



THE MAKING OF THE CRETAN LANDSCAPE 22-28 April 2012

This short field-course offers a unique opportunity to explore the ecology of central Crete and the historical development of its landscape with Professor Oliver Rackham, a world expert on the island and its environment. Designed for those with a professional interest and the interested amateur alike, there will be a maximum of ten participants.

Over five days of intensive study, participants will explore a range of urban and rural environments. Beginning in the Knossos archaeological zone (where we will examine the sites themselves, introduced plants and their problems, and the Edwardian garden of the Villa Ariadne created by the excavator of Knossos, Sir Arthur Evans), we will then consider the countryside immediately beyond, with its variety of native and introduced plants. Field trips will be made to the southern plain of the Mesara, exploring its strip-cultivation and the different terrains (maquis, phrygana, steppe) visible en route, and into the mountain plateau of Lasithi with its Venetian field-system, open savannah and giant plane-trees. The course will conclude with examination of the urban ecology of Herakleion and the flora of its Venetian walls. Intending participants should consult O. Rackham and J. Moody, *The Making of the Cretan Landscape* (1996).

The course will be based at the British School at Athens' research centre at Knossos. Accommodation will be in the Taverna, a simple structure which existed as a khani or rest-house on the road to Herakleion before Arthur Evans began his work at Knossos, and was then converted into the gatehouse of his Villa. Recently refurbished, it offers a plain but hospitable ambience, with local cuisine prepared by the School's housekeeper.

The course fee is £435.00 per person based on shared twin accommodation, or £495.00 for the one available single room, for the nights of **22nd to 27th April 2012** inclusive. There are no *en suite* facilities. The fee includes all meals, transport during the course, and airport transfers. It does **not** include travel to and

from Crete or personal insurance. Additional nights' accommodation may be arranged for an extra charge.

Please return this application form by 31st January 2012 to the Knossos Curator, Dr Don Evely at bsaknoso@otenet.gr or

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A further circular will 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.

Name:

Address:

Academic or professional affiliation (if any):

Contact telephone number:

e-mail:

Reason for joining course:

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