

Joint European Project

Establishment of A Master Degree in Archaeological Science at Yarmouk University, Jordan

Project ID	JEP 33017-2005				
Specific Project Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To establish a new Masters program in Archaeological Science. - To establish training program in Archaeological Science. - To build capacity of the faculty members. - To disseminate and share the Learning experience and knowledge with concerned universities in Jordan. 				
Contracting Institution	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)				
Involved Institutions from MEDA Countries	Yarmouk University (JO)				
Duration of the Project	3 Years	Starting Date	November 2006	End Date	November 2009
Type of the Project	MEDA 2005 Curriculum Development				
European Partners	Rathgen – Forschungslabor Der Staatlichen Museen Zu Berlin – (Berlin)				
Total Tempus Funding	€ 497,498				
Outcomes: (as in LFM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Masters Program in Archaeological science established. - Training Program in Archaeological science established. - The range and quality of skills of Yarmouk University teaching staff developed. - Experience documented and shared at national and regional level 				
Summary of the Main Features of the Project	<p>This project aims to establish at teaching and training programmes in archaeological Science at Yarmouk University. These will be joint programmes administered by the faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology and the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. This Project was conceived because it has become clear that there is a strong need to integrate techniques used in the natural sciences with the interpretive needs posed by questions in archaeology. This is particularly true in Jordan, where traditional training in archaeology has not taken the use of scientific techniques into account.</p> <p>The teaching programme will be an M.Sc. programme in archaeological science that will cater to students with backgrounds who wish to learn more about archaeology and to students with archaeology backgrounds who wish to learn more about the theory and use of scientific techniques in interpretation of archaeology. The training programme will be aimed towards working archaeologists and other cultural resources experts who are interested in learning how archaeological science can help them in their work.</p> <p>The teaching and training programs will be divided into modules covering archaeology, physical and chemical techniques, chronology, technology and experimental archaeology, geophysics, information technology and environmental archaeology. These will include both theoretical components accounting for a bout one= e third of the contact time, with the remainder being hands-on exercises designed to teach the student how arachelometry really works.</p>				