

Call for abstracts
Method development to reveal past plant-people interactions
Session 8



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Abstract Archaeobotany, related to both ecology and archaeology, is an important tool to reconstruct the relationship between people and plants in the past and to reveal ecological and socio-economic aspects of former societies in their environmental setting. It also has the potential to contribute to the solution of modern-day issues of human societies and their environments. The field is constantly developing, with interdisciplinary research being increasingly more common, based on both established and relatively new methods and proxies, combined with further ecological, archaeological and environmental data. For all approaches, fine-tuning of the existing theoretical frameworks and research methods remains a challenge. This session aims to focus on testing and developing of models and methods, also based on experimental work, modern-day ecology and agriculture, and on their application to archaeological and palaeo-ecological case studies. These approaches allow pushing forward the state of the art and finding new ways to investigate past human activities and social and environmental developments in the past.

Keynote speaker Dr. Patricia Anderson (University of Nice Sophia Antipolis and CEPAM, CNRS, France)

Confirmed speaker Caroline Vermeeren (BIAX Consult, the Netherlands)

Deadline for [abstract](#) submission **15th of January 2015**

Possible questions for discussion:

- How can we push forward the current state of the art in research on interactions between people and plants?
- Which innovative methods can contribute to the understanding of the development of the cultural landscape through time?
- What are the new developments related to the understanding of the interaction between people and plants coming from ethnographic studies?
- What are the new developments in fields based on relatively established methods?
- Data processing at a continental scale: which new perspectives arise from large-scale datasets?

We welcome participants to share their knowledge on methodological topics, potentially with the help of case studies and interdisciplinary research. Also ecological and non-archaeobotanical methods related to the session theme are very welcome. We look forward to hear about your research!

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Conference fees Full conference fee 80€, reduced conference fee for students/ GSHDL members 40€.

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