



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG  
DEPT OF HISTORICAL STUDIES



## **Participation in the Swedish Excavations at Hala Sultan Tekke, Cyprus, 2019**

### **29 April – 31 May 2019**

Professor Peter M. Fischer from the University of Gothenburg has carried out nine seasons of excavations from 2010 to 2018 at Hala Sultan Tekke in Cyprus. Hala Sultan Tekke is one of the largest Late Cypriot (= Late Bronze Age) cities in the Eastern Mediterranean. Students and archaeologists from all over the world have participated in the excavations. The average annual team consists of 20–30 persons.

Pre-excavation surveys with ground-penetrating radar and magnetometer resulted in the discovery of new city quarters (CQ) which date mainly to the 13th and 12th centuries BCE, nevertheless earlier remains were found too. The excavations in 2019 will concentrate on CQ1's earliest strata, the recently discovered (largest) CQ4 and the cemetery (see previous reports and maps). A number of spectacular finds confirm long-distance trade including Greece and Crete, Egypt, Sudan (?), Anatolia, Syria, Lebanon and the Levant, but also Italy and central and northern Europe. Finds include stone architecture, sophisticated pottery, objects of stone and metals, including bronze weapons and tools, gold and silver jewellery, and tools and installations for the production of copper and purple dyed textiles.

**Further information:** see <http://www.fischerarchaeology.se>

Approximately 20–25 students will be accepted to participate in NSCE19. Inexperienced students are also encouraged to apply, viz. previous field work is not a precondition. Interested students should contact (attach your CV as pdf) primarily:

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## **Deadline for applications: 31 December 2018**

# Practical information concerning the project in 2019

**Time schedule:** 28 April (last day of arrival) – 1 June (earliest day of departure) 2019

## Preliminary conditions:

The participants have to pay their travel expenses to and from Cyprus. (Simple) accommodation and (basic) meals will be provided by the expedition. Expenditures during leisure time have to be paid by the participants. Free excursions are planned for the weekends.

Although exciting, the field work is tough, the climate is fairly harsh, and the participants should be prepared to spend long days in the field and during processing of the excavated material which will be treated immediately after its discovery. Observe that excavations are carried out also on Saturdays, although reduced.

## General information:

1. Field work 6 AM to 1:30 PM, 30 min. brunch at 9:30
2. Lunch/rest until 3:30 PM
3. 3:30 PM until necessary work is finished. This work includes:
  - processing of the finds
  - database inputs, viz. all finds/find spots (EDM-total station)/features etc.
  - catalogue of digital photographs and digital video-recording
  - analogue backup = diaries, find lists etc. – general discussion on previous field work and future tasks
4. Dinner 7 PM

## Previous reports (selected):

1. Final publication: P.M. Fischer & T. Bürge, *Two Late Cypriot City Quarters at Hala Sultan Tekke. The Söderberg Expedition 2010–2017* (Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology 147), Uppsala 2018.
2. Annual preliminary reports: *Opuscula. Annual of the Swedish Institutes at Athens and Rome* 4 (2011), 5 (2012), 6 (2013), 7 (2014), 8 (2015), 9 (2016), 10 (2017) and 11 (2018, in press). The reports in *Opuscula* 4-10 can be downloaded from:

<https://ecsi.bokorder.se/Opuscula.aspx>



Cypriot and Mycenaean pottery from Tomb RR; see also top of page (excavated 2018)