"Designing a Cross-Institutional Science, Engineering and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean: Prospects, Opportunities and Challenges."

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The University of Cyprus, the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus, and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation, along with the University College London (UCL) and the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH), are partners in an ambitious proposal in the "Teaming for Excellence" call of Horizon 2020, EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The objective of the proposal is to establish the "Eastern Mediterranean Science and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage" (acronym *MedSTACH*). More information about the program can be found at www.medstach.eu.

Within the context of the *MedSTACH* project, the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus, in collaboration with the other *MedSTACH* consortium partners, is organising a one-day symposium entitled: **Designing a Cross-Institutional Science, Engineering and Technology Centre of Excellence for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean: Prospects, Opportunities and Challenges**. The objective of the symposium is to present the progress of the *MedSTACH* Teaming Phase 1 project to date, as well as to facilitate the exchange of thoughts and experiences from institutions in Cyprus, Greece, the UK, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan pertaining to the prospects, opportunities and challenges related to such a Centre of Excellence.

The symposium will take place in Room B108, University House "Anastasios G. Leventis" University of Cyprus (1 Panepistimiou Avenue, Aglantzia, Nicosia) on Friday August 31, 2018, and will consist of 15-minute long presentations (in English) followed by a round-table discussion. The symposium is open to the public.

