for the protection and promotion of cultural heritage in Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean, based on high-end scientific research.



MedSTACH Info Day at the Cyprus Museum

## MedSTACH at the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CyBC)

Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis, coordinator of the **MedSTACH** project, discussed **MedSTACH**'s significance at Cyprus's Broadcasting Corporation (CyBC's) Channel 3, in light of the recently awarded European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 (EYCH 2018) label.



^ | **January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**

^ | **January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**



## MedSTACH Info Day in Athens

An Info Day was organized in Athens by the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus in the beginning of 2018 and hosted at the “House of Cyprus”. The Info Day was aimed at colleagues who are involved in the study, protection or display of cultural heritage and offered a platform for the development of an effective dialogue between them and the MedSTACH partnership. Numerous representatives of public and private organisations and companies attended the Info Day, including individuals from the Ministry of Culture and Sports, National Technical University of Athens, University of the Aegean, National Centre for Scientific Research ‘Demokritos’, Fitch Laboratory / British School at Athens, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens, Time Heritage, Museum of Cycladic Art, Tinos Virtual Museum, AE-THERIA LTD, THETIS Authentics Ltd, Post Scriptum Ltd. The event set the foundations for a productive dialogue and opened up the possibilities for future collaborations.



MedSTACH Info Day at the “House of Cyprus” in Athens

MedSTACH wishes to thank the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Athens, and particularly the House of Cyprus – Educational Office for hosting us and their overall assistance in organizing the event.

The Info Day in Athens provided also a great opportunity to MedSTACH team members to visit a number of research centres based in the Greek capital and discuss potential future research collaborations. The team visited the lab facilities of the American School of Classical studies at Athens (Malcolm H. Wiener Laboratory), British School at Athens (Fitch Lab) and the National Centre for Scientific Research (NCSR) ‘Demokritos’.



MedSTACH team members with the Director of Wiener Lab, Dr. Panagiotis Karkanias



| January 25<sup>th</sup> 2018





## MedSTACH creates links with the European Council of Civil Engineers

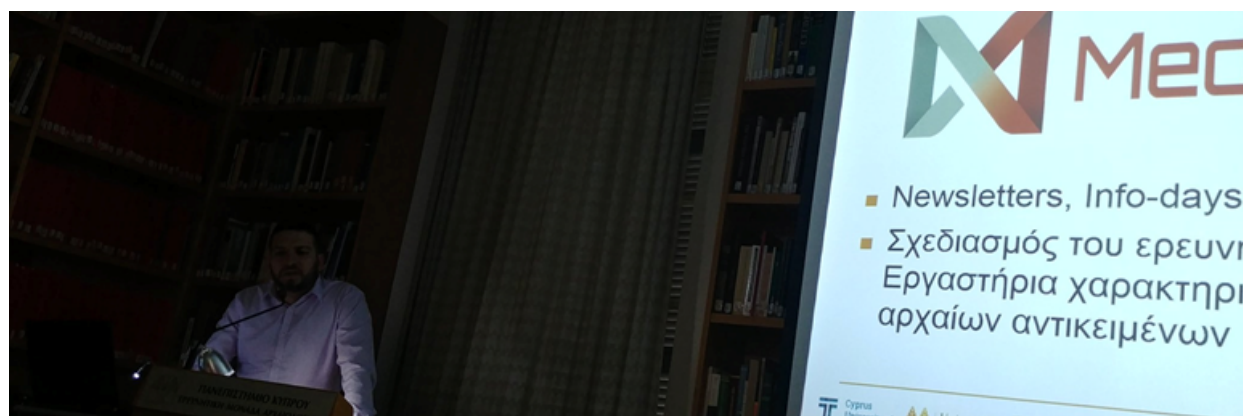
MedSTACH project was presented to the members of the European Council of Civil Engineers (<http://www.ecceengineers.eu>) through the Cyprus Council of Civil Engineers (<http://www.cceaa.org.cy/en>). The European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE) was created in 1985 out of the common concern of the professional bodies for Civil Engineers in Europe that the Civil Engineers working together across Europe could offer much more to assist Europe advance its built environment and protect the natural environment. At the European Union level, ECCE aims to promote the highest technical and ethical standards, to provide a source of impartial advice, and promote co-operation with other pan-European organisations in the construction industry. ECCE also advises and influences individual governments and professional institutions, formulates standards and achieves a mutual compatibility of different regulations controlling the profession, and formulates standards for a European Code of Conduct of the Civil Engineering Profession and disciplinary procedures applicable

throughout the Union. ECCE formulates guidelines to maintain and raise standards of civil engineering education, training and professionals competence, as well as assisting in achieving mutual compatibility of Euro codes, standards and regulations in the related industry and encouraging and improving levels of safety and quality in the industry.



## MedSTACH at the “Archaeological Research of the University of Cyprus for 2017” Conference

MedSTACH was presented and discussed at the annual “Archaeological Research of the University of Cyprus for 2017” Conference which was organized for the third consecutive year by the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus and held at the Unit’s impressive premises.



MedSTACH at the “Archaeological Research of the University of Cyprus for 2017” Conference

^ | February 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Secondary Education and MedSTACH

The **MedSTACH** project was presented on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to students from the Gymnasium of Agios Neophytos, Kato Polemidia, Limassol. A selected group of 20 students accompanied by their teachers had the opportunity to see an overview of recent technological advances in the field of Geoinformatics targeted to Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Sciences.



MedSTACH at the Gymnasium of Agios Neophytos, Limassol

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## MedSTACH supports the CAA-Gr 2018 Conference – 19-20<sup>th</sup> June, Cyprus

The MedSTACH project supports the CAA-Gr 2018 conference that will be organized in Cyprus. The third CAA-GR conference will be held at the Cyprus University of Technology, in Limassol, Cyprus, from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The main venue will be preceded by workshops on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018. CAA (Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology) is the premier international conference for all aspects of computing, quantitative methods and digital applications in Archaeology. With a history going back to 1972, CAA encourages participation from scholars, specialists and experts in the fields of archaeology, history, cultural heritage, digital scholarship, GIS, mathematics, semantic web, informatics and members of other disciplines that complement and extend the interests of CAA. The Greek chapter of CAA International (CAA-GR) was established in 2012, in order to develop a forum for discussing practical, theoretical and methodological issues involved in the increasing number of computer applications in Greek archaeological and cultural heritage contexts, and sharing the results

of related research. CAA-GR aims to encourage communication between different disciplines, to provide a survey of present work in the field, to stimulate discussion and further develop relevant research areas. For these reasons, it welcomes archaeologists with expertise from a variety of disciplines in the field of social sciences, life sciences, engineering and arts, actively involved in computer applications in the cultural heritage domain, conservators, mathematicians and computer scientists.



## MedSTACH at Society for Archaeological Sciences Bulletin (SAS Bulletin)



“**MedSTACH**”: Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage. The Eastern Mediterranean area hosts the vestiges of major ancient cultures that have shaped the formation of modern European societies. Situated in the heart of Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus formally constitutes the easternmost part of federal Europe, and an easternmost repository and steward of European heritage. Due to its unique geographical position, Cyprus has always been a crossroad between Europe, Africa and Asia, and a bridge between their respective cultures and civilizations; this geographical characteristic is heavily reflected on the rich and diverse cultural heritage (CH) of the island. Cyprus’s strategic position in the Eastern Mediterranean offers a unique opportunity to host a Science and Technology Centre of Excellence dedicated to archaeology and CH.

Project **MedSTACH** aims to establish Cyprus as an excellence hub in archaeology and cultural heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean region, capitalizing on multidisciplinary research and technological innovation.

To this end, key Cypriot public academic institutions and national policy makers and stakeholders are teaming up with leading international research and academic institutions to lay the groundwork towards creating the Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (acronym **MedSTACH**). More precisely, the **MedSTACH** consortium is coordinated by the Department of Civil Engineering and Geomatics of the Cyprus University of Technology and includes the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus, the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus – the national stakeholder and policy maker responsible for cultural heritage management on the island, and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation – the national stakeholder and policy maker responsible for the promotion of Cyprus’s touristic product. The consortium also includes as key international partners the Institute of Archaeology of the University College London (UCL), and the Laboratory of Geophysical-Satellite Remote Sensing and Archaeo-environment of the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH).

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