

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Section for Bioarchaeology



Session: Reconstructing prehistoric food sources and food habits: procurement, preparation and presentation of food in the Neolithic Balkans

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Food provision was crucial to people in ancient times and the principal occupation of many. A number of foods that we eat today have a long history of consumption. In order to find out what people ate in the past archaeologists study remains of past meals in the form of animal bones, plant parts and food residues. Beyond diet itself, the archaeology of food investigates issues such as the methods of food procurement (i.e. hunting, fishing, gathering, agricultural production) as well as subsequent steps in the manipulation of food including processing, distribution, storage, preparation, and, ultimately, consumption of food and disposal of leftovers. Research into the remains of food and food-related materials and objects offers a clear picture of food sources in the past and methods and technology used for their exploitation. The aim of this session is to consider the evidence of food and related activities - from food provision to the act of eating - in the Neolithic Balkans. We welcome papers presenting investigations into the range, seasonality and accessibility of plant and animal food resources; the structures, tools and techniques, as well as (physical) locations used for production, processing and storage of foodstuffs; methods and objects used in food preparation and presentation (e.g. cooking practices; tableware), as well as food discard; and (more) direct evidence of food consumption (analysis of gut contents, human excrement, stable isotopes, biomolecules etc). The session seeks to bring together researchers sharing an interest in the Neolithic Balkans, and to provide an overview of subsistence and food consumption mechanisms by combining the results from botanical, faunal, lithic, ceramic, architectural and other relevant analyses at Neolithic sites in the Balkans.

Abstract submission deadline: **15 March 2013**

If you are interested in submitting a paper or a poster, please send your abstract (up to 500 words, in Word format) by 15 March 2013 to
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We especially welcome papers/posters from students, as well as non-archaeologists who can provide insights into the session theme.

You will be informed by email by Friday 29 March 2013 whether your submission has been accepted. Registration for the conference will open shortly afterwards. Accepted abstracts will be included in the SAS 2013 Book of Abstracts. The languages of the meeting are English and Serbian. Oral presentations should be no longer than 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion.

*** Registration fee is 35€ and is payable at the meeting.

Further details on the exact location of the meeting, transport and accommodation options will be sent as required.

We look forward to seeing you in Novi Sad.