

## **I COURSE OF ARCHAEOLOGY CASTILLO DE LA ESTRELLA (MONTIEL):** **Research, documentation and conservation of archaeological heritage**

### **Organization**

The course is organized by the Castillo de La Estrella FROM Montiel which currently manages the Joint Archaeological Foundation. With the collaboration of the University of Castilla-La Mancha and the city of Montiel.

### **Venue**

The course will be held at the archaeological site Castillo de La Estrella, where they carry out the excavation practices, usually in the morning; while the rest of theoretical and practical sessions in the afternoon, will be held at the Laboratory of Archaeology available to the Castillo de La Estrella Foundation.

### **Recipients**

The course is aimed at all those interested in history, archaeology and cultural heritage management, especially to students in Grades History, Arts, Humanities, Restoration and Conservation of Cultural Architecture Goods or any other discipline affine who want to train in the archaeological method and techniques of study, documentation and conservation of heritage.

### **Dates**

The course will last for 15 days with a total of 100 hours of theoretical and practical training. The organizers have raised two sittings for the course, which would be tailored to the application:

First Shift: From 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July inclusive.

Second Shift: From 31<sup>st</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> August inclusive.

### **Objectives and contents**

The course was created with the aim to train students in the whole process of work involved in research, conservation and enhancement of the archaeological heritage. Study activities previous to direct intervention, the excavation process itself and documentation of the archaeological record by the latest computer techniques are taken into account. Finally, we will also address the work necessary for the preservation of the exhumed elements and its value in the face of museological the site.

### **Programme and lecturers**

This course has a clear practice slope and therefore most of the day will be devoted to the archaeological dig at the site of El Castillo de La Estrella. However, special attention to different real situations that professionals involved in the intervention on the archaeological heritage be given routinely face. Therefore all training sessions will be taught by archaeologists and restorers with extensive experience and dedicated to train students in the various processes of archaeological documentation, preservation and enhancement of heritage. The theoretical and practical agenda has the following types of training:

#### **Training activities in the morning:**

- Excavation and archaeological documentation. It will take place in Sector 1 Archaeological; both Area 1 consists of the medieval church of Nuestra Señora de La Estrella and Christian necropolis next to it, as in Area 2 where Islamic neighbourhood

that is starting is located to investigate. The training activity will be led by archaeologist and co-director of the reservoir David Gallego Valle (UCLM).

- Conservation and enhancement of heritage. It will take place also in morning session acting in the Joint Archaeological on those areas previously excavated. This process will be led by the Conservative in Real Cultures Cristina Peña Ruiz (UCLM).

#### Training activities in the afternoon:

- Archaeological Survey and documentation of archaeological features. This process will occur in the environment of Archaeological Ensemble, directed by Doctor in Medieval History and Archaeology Jesus Garcia Molero (UCLM)

- Classification, documentation and study of archaeological materials. It will be held at the Laboratory of Archaeology Foundation. Will be led by archaeologist Antonio Gómez Laguna, materials documentation specialist (Global Archaeology) and municipal archaeologist of Toledo.

- Introduction to the archaeological photogrammetry, with data collection from the excavation using manual methods and drone up computer processing laboratory. It will be taught by specialist archaeological photogrammetry Juan Ángel Ruiz Sabina (UCLM and HERMES Archaeology).

- Introduction to the use of the techniques of GPR and Electrical Thermography as pre-intervention approach to subsurface archaeological step. It will be taught by the specialist in the use of these techniques in archaeological sites José Luis Sánchez Sánchez (UCLM and Iberian Archaeology).

- The implementation of projects and reports to the management of the archaeological heritage. It will be taught by JCCM coach heritage Eduardo Lillo Fernández.

- Introduction to the use of Archaeology Architecture for the study of archaeological structures: approach, identification and interpretation. It will be led by archaeologist and co-director of the reservoir David Gallego Valle (UCLM).

#### **Information and Enrolment**

Registration will take place in strict order of registration. It will be necessary to complete the attached form and send the receipt of payment via mail to the address [arqueologia@fundacioncastillodelaestrella.org](mailto:arqueologia@fundacioncastillodelaestrella.org)

The total course fee is 310 € which includes tuition therein, the accommodating and meals of the 15 days of the course.

All attendees will be issued the corresponding certificate by the organizers (Foundation Castillo de La Estrella, UCLM Montiel City Hall), with a breakdown of the training modules completed and the number of hours.