Second Conference “World of Gravettian Hunters” 16-20 May 2016, Kraków, Poland

Dear Colleagues

To celebrate the 45th anniversary of the first excavations at the Gravettian site Kraków Spadzista, a first conference “World of Gravettian Hunters” was held from 25 to 28 June 2013 in Kraków, Poland. In all, 88 scientists participated, representing 56 scientific institutions in Europe and North America. During nine sessions, 48 lectures and 16 posters were presented, representing archaeology, palaeontology, zooarchaeology, geology, and other scientific disciplines. In February, 2015, 39 papers from the conference were published in a special volume (No 359-360) of the journal *Quaternary International*.

In our opinion the first conference provided a valuable opportunity for colleagues to present and discuss important results of Gravettian studies. We would like to continue this opportunity to share knowledge, and we invite you to a second conference “World of Gravettian Hunters.” The conference is planned for May, 2016, in Kraków. This time we would like to invite colleagues to present results of studies of Gravettian as well as Epigravettian sites. We hope to share recent results not only in the field of archeology but also in zooarcheozoology, palaeoanthropology, geology, paleobotany, and all other related fields. We will publish proceedings of this meeting in an international peer-reviewed journal. Please feel free to extend our invitation to your colleagues, and contact us if you have any questions.

We are pleased to invite you to the Second Conference “World of Gravettian Hunters”, to be held **16 to 20 May 2016 in Kraków, Poland**.

**Official Language**
The official language for the conference is English. No interpretation will be provided.

**Format of the Sessions**
The Programme will consist of talks selected from the submitted abstracts. There will be no parallel sessions. We propose three kinds of presentations: (1) *Plenary talks* with fifteen minutes for each presentation and an additional five minutes reserved for questions from the audience. These lectures will present finished or advanced studies. (2) *Short communications*. These will be up to ten minutes, with seven minutes for presentation and three minutes reserved for questions from the audience. (3) *Posters*, which will be presented during all days of conferences, and authors will be asked to make two minute oral presentations of their main points or conclusions.

**Publication of Conference Papers**
A book of abstracts will be made available before the conference. The organizers intend to publish selected peer-reviewed papers in a high-impact journal.

**Registration**
Early registration for the conference will open in January 2016. Early registration will close on March 31, 2016.

**Conference Fees**
Payment of the conference fees will open in January 2016. All fees include current VAT.
- **Early Registration Fee** – payment before March 31, 2016 – 250 EUR
- **Late Registration Fee** – payment from April 1, 2016 to May 11, 2016 – 300 EUR
- **Student Fee** – payment not later than May 11, 2016 – 100 EUR

**PLEASE NOTE:** It will not be possible to pay Registration Fees after arrival
The Conference Fee covers:

- Admission to all sessions
- Coffee break refreshments between sessions
- Admission to the Meet-and-Greet Party (Monday evening, May 16, 2016) and Banquet (Friday evening, May 20, 2016)
- Conference field session on May 20, 2016
- One copy of the Abstracts volume

Accommodation and meals are not included in the Conference Fee.

Cancellation Policy and Deadline for Refund of Fees
All cancellations must be made before May 1, 2016. In any case, a 10% cancellation fee will be charged. Reimbursements will be made by bank transfer after the conference closure. Cancellations made after the deadline date will not be eligible for refund of the Registration fee.

Abstract Submission
All abstracts must be submitted by April 15, 2016. Notifications of acceptance will be sent to the corresponding author by April 25, 2016. The results and opinions presented, as well as the texts of the contributions, are the full responsibility of the authors.
Please note that at least one presenter for each accepted abstract must register for the conference and pay the registration fee by April 30, 2016. Abstracts without a registered presenter by this date will be removed from the conference programme and all materials.
Accepted abstracts will be included in the printed abstract book handed out to all participants.
Details about the abstract format will be sent later.

Official Letter of Invitation
For attendees who must have exit visas from their governments, please contact the organizers to receive the necessary documentation.

Conference Field Session
On May 20, 2016 there will be a field session at Piekary open-air site and Mamutowa Cave. A visit is also planned to Pieskowa Skala Castle and Ojców National Park. All are driving distance from Kraków.

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Dates and Deadlines
31.03.2016 – Deadline for author Early Registration and payment
15.04.2016 – Deadline for Abstract Submission. After this deadline we cannot accept any more scientific contributions with abstracts, although general registration is possible.
30.04.2016 – Deadline for Authors’ Fee payment.
11.05.2016 - Deadline for payment

16.05 – 20.05.2016 – Conference dates

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