



## THE MAKING OF THE CRETAN LANDSCAPE

22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012

This short field-course is designed for those with a professional interest (ecologists, historians and archaeologists to landscape architects) and the interested amateur alike. It will concentrate upon the ecology of the target area, namely central Crete, and the historical development of its landscape. There will be a maximum of ten participants on the course.

The course will be led by Dr. O. Rackham who has worked for many years on the island and has a unique comprehension of its interwoven environmental fabric. He and J. Moody are the co-authors of *The Making of the Cretan Landscape* (1996) and participants should read this book to appreciate the depth and diversity of what the course offers.

Over five days of intensive study, participants will explore a range of urban and rural environments.

**Day One** will concentrate on the zone in which the archaeological explorations have occurred: the sites themselves, introduced plants and their problems; photographs from the start of the 1900s will help document the changes. A visit to the now mature Edwardian garden that Evans created around his Villa will be made. A tour of the Palace will also be available to those interested, conducted by the Curator in residence for the BSA.

**Day Two** will build on this: the countryside immediately beyond the antiquities has a variety of native and introduced plants, a Tertiary relict and enough endemics to pique one's interest.

**Field trips** will be made, so widening the vista. One will push south, into different terrains – maquis, phrygana, steppe. Vineyards abound. The southern plain of the Mesara and its mysterious strip-cultivation beckon. Another involves a more ambitious drive eastwards and up onto the mountain plateau of Lasithi: the Venetian field-system is set against impressive geomorphology; open savannah and giant plane-trees succoured by gushing springs stand in contrast.

**Day Five** (final day) is quieter: concentrated on the sprawling city of Herakleion, its urban ecology and the flora of the massively-impressive Venetian walls, the plants they knew with what exists today; a visit to the nascent Natural History Museum .. and shopping!

Lectures and discussions are an integral and important part of this experience.



The course fee is £435.00 per person for shared accommodation (two people to a room) or £495.00 for the only single room for the nights of **22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (Sunday to Friday)** inclusive. There are no *en suite* facilities. The sum payable includes all breakfasts, light lunches (or packed lunches on expedition days) and dinners (including those taken in local tavernas), transport during the course and transport from and to the airport at the start (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>) and end (Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>) of the course.

The price does NOT include travel to and from Crete or any insurance; these are the responsibility of those taking part.

Participants are expected to arrive on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** and will be met at the airport and taken to the Hostel (The Villa Ariadne Taverna) at Knossos (for a small extra charge arrivals on the Saturday/departures on the Sunday can be accommodated). The course will be based at this simple structure, which existed before Arthur Evans began his work at Knossos – a plain khani or rest-house on the road to Town. Recently refurbished, it offers a plain but hospitable ambience: you will live very much as generations of scholars have done – not least by enjoying the local cuisine prepared by the School's housekeeper.

The weather can be quite varied: winter's breath can still be easily discerned, though the exultant sun may make you mindful of summer's heats – all on the same day! It is essential to pack layers ('make like an onion', as the local adage has it): a folding plastic mac for ease of portage; a hat; and of course stout and supportive footwear. It is all too easy to turn an ankle. Herakleion offers all one needs in the way of doctors, dentists, hospitals and clinics.





**Please complete and send the attached application form to  
 Dr Don Evely, preferably by email to [bsaknoso@otenet.gr](mailto:bsaknoso@otenet.gr)  
 or by post to  
 Villa Ariadne Taverna, KNOSSOS, Herakleion 714 09, CRETE Greece**

*To arrive by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012*

**A further circular will then be sent to those accepted, detailing practical requirements and methods of payment. Participants will become members of the British School at Athens (registered charity 208673: <http://www.bsa.ac.uk>).**

**Cancellation policy: cancellation up to six weeks before the commencement of the course, full refund; cancellation within six weeks, 60% refund; cancellation within 36 hours of the commencement of the course, no refund.**

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Name: DoB:

Address:

Contact phone no.: e-mail:

Any dietary considerations (eg. Diabetic):

Reason for joining course/profession:

*If you are interested in the ONE single room we have, please indicate:*