MICHAEL VENTRIS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Michael Ventris Memorial Fund was established in 1957 in recognition of his contribution to the fields of Mycenaean civilization and Architecture. From 1958 to 1988 a single award was made annually, alternating between Mycenaean and Architectural projects. Following a second appeal in 1988, two awards were made annually, one each to a Mycenaean and an Architectural project. In some years supplementary awards from the Fund were also made. Listed below are the Mycenaean Award holders and recipients of supplementary awards.

1958  Richard Hope Simpson (Oxford): A topographical survey of prehistoric and Mycenaean sites in the South and West Peloponnese
1960  Enrica Fiandra (Scuola Archaeologica Italiana di Atene): A comparative study of clay sealings in Egypt with those from Crete and Lerna
      Supplementary award – Miss M. Lindgren (Uppsala): Linear B texts from Pylos
1964  Monique Gérard (Liège): Mycenaean religion
1966  Poul Hynding (Copenhagen): Archaeological evidence from Cyprus relating to the Knossos Chariot Tablets
      Supplementary award – Paola Pelagatti (Syracuse): Middle Minoan pottery
1968  Louis Godart (Belgium): Linear B tablets in Greece and Crete
1970  M.A.S. Cameron (Newcastle): Minoan and Mycenaean wall-painting
      Supplementary award – O.T.P.K. Dickinson (Oxford): Gazetteer of Bronze Age sites in the Aegean
1972  J.C. van Leuven (Göteborg): Mycenaean cults
      Supplementary award – Vernea Kastner (Zurich): Parallels in the vocabulary of Mycenaean and non-Homeric Greek
1974  K.A. Wardle (London): Mycenaean pottery and other finds from the cemetery of Mazarakata in Kephallenia
1976  Karl Petruso (Indiana): Metrological analysis of surviving balance weights from Mycenaean sites
1978  P.A. Mountjoy (Athens): Mycenaean pottery from the wells on the South Slope of the Athens Acropolis
1980  Lyvia Morgan (London): Wall paintings from Room 14 at Ayia Triada
      Supplementary award – D.J.L. Bennet (Cambridge): Places-names in the Knossos tablets
1984  Jan Driessen (Louvain): Archive of the Room of the Chariot Tablets at Knossos
1986  Clairy Palyvou (Athens): Mason’s marks in Bronze Age Thera
1988/89  Gareth Owens (London): Untransliterated syllobограмmes of Linear B
1990  Peter Day (Cambridge): Petrographic analysis of inscribed and uninscribed coarseware stirrup jars
      Supplementary award – Kazimierz Lewartowski (Warsaw): Mycenaean pit graves and cist tombs
1991  Nicoletta Momigliano (Oxford): Lives and works of Sir Arthur Evans and Duncan Mackenzie with reference to the excavation of Knossos (1900–1930) and to the discovery and presentation of Minoan civilisation

1992  Victoria F. Batten (London): Settlement and communication in Bronze Age Crete

1993  Donald Easton (London): The architectural and stratigraphic sequence established for Late Bronze Age Troy (VI–VII) by Blegen’s excavations in 1932–38.

1994  Claire Loader (Durham): Bronze Age water supply and drainage systems on the Greek mainland

1995  Joint Award
Krzysztof Nowicki (Warsaw): New Investigations in Lasithi, Crete
Louise Steel (Edinburgh): Mycenaean pottery in Cyprus

1996  Andreas Vlachopoulos (Athens): Material from the excavations at the Grotta at Naxos (1949–84)
Supplementary award – Maria Kayafa (Birmingham): Chemical and lead isotope data from metal artefacts discovered at the prehistoric sites of Lerna, Tsoungiza and Messenia in the Peloponnese.

1997  Lisa Bendall (Cambridge): Mycenaean sealing systems

1998  Ilse Schoep (Leuven): Cretan Hieroglyphic and Linear A on Crete in the Middle Minoan period
Supplementary award – Carlos Vargas Garcia (Barcelona): Linear B texts as evidence for composition of the population

1999  Joint award
Lucia Alberti (Athens): The Mavro Spelio cemetery at Knossos
Susanne Hofstra (Texas): Interdisciplinary study of archaeological and textual sources from the Palace of Nestor at Pylos

2000  Nikolas Papadimitriou (Birmingham): A built chamber tomb from Argos (T.164)

2001  Anastasia Dakouri-Hild (Virginia): The House of Kadmos at Thebes

2002  Evangelos Kyriakidis (Cambridge) and Rupert Thompson (Cambridge): A sociolinguistic study of the scribes in the Linear B administration of Pylos

2003  Andrew Bevan (London): Stone vessels from Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Cyprus

2004  Athanasia Krahtopoulou (Thessaloniki): The Bronze Age origins of agricultural terracing and the rural economy of Minoan Kythera

2005  Massimo Perna (Naples): Mycenaean fiscal organization

2006  Silvia Ferrarra (Oxford): Cypro-Minoan: the undeciphered script of LBA Cyprus

2007  Helena Tomas (Zagreb): Pinacological and epigraphical differences between Linear A and Linear B page-shaped tablets

2008  David Sewell (Leicester): The eruption of Santorini in the Bronze Age

2009  Maria Emmanuela Alberti (Udine): Textile production and administration in Mycenaean Thebes: an analysis of Linear B tablet find-spots and archaeological contexts

2010  Ioannis Fappas (Thessaloniki): Integrating literary and archaeological evidence: oils and perfumes in Mycenaean and Near Eastern palatial economies
2011  Joint Award
Peter Pavůk (Prague): Contextual analysis of Minoan administrative documents on Samothrace
Vassilis Petrakis (Athens): Zakros Linear A


2013  Dimitri Nakassis (Toronto): The Palace of Nestor IV — the administrative documents

2014  Stephanie Aulsebrook (Cambridge): The socio-political role of Mycenaean metal vessels

2015  Corien Wiersma (Groningen): Ayios Vasilios — a survey of the palatial site

2016  Maud Devolder (Louvain): Reconstructing the Protopalatial Palace at Malia (1900–1700 BC)
Supplementary award – Erica Notti (Milan): Written evidence from Thera: an on-site investigation into the development of writing practices in the Late Bronze Age

2017  Ilaria Caloi (Venice): Renovating the First Palace at Phaistos during the Middle Minoan IIA phase (18th century BC) — combining architectural and ceramic phases


2019  Brent Davis (Melbourne): A syllabotactic analysis of Aegean scripts