HUMAN BIOARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL, CYPRUS

March 25th – 7th April 2018

HARP will be running a two-week human bioarchaeology field school from Sunday 25th March to Saturday 7th April 2018. The field school is intended for those who have no prior experience with human remains, however we are happy to provide a more bespoke course for those with some previous human osteological experience (i.e. taken an introduction to osteology course) and who would like to expand upon this experience by working with archaeologically derived skeletal material.
This course aims to provide students with an interest in bioarchaeology with a hands-on experience of working with archaeologically-derived human skeletal material and will use Cyprus as a case study to discuss aspects of mortuary practice, taphonomy, and excavation and its impact on osteological analyses.

This course will include:

- Cleaning, processing, and recording archaeologically-derived human skeletal material
- Demonstrations and seminars on aging and sexing methods
- Identifying and learning about palaeopathology on human remains
- Field skills for the excavation of human skeletal remains, with drawing conventions and photography
- Looking at metric and non-metric traits in human skeletal material
- An introduction to identification of animal bones
- Producing a skeletal report based on the material examined
- An introduction to photographing human skeletal remains in the laboratory
- Field trips to local sites that will be discussed during the programme

The Lemba Archaeology Research Centre is set in the archaeologically rich Paphos District and we will explore some of the local sites with guided tours, highlighting and discussing aspects of mortuary archaeology at each site.
Every participant will receive a check list of skills which will be signed off over the course of the field school and will produce a skeletal report to add to their portfolio of work over the two weeks. All meals will be provided on work days and we'll wind up the course with a traditional BBQ.

The course is based around the historic village of Lemba, which is located 6km from the centre of Paphos. It is beautifully situated at the top of a green valley over-looking the sea and is perfect for watching a glorious Cypriot sunset.

The cost for the field school is £550 (GBP) per person and includes full training on all aspects covered, transport for all site visits, meals on workdays and a final evening BBQ. **Flights are not included.** A non-refundable 50% deposit is required within two weeks of being offered a place on the field school in order to secure it.

**Accommodation**

Camping accommodation can be provided at the picturesque Lemba Archaeological Research Centre (LARC) and will be charged at an extra £80 (GBP) per person. The centre is where the course will be held and is centrally located in the middle of the village of Lemba, next door to the kafeneio (coffee shop) and the Lemba Pottery shop. Facilities include a toilet and shower block with hot running water and a kitchen for preparing meals. The centre is a short five-minute
stroll away from a large supermarket and take-away establishments. It is also only 500m from the local sandy beach and coastal road, which has bars, restaurants and mini-markets.

Tent plots will be provided on the flat roof of the building beneath the trailing grape vines, or in garden space behind the research centre. Mattresses will be provided but participants will need to bring their own bedding/sleeping bags. Due to the cooler spring time weather it is recommended that participants bring a tent (to be pitched on a flat roof, tents that don’t need to be pegged in place to stay up would be ideal). A full list of suggested items to bring will be sent out upon an offer of a place on the course.

Airport Transfers by local taxi (to be paid for by participant) can be arranged if required. For more information or to apply for a place please fill in the attached application and email Michelle at michelle.harparchaeology@gmail.com or find the application and information on our website at http://www.harparchaeology.co.uk/field-schools/bioarchaeology-field-school-cyprus