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Follow-up Report

(for a CYQAA accredited
Institution/Department/
Programme of study)

- **Higher Education Institution:** University of Cyprus
- **Town:** Nicosia
- **Type of Evaluation:** Programmatic
- **Accredited on CYQAA Council's Summit Number:**
07.14.290.127
- **Date of Accreditation:** 01/12/2020

If applicable:

- **School/Faculty:** Faculty of Letters
- **Department:** Department of History and Archaeology
- **Programme of Study Name (Duration, ECTS, Cycle)**

Programme PhD

In Greek:

Αρχαιολογία του Μεσογειακού χώρου από την
Προϊστορία έως τη Βυζαντινή περίοδο

In English:

Archaeology of the Mediterranean from Prehistory to the
Byzantine Era

- **Programme's type:** Conventional
- **Language (s) of instruction:** Greek and English



The present document has been prepared within the framework of the authority and competencies of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA), according to the provisions of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021 [L.136(I)/2015 – L.132(I)/2021] and the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG).

A. Internal Quality Assurance Committee

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B. Guidelines on content and structure of the Follow-up Report

- *CYQAA has a consistent follow-up process for considering the action taken by the institution toward the improvement and further development of the CYQAA externally evaluated and accredited institution / department / programme of study. The present Follow-up Report should recount, synoptically, institutional action taken toward the implementation of the remarks indicated in the CYQAA Final Report.*
- *The Follow-up report should provide evidence (via website links) and appendices at the end of the report on how the remarks of the Council of CYQAA have been adhered to.*
- *The remarks indicated in the CYQAA Final Report should be copied from the corresponding report and be followed by the institution's response.*
- *The institution may add any other institutional action taken towards the implementation of ESG aiming at the improvement of the institution / department / programme of study.*

1. Remarks on the CYQAA Final Report

CYQAA Council's Decision

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 64th Summit on 22nd and 23rd March 2021, on the basis of Article 20 (2)(f) (i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2019 [N.136 (I)/2015 to N.35 (I)/2019], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee and the comments of the institution on the report, **decided that the programme is accredited to be delivered in Greek and English with the following recommendations:**

- Research ethics course inclusion.
- Upgrading of equipment and laboratories.

2. Institution's Response

A. Regarding the first recommendation of the External Evaluation Committee, that is the **Research ethics course inclusion**, I have the following to observe: As discussed during the evaluation process a year ago, the PhD Program in Mediterranean Archaeology, as every PhD program of the University of Cyprus, is not a taught PhD, and is based on the research of the PhD candidates under the supervision and mentoring of the academics of the Department. Therefore, the introduction of a course on Research Ethics would not be feasible within the processes of the completion of the PhD studies. After all, the External Evaluation Committee, has expressed the opinion that such an inclusion would be useful, but in no way did it mandate that this course must be introduced. However, the teaching staff of the Postgraduate Program, fully understands and appreciates the concerns of the External Evaluation Committee, and for this reason, the supervisors of the PhD dissertations always take care so that their students are informed about issues of research ethics, and are reminded of their obligations, and advise them accordingly.

B. In regard to the second recommendation of the External Evaluation Committee as concerns as the PhD Programm in 'Mediterranean Archaeology', that is, **Upgrading of equipment and Laboratories** of the Archaeological Research Unit, through the acquisition of more electronic equipment, which could be used both by the researchers and the PhD tudents, I can report the following purchases of such equipment (the procedures of these purchases have started in 2021 and will be completed in 2022):

1. Purchase of a new Portable X-Ray Fluoresence (pXRF), which will be used for the chemical characterisation of archaeological samples and objects (through European funds and an INTERREG program).
2. Purchase of a new microscope with applications in petrography, to be followed, very soon, by the purchase of a stereomicroscope. Both are funded by the University of Cyprus will be specifically used by PhD students, as well as by Post-graduate researchers.
3. Purchase of two more GPS receivers.
4. Purchase of equipment for the sampling of soils (Auger Set for Heterogeneous Soils).



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B. Other institutional action taken towards the implementation of ESG aiming at the improvement of the institution / department / programme of study.

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C. Signatures of the Internal Quality Assurance Committee

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