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New Archaeological Research Network for Integrating Approaches to ancient material studies

**A Marie Curie Initial Training Network
FP7-PEOPLE-2010-ITN
Early Stage Researcher Fellowship Announcement**

Fellowship Title and ID code

Marie Curie Early Stage Research Fellowship (ESR06) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium).

Title of Research Project

“Provenance research on Cypriot pottery classes circulating in the Eastern Mediterranean during the Bronze and early Iron Age”

Fellowship Description

The main scope of the research project is a contribution to the understanding of the long-distance exchange in the Eastern Mediterranean during the Bronze and early Iron Age. More specifically, the project aims at elucidating the provenance of Cypriot pottery classes circulating in the Eastern Mediterranean during this particular time span, by determining the regional isotopic fingerprint of Cyprus. This builds upon current research at the VUB that investigates the use of isotopic tracers (lead and strontium) in pottery provenance research. Next to isotopic analyses, the fellow will apply other techniques such as thin section petrography and chemical analyses to compare and standardise the data. The fellow will carry out fieldwork in Cyprus and follow training courses offered in the NARNIA network. The successful candidate will have the competence to combine archaeological and scientific information within an integrated programme of research.

Academic Requirements

Eligible applicants for this Fellowship (equivalent to a PhD position) must be in possession of a Master in the field of archaeology, or geology, or archaeological science, or earth science, or material science, or chemistry, or physics. Previous experience in the practice and research design of ceramic analysis and a background in Mediterranean archaeology will be considered as an advantage.

It is required that the degree has been acquired not more than 4 years earlier to the envisaged starting date.

Marie Curie ITN programs mobility requirement

At the time of the selection, applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Belgium for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the starting date.

Duration of fellowship

3 years – starting from September 2011.

Submitting an application

Deadline for Fellowship application: 30 April 2011

Applicants should contact Prof. Karin Nys and Prof. Philippe Claeys (details provided below) via e-mail, attaching their CV and a cover letter including a brief description of the reason they apply for the specific fellowship and their research plans.

Financial regime

The fellowship covers tuition fees and monthly salary in line with the FP7-PEOPLE-2010-ITN (http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/understanding/marie-curieinbrief/home_en.html).

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More information on NARNIA:

<http://www.ucy.ac.cy/data/archreun/narnia%20information.pdf>

<http://www.narnia-itn.eu>

More information on the Vrije Universiteit Brussel: <http://www.vub.ac.be>