

1. ARCHAEOLOGISTS PAY TRIBUTE TO DR CAROLE MCCARTNEY

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THE Archaeological Research Unit (ARU) of the University of Cyprus has issued an announcement mourning the loss of a valued member and colleague, Dr Carole McCartney who died on Saturday.

Dr McCartney had been a member of the ARU since 2005, when she joined the unit as an honorary research fellow.

Dr McCartney studied archaeology at the University of Edinburgh and came to Cyprus for the first time in 1987, excavating a number of Chalcolithic sites in the Paphos district. This initial visit was decisive in

many respects, as Carole became attached to Cyprus both in her professional and her personal life; she met and married Pambos Michael and moved to Kissonerga, where they lived together with their two children, Katerina and Emilios.

For the last 30 years she worked as a lithic specialist, analysing stone tools and other chipped stone artefacts, for a number of excavations in Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Cyprus, and became one of the best known lithic experts in the Eastern Mediterranean region. Having studied the chipped stone industries

of the region for so long, she was one of the first archaeologists to identify the early date and importance of the material from the Mylouthkia wells in Kissonerga, the lower strata of Kalavassos Tenta and the sites recorded during the Sydney Cyprus Survey Project. These finds opened a whole new chapter in the island's prehistory.

"With her passing she leaves a huge gap which will be hard to fill. Her work will keep her memory alive, and her name will continue to be mentioned in current and future scholarship," the ARU said on Wednesday.