

## Multidisciplinary fieldwork in the Raganello watershed (Calabria, southern Italy)

Period: ca. 13 October – ca. 11 November 2012

The five-year research project **Rural Life in Protohistoric Italy** will conduct its autumn 2012 field campaign on several sites within the study area of the Raganello watershed in the northeast of the Italian region of Calabria. The project, 'Rural Life' for short, is directed by Dr Martijn van Leusen of the Department of Archaeology of the University of Groningen and aims to conduct detailed studies on selected small protohistoric (mainly Bronze Age) sites mapped in large numbers during earlier field walking surveys. The project employs an interdisciplinary approach, combining highly detailed archaeological and geophysical surveys with targeted invasive studies (coring and test pits), and the construction of soil maps and sections to gain an understanding of the post-depositional history of these sites as well as to develop new and efficient methods for their detection.

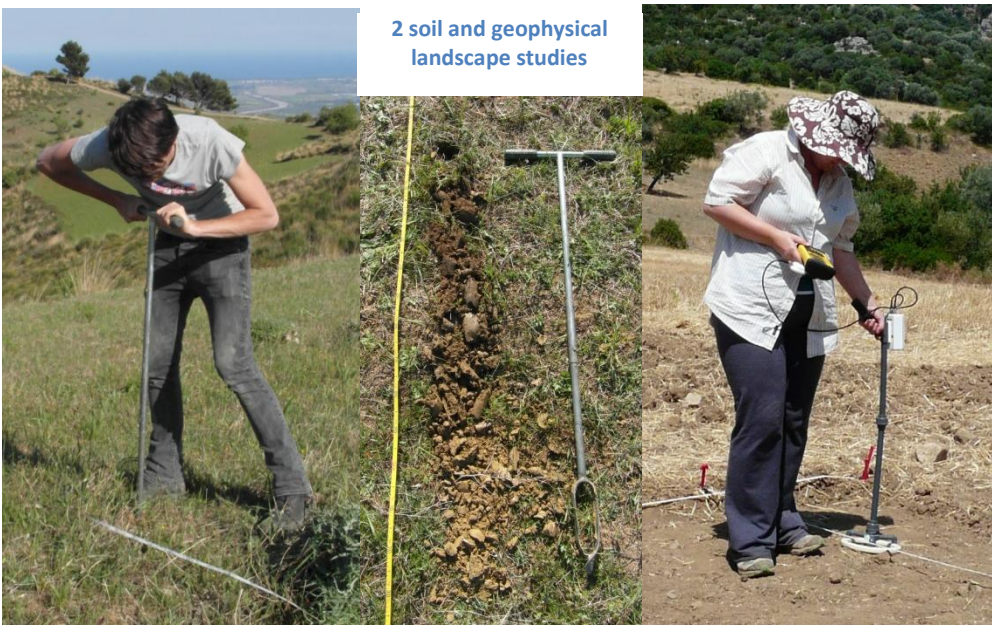
Two experimental studies will be conducted in parallel to the above-mentioned field work. A specialist 'lithics team' will use a sampling approach to determine if (and which types of) prehistoric remains were consistently missed during the earlier pottery-focused field walking surveys, and a second team (working in collaboration with researchers from the universities of Leuven in Belgium and Mainz in Germany) will make observations for the 'ground-thruthing' of airborne remote-sensing data collected in 2008. Student participants will assist the scientific staff in all these activities.

**External participants** should preferably be well-advanced in their studies, have a demonstrable interest in 1) field methodology, 2) geo-archaeology, 3) remote sensing, or 4) lithics studies, and should be willing to participate for at least 3 weeks. Participants will receive on-the-job training in soil recording, geophysical survey and other activities when required. Food and accommodation in rented apartments in the village of Francavilla Marittima will be arranged and are without cost; travel costs to the study area will be reimbursed within limits.

1 documenting a test pit



2 soil and geophysical landscape studies



**Interested?** Want more information? Send your e-mail or letter of motivation and brief C.V. to Martijn van Leusen ([p.m.van.leusen@rug.nl](mailto:p.m.van.leusen@rug.nl))!

