

PRESS RELEASE

EXCAVATIONS AT ANOGYRA-VLOU, 2014

The Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Communications and Works, announces the completion of the 2014 excavations at the site of Anogyra-Vlou (Lemesos District). The fieldwork was conducted by the Cyprus Expedition of the Institute for the History of Material Culture (Russian Academy of Sciences) under the direction of Dr. V.A. Goroncharovskiy.

The total area that has been investigated so far measures over 600 sq.m. The team continued the investigation of the remains of a Hellenistic workshop dedicated to the production of olive oil as well as the rural sanctuary (2nd- 4th century AD) [Building I] with a small two-roomed house (early 5th century AD) [Building II] located outside the sanctuary. In the sanctuary a large stone block was found under the foundation of the staircase. This block was found in secondary use and weighs approximately 0, 6 t. It has a longitudinal canal for water pipes.

The rural sanctuary can now be dated to possibly the early 2nd century AD. Some of the moveable finds associated with the sanctuary are a spatula and a copper coin of Licinius II (317-324).



Anogyra-Vlou: Courtyard of Building Complex 1