Event 1: New methods for raw material analysis and application in Benelux/North Rhine-Westphalia
University of Namur, 21-23rd March

Thursday March 21st
13:00 Introduction speech: the need for common standards, Silviane Scharl, Solène Denis and Jean-Philippe Collin
13:15 The raw material reference collections in the near future: The GDR SILEX project in France, Pierre Allard, Françoise Bostyn, Jean-Philippe Collin and Vincent Delvigne
14:00 New methods for characterizing siliceous raw materials, Vincent Delvigne and Jean-Philippe Collin
15:15 New methods for characterizing siliceous raw materials: which tools for the constitution of a common reference collections on the field? Standardization of descriptive criteria, Workshop
16:30 New methods for characterizing siliceous raw materials: definition of common standards for raw materials analysis, Workshop

Friday March 22nd
09:00 The main raw materials that spread in the Neolithic period from northern France to the North Rhine. Objective: to point out the convergence of facies and identify the limits to the restitution of diffusion networks, Pierre Allard, Françoise Bostyn, Laurence Burnez-Lanotte, Jean-Philippe Collin, Solène Denis, Géraldine Fiers, Marjorie de Grooth, Ingrid Koch, Daniel Schyle, Hans Vandenspiele
11:30 The main raw materials that spread in the Neolithic period from northern France to the North Rhine. Sample observations in macro-, meso- and microscopy, practical exercise and use of common standards, Workshop
14:30 Synthesis of the current vernacular designations of siliceous raw materials: what do they correspond to? how to get out of the confusion by proposing new naming tools? Brainstorming
15:15 The potential of a lithostratigraphic approach as a common reference framework for Benelux-NRW, Jean-Philippe Collin and Marjorie de Grooth
16:00 The potential of a lithostratigraphic approach as a common reference framework: sample observations in macro-, meso- and microscopy, practical exercise and use of common standards, Workshop

Saturday March 23rd
09:30 The research to be developed for the Benelux and North Rhine-Westphalia: state of the art, perspectives, expectations of each and preparation of future projects. Inventory of existing litotheacas, what is their content and the nature of the information. What projects could standardize, enrich and disseminate the information of these litotheacas? What are the possible sources of funding? Brainstorming
13:00 Debriefing of the event: impressions and perspectives

Event 2: Lithic technology: principles of analysis and application on Neolithic industries
Maison de l’Archéologie et de l’Ethnologie, UMR 7055, Nanterre, 25-27th June 2019

Tuesday June 25th
13:30 Introduction speech: the need for common standards, Silviane Scharl, Solène Denis and Jean-Philippe Collin
13:45 The principles of technological analysis of prehistoric industries, Jacques Pelegrin

Wednesday June 26th
09:30 The technological reference collection (‘Technothèque’): constitution, vocabulary and manipulations, Héba Al Sakhel
11:30 The German tradition of research on lithic industries: method and vocabulary, Birgit Gehlen, Ingrid Koch, Silviane Scharl, Daniel Schyle
14:15 Lithic Technology of Linear Pottery Culture Populations, Pierre Allard
15:30 Definition of common standards, identification and translation of conceptual gaps, Workshop

Thursday June 27th
09:30 Lithic Technology of Post-Linear Pottery Culture

Event 3: Quantitative analysis and theoretical approaches
Institute of Prehistoric Archaeology, Cologne University, 9-10th September

Monday September 9th
13:00 Introduction speech: the need for common standards, Silviane Scharl, Solène Denis and Jean-Philippe Collin
13:15 The SAP-system – data entry, technological analysis and economic interpretation, Birgit Gehlen and Andreas Zimmermann
14:30 The French tradition of research on litch industries: method and vocabulary, Solène Denis and Jean-Philippe Collin
15:30 Quantitative analysis of litch assemblages – Iso- lines and questions of litch raw material distribution, Georg Roth
17:00 Quantitative analysis – Network analysis, Erich Claßen

Tuesday September 10th
09:00 Loußberg adzes as a proxy for late Neolithic (3500–2900 BC) population density, Daniel Schyle
10:00 Analysing litch exchange networks during the Early Neolithic in Central Europe (5300–4500 BC), Georg Roth, Silviane Scharl and Andreas Zimmermann
11:30 Assessment, impressions and perspectives on this third Scientific Event, future developments
13:30 Trip to the Loußberg Flint Mine/Aachen, Daniel Schyle
Scientific objectives

From the 6th tc the 3rd millennium BC, the Neolithic corresponds to a vast stream of innovations that have affected human societies in temperate Europe. The study of the material culture of these Neolithic populations reveals the existence of very extensive exchange networks. The latter are particularly visible through the use of lithic productions. However, the recognition of the circulation of siliceous products is closely related to advances in the characterization of raw materials on the one hand, and technological studies on the other. The study of the networks for the diffusion of raw materials therefore contributes to highlighting the mobility and connectivity of agro-pastoral communities during the Neolithic. The triptych (identification of raw materials/technological analysis/confrontation with theoretical data and modelling) constitutes a rapidly expanding research dynamic for a detailed understanding of the socio-economic organization of Neolithic populations. However, while diffusion networks transcend our national borders, there is currently no cross-border academic training. This project of scientific events for young researchers therefore aims at developing international standards for the analysis of lithic assemblages and at promoting exchange and collaboration beyond the national borders of the area concerned. These standards will be based on the development of commonly agreed criteria creating a modus operandi for the description and analysis of raw materials and technological characteristics. With this in mind, we will seek to pool the highly complementary specific scientific expertise of each of the three institutions involved in this project. In addition, we hope that the young researchers will also benefit from the intergenerational transmission of this complementary knowledge, since experienced and international renowned experts will take part in the projected workshops.

Language: The manifestations will be in English. Help can be provided in French and German.

Registrations: The proposed Scientific Events will be open to all young researchers from Master to postdoctoral fellows and current researchers. Travel and accommodation costs can be partly funded by the project (24 participants at a max). The selection of participants will be based on a short letter of motivation. Please note that applications for all 3 events will be given priority. Call for applications closes on 20th January 2019. Letters must either be sent to solene.denis@unamur.be or can be completed on the websites (form).

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