

CONFLUENCES

A partnership for archaeology, history and heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean

The French and francophone higher education and research institutes from the Eastern Mediterranean listed below, meeting at the Cyprus Institute on the 4th and 5th April 2019 at the invitation of the French Embassy in Cyprus, have noted a major convergence of interests relating to training and research in the fields of archaeology, history and heritage.

They express their intention to cooperate, in collaboration with the relevant authorities in the countries of the region, with a particular focus on academic and professional training for new technologies, on long term research efforts which connect the past and future of heritage, and on the exchange of expertise in the field of digital humanities. Named « Confluences », this initiative aims to organise and develop, in the form of a regional cooperation, a range of training and research efforts in the fields of archaeology, history and heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In this context, Cyprus, for historical and geographic reasons, has been identified as the ideal place for this partnership to emerge, and the Cyprus Institute as the coordinating institution to develop it further. The institutes will involve in this cooperation their natural partners in their host countries as well as in Cyprus itself.

The participants: The Cyprus Institute, Institut français de Chypre, École française d'Athènes, Institut français d'Archéologie Orientale, Centre d'Études Alexandrines, École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem, Institut français du Proche-Orient, Centre d'Études Chypriotes, missions archéologiques françaises à Chypre (Amathonte, Klimonas, Paphos, Potamia, Kition and Salamis), Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, Centre de Recherche Français à Jérusalem.