

In April 2020, there should have been a meeting of the experts (from Australia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece) in Leipzig, where the AMRICHA Foundation is based – a meeting that should have started this handbook project. All fundamental questions concerning the book's structure and content should have been discussed in Leipzig in the form of a workshop, and immediately afterwards the experts should have started to write their respective book chapters.

As the corona virus became more and more widespread in February/March of this year, it became clear that it was no longer possible to think about holding the long-planned workshop in Leipzig – especially with such an international group of participants. Even the idea of solving the problem by postponing the workshop for a few months (to autumn 2020) quickly turned out to be illusory. We briefly considered holding the workshop in the form of a video conference, but we very quickly realized that the return of such a digital meeting could not compete with the return of a real meeting where the participant meet face to face. Now we hope to be able to hold the workshop in spring 2021 – one year later.

Anyone wishing to acquire a solid basic knowledge of ancient Cypriot pottery (briefly and comprehensively) must therefore be patient for a while, but in the not too distant future, the *Handbook of Ancient Cypriot Ceramics* will certainly make this possible.