



Dear Colleagues

We are pleased to invite you to participate to our accepted session called: **“Diving into waste: food studies from filthy contexts” SESSION 403** within the “23th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists” which will be held in Maastricht (The Netherlands), 30 August- 3 September 2017.

We invite you to submit your abstract on <http://www.eaa2017maastricht.nl> until 15th March 2017. Contributions from different disciplines focusing on material from latrines, cesspits, sewers and other waste places will be welcomed. We will organize an interdisciplinary session of half-day duration (about 4 hours) with max.15 minutes presentations. Every effort will be done to produce a scientific publication of all the session’s contributions. If you have any query about the session, please do not hesitate to contact: leonor.chocarro@csic.es or guillem.perez@csic.es

SESSION ABSTRACT

Latrines, cesspits, sewers and other waste places are common features in the archaeological record of many European urban sites from the Roman period onwards. These contexts provide important information on the daily life of the communities using them. Waste from food including seeds, fruits, bones and mollusks, insects, parasites and many other items of organic origin (hair, skin etc.) are commonly found together with other waste material and rubbish in these trash places. Apart from the environmental information that can be obtained, the study of food waste and fecal material from latrines, sewers and contexts alike allows exploring a large variety of issues related to food and its consumption, e.g. culinary habits, food trade and imports, diseases, or population health and hygiene. The aim of this session is to approach the study of these various aspects through the analysis of archaeobiological material from latrines, sewers and cesspits from Roman and Medieval case studies. We seek contributions focusing on the study of different types of organic materials from food waste and fecal material that highlight the potential of these contexts for advancing our knowledge on Roman and Medieval food related issues such as dietary habits and food preparation. Special emphasis will be given to interdisciplinary approaches and new methodologies.

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SESSION THEME: Interpreting the archaeological record

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