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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 I, 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 I 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 II 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/PROJECT 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



MedSTACH multimedia content

Check out our awesome video at this link: <http://medstach.eu/medstach-video/>



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Delegation from the University of Cyprus in London with the aim to promote the MedSTACH project

Representatives from the University of Cyprus (UCY) visited London between the 19th and 22th of February 2018 to present **MedSTACH** project to the British academic community and discuss collaboration opportunities in the framework of the proposed Centre of Excellence. During the visit the Head of the Department of History and Archaeology, Ass. Prof. George Papasavvas, and the Director of the Archaeological Research Unit (ARU), Prof. Vasiliki Kassianidou, met with the Director of the Institute of Archaeology of the University College London (UCL), Prof. Sue Hamilton and the Curator of the Cypriot Collection of the British Museum, Dr. Thomas Kiely. The meetings were organised with the aim to present the **MedSTACH** activities and goals, and to coordinate with the respective institutions for promoting the research project «Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage» (**MedSTACH**). The two ARU members were accompanied by Dr Maria Dikomitou-Eliadou, member of the UCY team in the **MedSTACH** project and a Marie Skłodowska-Curie research fellow at UCL Institute of Archaeology. During the meetings, the delegation of the University of Cyprus discussed the progress that has been achieved during Phase I of the **MedSTACH** project and the upcoming steps and events until the end of the project. Moreover, they addressed ways of establishing the regional character of the Centre and potential collaboration opportunities with organisations dealing with Cultural Heritage. In addition, the discussants explored ways of targeting European funding for research, and maintaining the well-established cooperation between the Archaeological Research Unit of UCY - and UCL Institute of Archaeology, after the departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union. In the framework of the visit, a public lecture by Prof. Kassianidou was organised at the Cyprus High Commission in London, on the theme of mining, processing and trade of Cypriot copper through the centuries and how those economic activities have affected the history of Cyprus. The event was co-organised by UCL Institute of Archaeology and the Cyprus High Commission. It was attended by the diplomatic corpus in London, members of the academic community and the Cypriot community. On behalf of UCL, Prof. Marcos Martín-Torres praised the long-lasting cooperation between the Cypriot Archaeological community and UCL, while the High Commissioner of Cyprus, Mr. Euripides Evriviades mentioned the significant and steady steps that are made by Cypriot research institutions, and primarily by the **MedSTACH** initiative, to transform Cyprus into a regional, research hub in the eastern Mediterranean.



| February 19th - 22th 2018





Starting from the right, Prof. Marcos Martín-Torres, the Cultural Counsellor Dr. Achilleas Hadjikyriacou, Prof. Vasiliki Kassianidou, the High Commissioner Mr. Euripides Evriviades, and Political Counsellor Mr. Andreas Eliades, after the lecture of Prof. Kassianidou at the Cyprus High Commission, in London.



The UCY delegation in front of the Cypriot Antiquities collection of UCL Institute of Archaeology.



The UCY delegation with the Curator of the Cypriot Collection at the British Museum.



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MedSTACH @ CAA 2018

The Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA) Annual Conference is one of the major events attended by scholars, specialists and experts every year, in the field of computing technologies applied to archaeology. The 46th Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology Conference (CAA 2018) took place at the University of Tübingen in Germany, between the 19th and 23rd of March 2018, having as central theme “Human history and digital future”. Through diverse case studies from all over the world, the conference addressed a multitude of topics, showcasing new technical approaches and best practices from both archaeological and computer-science perspectives. The conference brought together hundreds of participants from around the world in parallel sessions, workshops, tutorials and roundtables.

A special session entitled “Science and Technology (S&T) for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean” was organised and chaired by MedSTACH’s coordinator Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis. The session aimed at promoting the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the eastern Mediterranean, seeking to advance in a systematic way archaeological research and practice, as well as to enhance sustainable growth through the preservation of cultural heritage in the region. In this session, Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis presented the paper “MedSTACH: Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage” highlighting the project’s mission, its principal objectives and key research domains upon which the proposed Centre of Excellence will be built. Prof. Kyriakidis showcased the need for such a regional entity that will capitalise on scientific excellence and multidisciplinary research, providing guidelines and best practices to local, regional and European stakeholders, while at the same time bridging existing gaps “on the ground” that often hinder the valorisation of cultural heritage.

Another objective of the session was to identify current and future prospects of projects and activities in the wider area of the eastern Mediterranean, as well as to illustrate and analyse needs in the wider spectrum of technologies applied in archaeological research and cultural resource management. The session concluded with a fruitful discussion on centre sustainability, future potential, ways in which the public and private sectors could be involved, and how services developed within such centres could boost local economies while addressing existing societal and economic needs.

^ | March 19th - 23rd 2018



Prof. Kyriakidis presenting the MedSTACH project at CAA 2018.



Prof. Kyriakidis, Coordinator of MedSTACH project, at the CAA 2018 Conference in Tübingen.

^ | **March 19th - 23rd 2018**

MedSTACH and Cyprus at the Innovation and Cultural Heritage High-level Horizon 2020 Conference of The European Year of Cultural Heritage

MedSTACH attended the Innovation and Cultural Heritage High-level Horizon 2020 Conference of the European Year of Cultural Heritage that took place in Brussels on the 20th of March 2018. The conference was organised by the European Commission Directorate General for Research and Innovation, in close cooperation with Directorates General for Education and Culture and for Communications Networks, Content and Technology and was attended by hundreds of representatives of the cultural heritage sector from all around Europe.

The conference was organised as a means of showcasing the dialogue between contemporary European society and the most promising innovations in the field of cultural heritage that European policies and funds have supported. **MedSTACH** could not, of course, be missing from this European event given its mission – i.e. the development of the necessary scientific and technological environment for the advancement of the state-of-the-art in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage research and related applications/services in Cyprus, the eastern Mediterranean region, Europe, and beyond – perfectly aligned with the main themes of the high-level conference.

The conference sessions highlighted policy, social, technological, methodological innovations and new, promising partnerships for cultural heritage. A long list of distinguished speakers – including Jean-David Malo, Director of the European Commission Directorate General for Research and Innovation, Gábor Sonkoly of the Panel for European Heritage Label, Antonia Moropoulou of the National Technical University of Athens, Piero Baglioni of the University of Florence and Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society – led a series of panel discussions and round tables on policy developments, success stories and future challenges on cultural heritage.

During the conference Drs Theodora Moutsiou and Andreas Charalambous of the Archaeological Research Unit, University of Cyprus and post-doctoral researchers at **MedSTACH** had the opportunity to exchange ideas and network with scientists, policy makers and stakeholders from around Europe and to showcase the importance of projects like **MedSTACH** for a sustainable future for European Cultural Heritage.

^ | **March 20th 2018**

The conference is part of the programme of the European year of Cultural Heritage and is expected to contribute to its legacy by launching the public discussion about the objectives of European research and innovation policy for cultural heritage beyond 2020. The beautiful Royal Museum of Arts and History of Brussels hosted the event and proved a most suitable and motivating environment for inspiring discussions about European cultural heritage and innovation.



Drs. Theodora Moutsiou and Andreas Charalambous delegates of MedSTACH at the Innovation & Cultural Heritage High-level Conference in Brussels, 20 March 2018.



Prof. Gábor Sonkoly of the Panel for European Heritage Label, giving the keynote lecture at the Innovation & Cultural Heritage High-level Conference in Brussels, 20 March 2018.

^ | **March 20th 2018**

MedSTACH @ The 4th Biennial of Urban and Architectural Heritage 2018

The main goal of the International Congress on the theme of the Hidden Cultural Heritage (HCH) was to draw attention to the protection strategies and management of hidden cultural heritage under water, under ground and within buildings, in areas across the Mediterranean Sea. The specific conference was held between the 25th and the 30th of April 2018 in Rethymno, Greece. The 4th Biennial of Urban and Architectural Heritage (BRAU4) organising committee chose the above theme to explore in a more holistic approach the incredible landscape and seascape that were developed by thousands of years of human colonization, migration, trade and intercultural contact in the Mediterranean. The fundamental purpose of the HCH Congress was to contribute to the development of policies and strategies for the preservation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage by fostering synergies between modern science and local knowledge. For this reason, the HCH Congress established an international forum, in which a wide range of risks threatening cultural heritage were examined and discussed from a multidisciplinary standpoint. The aim of the conference is to encourage the development of (a) cultural policies intended to preserve cultural diversities and (b) areas of communication between the public and private sectors. Among the main

outcomes of the conference was a thorough investigation of the degree of vulnerability of underwater and underground cultural heritage to everyday hazards, and the type of prevention measures that must be taken for immediate action. Moreover, the forum discussed different ways to record and protect architectural heritage hidden inside later buildings, including the remains of ancient buildings and the inappropriate changes made to them.

A wide range of people attended the conference including academics and secondary school educators, civil servants, museum staff, as well as members of NGOs and IGOs, representatives of the private sector, and members of the general public.

MedSTACH Project was presented by Dr. Apostolos Sarris, Director of Research and Deputy Director of IMS-FORTH, with a poster entitled “Designing a Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage: The **MedSTACH** project”.



The poster of the 4th Biennial of Urban and Architectural Heritage (BRAU4)

^ | April 25th - 30th 2018

MedSTACH @ AGILE 2018

The Association of Geographic Information Laboratories in Europe (AGILE) has been organizing annual conferences focused on Geographical Information Science for more than two decades. The 21st AGILE conference was held in Lund, Sweden between the 12th and the 15th of June 2018. The theme of the conference for this year (2018) was Geospatial Technologies for All.

This year's main topics included Big Spatial Data: Analysis and Visualization, Volunteered Geographic Information and Community Observatories, Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of GI, as well as GIScience and Technology Education and Training. AGILE ensured that new perspectives on teaching and research in geographic information science were fully represented at the conference in order to help shaping the future European research agenda in this field, emphasizing at the same time an interest in the development and application of geospatial information technologies, in all fields and disciplines.

At AGILE 2018, MedSTACH's coordinator, Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis, presented a poster entitled "Designing a Geospatial Technologies - Enabled Eastern Mediterranean Science, Engineering and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage". Prof. Kyriakidis had the opportunity to meet, discuss and exchange ideas with other experts in relevant fields

on how geospatial technologies could be used and enhanced in a way that would be beneficial for the understanding and the valorisation of Cultural Heritage within an eastern Mediterranean context.



The venue of the AGILE 2018 conference at Lund University, Sweden.



The MedSTACH poster on display during the AGILE conference, in Lund, June 2018.

^ | June 12th - 15th 2018

MedSTACH @ The 37th Annual CAARI Archaeological Workshop

The 37th Annual CAARI Archaeological Workshop was organised on Saturday, the 16th of June 2018 by the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute, in collaboration with two members of the **MedSTACH** consortium, namely the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus and the Department of Antiquities. The workshop comprised of a series of lectures highlighting and promoting current archaeological work that is undertaken in Cyprus by various foreign archaeological missions, archaeologists from the Department of Antiquities and the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus. The **MedSTACH** Project was presented by members of the Archaeological Research Unit team, with a poster entitled “Designing a Science and Technology Center of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean”.



Dr. Andreas Charalambous and the MedSTACH poster at the 37th Annual CAARI Archaeological Workshop, in Nicosia, June 2018.

MedSTACH @ CAA-GR 2018 conference, organised in Cyprus

Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA) is the premier international conference for all aspects of computing, quantitative methods and digital applications in Archaeology. 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, as well as sharing relevant research results.

The 3rd CAA-GR conference entitled “Spreading Excellence in Computer Applications for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage” was between the 19th and 20th of June 2018 at the Cyprus University of Technology in Limassol with the support of the **MedSTACH** project. The main conference was preceded by a workshop, organised on the day before by Dr. Luigi Barazzetti and Dr. Riccardo Valente of the Politecnico di Milano, covering in practical terms the necessary workflow for 3D data processing.

The CAA conference started with opening remarks by Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis from the Cyprus University of Technology, in his capacity as organiser and chair of CAA-GR 2018; Prof. Vasiliki Kassianidou as co-organiser and Director of the Archaeological Research Unit of University of Cyprus; Prof. Andreas Anayiotos, Rector of Cyprus University of Technology and Dr. Apostolos Sarris, President of the CAA-GR for the period 2015-2018. The keynote speech was given by Prof. Maria Iacovou from the University of Cyprus, who presented the ongoing Palaepaphos Urban Landscape Project, an innovative archaeological project that combines cutting-edge digital technologies and traditional archaeological methodologies to answer big archaeological questions of Cypriot antiquity.

Before kicking-off the main conference activities, Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis gave a brief overview of the **MedSTACH** project. Prof. Kyriakidis highlighted the structure of the proposed Centre of Excellence (CoE); the center’s designed hubs and accumulated consortium expertise aimed at responding to the real needs of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the troubled region of the eastern Mediterranean. Concluding his presentation, he invited participants to explore possible collaboration opportunities among **MedSTACH** and their institutions.



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During the two-day conference, researchers from the international scientific community gave oral and poster presentations showcasing current work in the fields of prospection and recording, the use of geospatial technologies and remote sensing for mapping cultural heritage, the modeling and semantic enrichment of acquired data, as well the application of non-destructive techniques, such as pXRF spectrometry, in the cultural heritage domain. The **MedSTACH** Consortium had a very strong presence with ten presentations on a range of topics, including UCL's Mark Altaweel who talked about "The heritage of Brexit: How the past is used to construct political identities in social media" and FORTH-HELLAS' Apostolos Sarris, who presented "The quest of the grave of Andreas Vesalius in Zakynthos".

The **MedSTACH** consortium prepared a poster that was on display throughout the CAA-GR conference, aiming at the project's wider dissemination and at raising awareness and networking opportunities. The poster was entitled "Designing a Science and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean" and portrayed the project in detail, including its objectives, design of the **MedSTACH** CoE, as well as its expected impact.

Before the closing remarks, a brief presentation was given regarding the next conference of CAA-GR that will be organised in Athens at the premises of the National Centre of Scientific Research "Demokritos" in 2020. The new board of CAA-GR was also elected with an anticipated 3-year tenure. Dr. Athos Agapiou of the Cyprus University of Technology and one of **MedSTACH** project's key research staff was elected as the new President of CAA-GR!!! Warm congratulations to Athos!!



Dr. Athos Agapiou, the newly elected President of CAA-GR and Dr. George Pavlidis discuss the association's vision with the CAA-GR conference attendees.



| **June 19th - 20th 2018**





MedSTACH's Project Coordinator, Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis presents the MedSTACH project at the CAA-GR conference, in Limassol, June 2018.



Drs. Theodora Moutsiou and Andreas Charalambous presenting MedSTACH at CAA-Gr Conference, Limassol 2018.



Promotion material distributed to the participants of the CAA-GR Conference, Limassol 2018.



Former president of CAA-GR Dr. Apostolos Sarris (on the left), with the main organisers of CAA-GR (on the right) Prof. Lina Kassianidou and Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis, also key members of MedSTACH consortium.

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MedSTACH project: final meeting @ CUT

The final Consortium meeting of MedSTACH Phase I project took place on the 21st and 22nd of June at the premises of the Cyprus University of Technology in Limassol. Consortium members held roundtable discussions regarding the planning of forthcoming activities for the remaining time period of Phase I. Participants discussed the deliverables that need to be submitted before the end of August 2018 showcasing the work conducted so far alongside the various meetings that took place throughout Phase I, with several public and private bodies from the eastern Mediterranean region. In addition, partners expressed their commitment in gathering relevant letters of support from those organisations that will add important value to the proposal towards its submission for Phase II, in November. Before concluding the first day of roundtable discussions, partners assigned to individual MedSTACH members all remaining pending activities towards the November submission, including proposal structure and writing, as well as the comple-



The MedSTACH consortium during its final meeting at CUT, June 2018.

tion of related Work Packages and tasks. During the second day of the meeting, Deloitte was invited to present the financial aspects of the business plan of the project, highlighting the strengths along the targeted areas for improvement of the proposed Centre of Excellence (CoE), and then partners discussed with Deloitte possible actions that should be taken to ensure the sustainability of the CoE for the years to come. Consortium partners also discussed the organisation for the upcoming MedSTACH symposium that will be held at the end of August 2018, aiming to showcase the prospects, opportunities and challenges associated with the proposed CoE.



Group photo of the MedSTACH team at CUT, Limassol, June 2018.



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MedSTACH @ World Heritage Site Managers Forum (WHSMF)

Between 21-28 June 2018, Dr Anthi Kaldeli, Archaeological Officer at the Department of Antiquities and participant in the consortium of MedSTACH, participated at the World Heritage Site Managers Forum (WHSMF), which took place in conjunction with the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee meeting, in Manama, Bahrain. The WHSMF 2018 was organised by the Kingdom of Bahrain and ICCROM, in association with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS, and IUCN. The theme of the Forum was “World Heritage Site Manager: Role, Responsibility and Capacity-Building Needs”. Dr Kaldeli was invited by the World Heritage Leadership Programme to present a case study focusing on the management strategies that the Department of Antiquities applies to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the “Painted Churches in the Troodos Region”, and outline aspects relating to managing continuity and change. Dr Kaldeli also had an active role in group discussions, in which World Heritage site managers participated from across the world. The scope of the Forum, and its focus on a wide range of crucial aspects relating to the management of World Heritage sites, enabled Dr Kaldeli to further expand her knowledge on certain important issues relating to the management of modern challenges concerning archaeological sites and their surroundings. This knowledge will also be constructively used for the benefit of MedSTACH.



Dr. Anthi Kaldeli, delegate of MedSTACH, at the World Heritage Site Managers Forum (WHSMF)



June 21th - 28th 2018



MedSTACH @ 42nd World Heritage Session

The Director of the Department of Antiquities, Dr Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou, and Archaeological Officer Dr Anthi Kaldeli, members of the MedSTACH consortium, participated at the 42nd World Heritage Session that took place in Manama, Bahrain, between 24 June – 4 July 2018, as part of the Delegation of the Republic of Cyprus. Dr Kaldeli was present at the beginning of the World Heritage Session, until the 28th June, also as part of the World Heritage Site Managers Forum, while the Director of the Department of Antiquities was also present at the election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 43rd World Heritage Committee (2019). During the 42nd World Heritage Session, reports of the World Heritage Centre on the activities and the implementation of decisions were revised, the state of conservation was examined of World Heritage Properties as well as of Properties in danger. Focus was also put on policies.



The venue of the 42nd World Heritage Session



| June 24th - July 4th 2018



OTHER NEWS

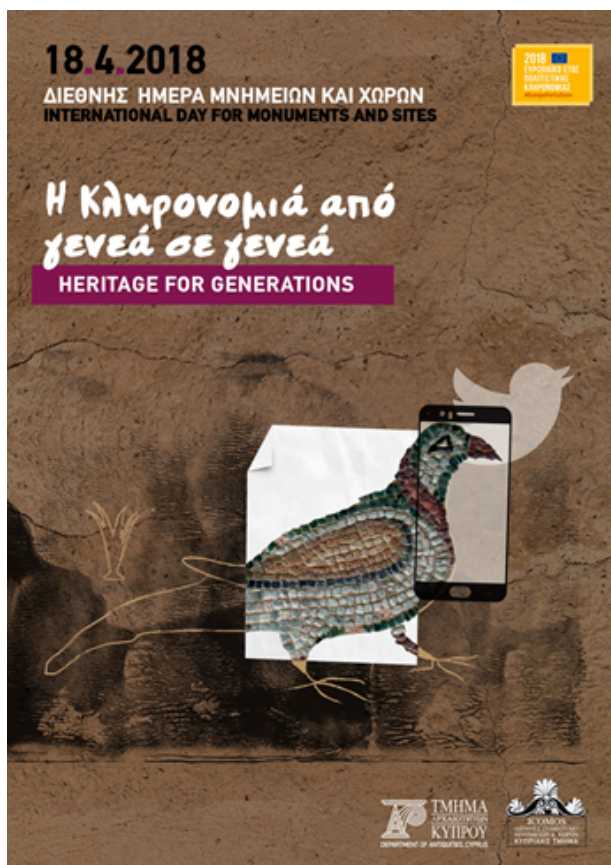
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International Day for Monuments and Sites 2018

MedSTACH supported the International Day for Monuments 2018, organised by one of our Consortium members, namely the Department of Antiquities of the Republic of Cyprus.



UNESCO Chair

MedSTACH supports and collaborates with the UNESCO Chair on Digital Cultural Heritage (for more information <https://www.digitalheritagelab.eu/>). The UNESCO Chair has been awarded to Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) Digital Heritage Research Lab “in recognition of its important work on an international level in research, study, education, science, development, innovation, new technologies, digitisation, preservation and promotion of cultural heritage”.



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| April 18th 2018

| May 15th 2018



MedSTACH Final Conference

Within the context of the **MedSTACH** project, the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus, in collaboration with the other **MedSTACH** consortium partners, is organising a one-day symposium entitled “Designing a Cross-Institutional Science, Engineering and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean: Prospects, Opportunities and Challenges”. The objective of the symposium is to present the progress of the **MedSTACH** Teaming Phase 1 project to date, as well as to facilitate the exchange of thoughts and experiences from institutions in Cyprus, Greece and the UK, pertaining to the prospects, opportunities and challenges related to such a Centre of Excellence.

The symposium will take place at the campus of the University of Cyprus on Friday August 31, 2018, and will consist of 15-minute long presentations (in English) followed by a round-table discussion; a detailed agenda will be circulated shortly. Confirmed speakers include experts from Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, Libanon and Jordan. The final agenda and more for the conference you can find at the website of the project: <http://medstach.eu/conference/>.



| August 31th 2018



MedSTACH dissemination activities continue...

Phase I of MedSTACH project is officially over on the 31st of August 2018. The Consortium dissemination activities, however, will continue well within Autumn 2018. MedSTACH will participate in two international events, namely EUROMED 2018 and Smart Cities Mediterranean 2018.



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