**Research Infrastructures - Laboratories and Equipment at the University of Cyprus**

**Department of History and Archaeology**

The Archaeological Research Unit (ARU), was the first Research unit to be founded, in 1991, at the University of Cyprus. Over the years, the ARU has built an important infrastructure, that supports and facilitates archaeological research. The Unit's Library is one of the largest and up-to-date archaeological libraries on the island, home to more than 23,000 books and more than 9,000 volumes of archaeological journals. The ARU also houses the following Laboratories:

a) Artefact and Landscape Studies Laboratory (ArtLand-)

b) Maritime Archaeological Research Laboratory (M.A.RE.Lab)

c) Laboraty for archiving, study and publication of excavation projects (A.S.P.E.Lab).

In addition, the ARU possess technical equipment for the recording and study of monuments and materials excavated on land and under the sea on the island or elsewhere, and for the interdisciplinary analysis of these finds, including physico-chemical analysis of metal finds, ceramics, etc. For this purpose, the ARU possess technical equipment for the preparation of polished and thin sections (Buehler), a petrographic microscope (Leica DM2500P), stereo-microscope (Leica), and a portable XRF (pXRF InnovX). Of importance are also the reference collections of the Unit, that include minerals and rocks, seeds and charcoal, animal bones and metallurgical remains.