NARNIA: New Archaeological Research Network for Integrating Approaches to ancient material studies
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A Marie Curie Initial Training Network - FP7-PEOPLE-2010-ITN - to be launched December 1st.

NARNIA is an interdisciplinary project, the main objective of which is to provide young researchers with the means to conduct research on ancient Eastern Mediterranean material culture and to develop their analytical skills through a series of research and training activities.

An awareness of the recent advances in technology and an understanding of the implications for theory and practice in the heritage environment have brought together a consortium of academic institutions (The University of Cyprus, University College London, The University of Sheffield, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université Paris-Ouest, and The Hashemite University), a Research Institute (National Centre for Scientific Research “Demokritos”) and two private enterprises (G.M EUROCY INNOVATIONS LTD and Thetis Authentics LTD) in this collaborative project to support young researchers in their first steps into the competitive and complementary worlds of academia and private enterprise.

This well-structured research network aims to improve the career prospects of employment for young researchers, developing their lab-based skills in the study of ancient materials, while contributing to the history and archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean basin, a region of great historical, cultural and geopolitical significance.

In particular, through a comprehensive mobility scheme, young researchers will have the opportunity to continue their research careers at high profile universities and well-established private enterprises while working in research projects focused on the study of ancient material culture.

Sixteen ESR (Doctoral) and three ER (Post Doctoral) Fellows will be trained to integrate theory and archaeological sciences for the study of different material categories, including ceramics, metals, glass and mosaics from primarily Cyprus, Greece and Jordan.

The proposed program engages experienced academic and research staff, young entrepreneurs, and young researchers for a broad collaboration network, which will facilitate the exploration of analytical equipment and research data, while concurrently directing and promoting research activities in Eastern Mediterranean countries.
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