A JOINT WORKSHOP OF KERAMOS & THE LEVANTINE CERAMICS PROJECT
Ceramic Wares of Turkey from the Archaic to the Roman eras (7th c. BCE – 6th c. CE)
May 17-18, 2018 Ege University, Izmir

Dear Colleagues,

Keramos and the Levantine Ceramics Project (www.levantineceramics.org) invite your participation in a workshop on “Ceramic Wares of Turkey from the Archaic to the Roman eras (7th c. BCE – 6th c. CE),” to be held Thursday, May 17th – Friday, May 18th, 2018 at Ege University, Izmir. Together, we hope to begin developing a kind of illustrated dictionary of wares and ware families for the pottery of Archaic, Achaemenid, Hellenistic, and Roman Turkey. As with the Second Keramos meeting, proceedings will be published in Colloquia Antiqua, the monograph supplement to Ancient West & East. In addition, capsule versions will appear on the LCP website.

The first two Keramos conferences brought together established scholars and young researchers to discuss a wide range of topics, and to exchange ideas and approaches via presentations, discussions, and published proceedings. This third Keramos has the same intention, but in this case with a specific focus on ceramic wares and ware families. Thus, oral presentations will be brief (15 minutes), and each session will include a long portion devoted to discussion.

About the LCP and this workshop
The LCP is a collaborative, open-access venture of archaeologists who work on pottery from anywhere in the Levant dating from Early Bronze Age through Ottoman times. We have built an expandable platform that links scholars to scholarship, and allows all of us to extend our knowledge and use of ceramics. In this workshop our goal is to develop common understandings and definitions for wares and ware families produced in Turkey from the 7th c. BCE to the 6th c. CE. We hope to:

➢ gain consistency in names, definitions, and descriptions. Having different names for similar or identical wares makes comparative study difficult – for ourselves and also for future researchers.
➢ present and discuss ideas face to face.
➢ identify, define, and describe as many ceramic wares and ware families as possible, and use the LCP web site (www.levantineceramics.org) to make this information widely available.
Participating in this workshop

For this workshop, we are not asking for typical conference papers. Instead, we want short presentations, each with a specific focus. If you wish to make a presentation, we ask that you submit information about at least one ware or ware family to the LCP in advance, and no later than March 30th, 2018. We will organize sessions according to data submitted by that date. Please note that you may submit data about as many wares and ware families as you like, and you may give more than one presentation in the workshop. Attached to this invitation are instructions for registering on the LCP and submitting information. In the coming weeks we will send a few examples of ware/ware family pages to give you a better idea of the sort of submission we seek.

Please let us know if you would like to attend by replying to keramoslcp2018@gmail.com. We look forward to receiving your positive response.

Best wishes,

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