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## INVITATION

EUROPEAN DAY OF TERRACED LANDSCAPE IN SALAMIOU EUROPEAN DAYS OF TERRACED LANDSCAPE - EDTL) IN  
COLLABORATION WITH TERRACT – LAONA FOUNDATION– SEVINA FLORIDOU ARCHITECT

On the occasion of  
The European Day of Terraced Landscapes

And under the **International Terraced Landscapes Alliance**, Terract is hosting

A conference and workshops on the importance of the terraced and drystone rural heritage

In the village of Salamiou, Paphos district

**28.10.23 - 3.11.23**

### *Organisers:*

International Terraced Landscapes Alliance – (ITLA) Terract, Laona Foundation for the Revival and Preservation of the Cypriot Rural areas, and Sevina Floridou, Heritage Architect

Under the auspices of the Pancyprian organisation of Cultural Heritage (ΠΟΑΚ), the Scientific Technical Chamber of Cyprus (ΕΤΕΚ), Paphos development Company-Aphrodite (ΕΤΑΠ), Cyprus Architects Association (CAA)

## SPONSORS



## EUROPEAN DAYS OF TERRACED LANDSCAPE (EDTL)



Come and join us in Salamiou, as we restore drystone walls the Cypriot framers used to, along the mountain slopes of rural Cyprus. Let us experience the cultural landscape of terraces and drystone walls and doing so, let us try and look into an unknown side to terraced farming history which until recently, used to provide the main sources of fresh produce such as olives, grapes, fruits, but also a wide variety of beans, and vegetables, all authentic culinary associations which still make up the local diet.

Our hope is that this important intangible heritage landscape, so important also for environmental reasons, can be preserved, brought back and reinstated in significance for the future generations living on the island. We shall see the wisdom of how and why drystone terraced walls have been assembled, reconfiguring the landscape for hundreds of years, and what their environmental impact has meant for biodiversity and sustainability against erosion, landslides but also against fires. We shall talk about how they promote non-irrigation farming methods of rain water collecting but also how they help in feeding the aquifer, all comprising a wealth of knowledge that has been painstakingly amassing our particular intangible heritage for generations. The community of Salamiou is inviting you to see the living heritage of their village and its intimate landscape with place-names, historic trees and folklore. They will show us the practicalities of how they have been taught the art of drystone walling by their forefathers and how they are attempting to bring this knowledge of preserving but also re-creating the landscape as foodscape, bringing it forward into the present; not only as historic heritage, but as an important part of compatibly farming, sustaining nature, and its biodiversity in the face of climate change.



*An example of a former activity: At the workshop of restoring burnt landscape in the village of Arakapas, Limassol district during the workshop of fire-afflicted landscape conference, EUCALAND (31.03.2023-02.04.2023) which was organised by Laona Foundation : Participants form Peru, Denmakrk, Germany, Hungary, France Greece and Cyprus, members of the International Terraced Landscapes Association and Eucaland including President of ITLA, Timmi Tillman (standing center-left), resdients of Arakapas, (Mayor Mr. Vassos Vasiliou, front-right), master stone builders from the organisation Terract of Salamiou village in the Paphos district (Panayiotis Panayiotou and Argyris Kedaritis, standing behind the mayor) and Andreas*

*Ioannou, third from left in the group on the right). Organisers: (kneeling in the front, Artemis Yiordamli, Director of Laona foundation (right), and architect Sevina Floridou (kneeling on the left). Also present were members of the Turkish Cypriot Womens' Volunteer organisation Çader (Irene Raab Marancos standing in the center at the top) together with members of the Cyprus Environmental Initiative (Martin Marancos (+) standing center-right), together with local residents and volunteers. All together we built a drystone wall, 26 meters in length, on the slopes of the hill at Strongylos locality which was burnt in the fires of 2021, in order to support the soil from eroding after the ground cover of pine trees and scrub vegetation was completely burnt, and in danger of erosion, affecting the village with mud-slides at the foot of the slope.*

## DAILY PROGRAMME

**26th October at 10.00 am:** A Collaborative teaching activity for children with the Salamiou Environmental Center has been arranged, which I will be heading. Vasso has arranged to film and photograph the activity which will be used in the photographic exhibition to be opened on Thursday noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.

**Sat. 28th October, 9.00 to sundown** : Introduction to terrace building for locals (The additional weekend activity is a request from our sponsor the Pancyprian Organisation of Cultural Heritage, since most Cypriots will not be able to attend during the week). Also, the neighbouring village of Ayios Ioannis have extended an invitation for their olive press festival, so that would be a nice end to the day.

**Sun. 29th October 12.00 noon to sundown:** Introduction to terrace building for locals and volunteers, 12.00 to sundown.

**Mon. 30th. Oct:** Arrival of foreign participants and accommodation (Vasso will need to know as soon as possible so that she can arrange your rooms) [email: vaspetro217@gmail.com](mailto:vaspetro217@gmail.com), (Tel. 00357-99 404372).

**Tues 31st Nov. 9.00 am:** Presentations: There will be a welcome from Andy Constantinidou. Mr Kostakis Avgousti, Salamiou mayor will also welcome Timmi and open the activity. The Turkish Cypriot representatives of volunteer environmental organisations will make their presentations.

**Wed. 01st Nov. 9.00am:** Hikes and sight seeing around the terraced sites of Salamiou, drystone building activity.

**Thurs 02nd Nov. 9.00 am (TO BE CONFIRMED):** The village mayor and other people of the community will take us around their terraced lands and show us how they have been producing food for generations, what has remained, what has vanished, what and how it can be brought back as traditional terrace farming resiliently continuing in the 21st century foodscape.

Thursday Lunch is being offered by the Lacia Winery at their premises and will include wine tasting and traditional grilled food (Pa' Sta Karvouna).

**Thurs 02nd Nov. 17.00 pm -19 pm:** Laona Foundation with its head, Artemis Yiordamli would like to conduct a SWOT test with the people of Salamiou, so that we can encourage local participation to voice their knowledge of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This activity is conducted in the following way:

In the 1st part of the Session, the local people's opinions are noted down by the Laona Team on a flip chart, and one other team member documents minutes on the computer. In the 2nd part, the locals are encouraged to voice what they would like to see for their village, from the smallest suggestion to even wide dreams! and these proposals are also noted down, both on the flip-chart but also written up in a document.

We then assist in separating them according to complexity, into actions that can be immediate, mid-term or long-term according to complexity and cost.

The choices are then put to a vote to the members of the community. The minutes of the meeting are completed and handed to the head of the Community in the next few days, and circulated in a report format , so that the Community Council can approach the local district authorities with tangible proposals in writing.

Laona has been conducting such SWOT tests in the burnt villages of the Limassol-Larnaca area to great success, given also the imminent change in the Law of municipalities and village re-groupings taking place in 2024. We believe that this activity would be something we could contribute with to the benefit of the local community, so that it approaches the bureaucratic change in 2024, with a strong card.

**Fri 03rd Nov.** : breakfast at Lakria tavern and closing discussions. Departures.

For accommodation and/ or catering reservations, please contact Vasiliki at (00357) 99 404872 or by email ([vaspetro217@gmail.com](mailto:vaspetro217@gmail.com)).

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!!!

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