

EDITORIAL FORWARD

The present issue comprises a selection of papers presented at the 1st International Symposium “STYRIA GAIA” : The Archaeology of Styra & Southern Euboea, which took place at Styra, 3-5 July 2009. The conference was organized by the Styra Municipality and the Laboratory of Archaeometry, University of the Aegean. Approximately 20 presentations and discussions were offered by an international group of professionals and the proceedings were well attended by colleagues and a large number of interested citizens from the Styra and Karystos communities.

Styra and Southern Euboea have a rich history, but mysterious and unexplained archaeological remains have received very little scientific investigation. The aim of this symposium was to bring together Greek and foreign experts to present new archaeological findings and relevant information from their research in the region between Eretria and Karystos. A predominate theme throughout the symposium was to consider the ancient materials in view of modern trends in cultural resource management and the discussion of means for preservation and presentation of the ancient monuments and artifacts to the mutual benefit of the local community, visitors, the environment, and posterity.

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