Subject: Mediterranean Zooarchaeology Workshop

Dear XXXX,

I hope this message finds you safe and well in the current situation.

Our [ZooMWest project](https://zoomwest11.wixsite.com/zoomwest) is putting together a multi-part workshop on Mediterranean livestock biometry scheduled for the new year. The workshop will be online, and we are trying something a little different with the programme. The primary aim is to bring together recent research on livestock husbandry and biometry across the Eastern and Western Mediterranean during the first-millenium BC. In support of this, we are also sharing a new, fast way to calculate log standard index (log ratios) values in R.

We are organising the programme in three parts: training, presentation, and publication. The optional training aspect 18-20 January will set up participants in R software and share a straightforward way of calculating thousands of log standard index (LSI) values in minutes, with individual support to apply this to their own datasets. This will be followed by a digital workshop in March, with contributions on animal husbandry from scholars around the Mediterranean. We hope to publish this workshop as a special issue of Quaternary International or a similar high-impact journal.

We would be delighted if you would join us for the training and/or workshop, with a contribution on your research in Greece, Central and Southern Italy, etc.. The intention is to make this a useful and positive undertaking for everyone. To this end, we have a focused list of invited participants, which we hope will give a good view of recent work in the Mediterranean. We are also happy to work with a post-grad or post-doc in your research group for the training element, if learning R is not on your priority list. Further details are included in the attached PDF. Please let me know if you might be interested—I very much hope you will be. And I’m happy to answer any further questions by e-mail, ZooM, etc. We very much hope you’ll join us on this adventure!

All the best,

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