University of West Attica (UNIWA)
School of Applied Arts and Culture
Dept. of Conservation of Antiquities & Works of Art

35 years of Conservation Education-Training and Research at UNIWA

Laboratory for the Study & Conservation of Ancient and Modern Cultural Properties  CULTLAB
V. Argyropoulos, Director
Two Research Laboratories at the Department

- Laboratory for the Study & Conservation of Ancient and Modern Cultural Properties – CULTLAB
- Architectural Conservation Laboratory - ACL
Conservation Education at UNIWA

- 4-year Bachelors,
- 1.5 year Masters
- and Ph.D. program in Conservation Research
- 22 Permanent staff
- part-time lecturers
PROMET...by 2008

- 75 research publications (2 books), final report 4000 pages!!
- 9 Ph.Ds funded,
- 21 partners
- 11 countries
- International conference, Cairo, workshops in Damascus, Syria, Irbid, Jordan, Malta, Czech R.
- Impact: application of new techniques/materials by museums
Pilodyn measurements for assessing in situ Rhodes’ wreck condition of wood

Protecting in situ the Rhodes wreck with TERRAM
In-situ Monitoring of Metal Shipwrecks

Archimedes II
Co-ordinator: Prof. Argyropoulos
Green Conservation

Mature Tobacco
Monitoring Services
Hellenic Airforce

- Established in 1911: first officers trained in Farman school near Paris
- Fought in WWII, 1\textsuperscript{st} assault against bombers Italian Regia Aeronautica
- In April 1941, the German Wehrmacht invaded Greece in order to assist the Italian assault
- Luftwaffe eventually succeeded in destroying almost the entire Hellenic Air Force
- During the German occupation of Greece, the Air Force was rebuilt under the expatriated Greek Air Force Ministry based in Cairo
- RHAF squadrons in the Middle East flew a variety of missions
- Summer 1943: Greek squadrons participated in the attack against the German Wehrmacht on the island of Crete and then from May to November 1944 in Italy

Famous WWII Air battles in Greece

Battle of Crete

Battle of Leros

http://www.ww2wrecks.com/
Famous submerged WWII Aircraft

WWII Arado hydroplane (Iraklia)  Heinkel (Leros)

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Lost airplanes of WWII: Whispering Death
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Bristol Beaufighters flying over the Aegean Sea in formation

Wreck in Naxos
Recently Restored to Fly

Hellenic Spitfires

Colours and Markings of Hellenic Spitfires 1943–1954
Hellenic Airforce Museum
https://www.haf.gr/en/history/museum/

- De Havilland Tiger Moth D.H. 82
- North American T-6G Texan
- Bristol Blenheim Mk IV F
- Supermarine Spitfire Mk IXc
- Curtiss Helldiver SB2C-5

**Recovered from Sea**
- Bristol Blenheim Mk.I
- Bristol Blenheim Mk.IVF
- Junkers Ju. 52/3mg8e
- Junkers Ju. 87/D3
- Arado Ar. 196/A5