

# Invitation

You are cordially invited to the kick-off meeting of the European Project

“Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre of Excellence  
for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage” – MedSTACH



*Where:* “Kasteliotissa” Medieval Hall, Nicosia

Agiou Marona Street, Paphos Gate, Old Town

*When:* Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Registration: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.



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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. Key Cypriot public academic institutions -- the Cyprus University of Technology and the University of Cyprus, along with relevant national policy makers and stakeholders -- the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation, are teaming up with leading international academic and research institutions -- the University College London and the Foundation for Research and Technology, Hellas -- to lay the groundwork towards creating the “**Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage**” -- acronym **MedSTACH**.

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.

Programme		
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome	Director of the Department of Antiquities, Dr. Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou
09:10 - 09:40	Greetings	Rector of the Cyprus University of Technology, Prof. Andreas Anayiotos
		Rector of the University of Cyprus, Prof. Constantinos Christofides
		Acting Director General of the Cyprus Tourism Organization, Mr. Marinos Menelaou
		Officer of the Research Promotion Foundation, Mrs. Constantina Makri
		Minister of Transport, Communications and Works, Mr. Marios Demetriades
09:40 - 10:10	MedSTACH presentation	Project Coordinator, Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis
10:10 - 10:40	Partner presentations	Department of Antiquities, Dr. Marina Solomidou-Ieronymidou
		Cyprus Tourism Organization, Mr. Ploutarhos Pantelides
		Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas, Dr. Apostolos Sarris
		University College London, Dr. Mark Altaweel
		University of Cyprus, Prof. Vasiliki Kassianidou
		Cyprus University of Technology, Prof. Phaedon Kyriakidis
10:40 - 11:00	End of programme – Coffee Break	