EMAC 2013  -  12th European Meeting on Ancient Ceramics,
19-21 September 2013, Padova, Italy

First circular

The meeting will be co-organised by:

Department of Geosciences – University of Padova
Department of Biological, Geological and Environmental Science – University of Sannio
Institute of Inorganic Chemistry and Surfaces – CNR

The aim of this 12th European Meeting on Ancient Ceramics, in accordance with former editions, is the promotion of the methodological development and use of scientific techniques in the study of archaeological and historical ceramic materials for interpreting and solving issues on provenance, production, usage, conservation, age, and technological changes over time and place. Due to the interdisciplinary character of this type of studies, researchers and scholars with both humanistic and scientific backgrounds will share their experience and the results of their most recent research. This would encourage scientists with different expertise to meet and undertake new research projects.

In addition to the traditional themes of the former editions, the 12th EMAC will also include a session on experimental firings, which will focus on the results of such firings in controlled conditions, as well as on experimental reproductions, in order to constrain production technology in the past.

Therefore, the topics presented will include:

- methodological developments;
- dating of ceramics;
- experimental firings;
- technology and provenance;
- alteration and conservation;
- glazed pottery;
- ceramics as building materials;
- technical ceramics.
Participants will contribute to the meeting with oral and/or poster presentations, selected by the Scientific Committee according to the abstracts submitted. Each oral presentation will last 15 minutes, including discussion and closing points.

Participants from non-European countries and also research results on materials from other continents are both very welcome, and will contribute towards expanding our methodological, technological and cultural knowledge of ancient ceramic materials.

Abstracts should be submitted only in English and the text (excluding title, authors and affiliations) should not exceed 400 words. Abstracts should not contain references, footnotes, tables or figures. They should contain information about: the materials studied, research aims, methods used, and results obtained. This information will aid the Scientific Committee in selecting the papers for oral or poster presentation.

Abstracts must be submitted before 15 February 2013.

Notification of acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be made by 7 April 2013.

Authors of posters and oral presentations are encouraged to submit their manuscripts to be considered for publication in a special issue of the “Periodico di Mineralogia”, an open access ISI journal (visit the journal web site: www.periodicodimineralogia.it) which also covers applied topics on archaeometry and cultural heritage. All submissions will be subjected to peer review by a panel of specialists, formed of the Scientific Committee members and scientists chosen according to their specific expertise, who will choose about 15 of the papers to be published.

In addition, the best oral/poster presentation by a young scientist/student (under 32) as selected by the Scientific Committee, will be re-reviewed by two members of the Scientific Committee, and then published as the best EMAC 2013 paper by the “Journal of Cultural Heritage” (visit the journal web site at: www.elsevier.com/locate/culher).

The EMAC 2013 organisation has also planned excursions in the city of Padova, where two tours will be organised, without additional cost for participants. These tours will not be classical city tours, but will focus on specific themes.

Participants can take advantage of University residences and hotels recommended by the University of Padova.

For further information, please visit the meeting website: emac2013.geoscienze.unipd.it

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