

## 1<sup>st</sup> Circular



### **GROUND STONE ARTIFACTS AND SOCIETY** **An international conference on quarrying, production, function and exchange of ground stone artifacts**

**12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Mainz (Germany)**

**Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, University of Applied Sciences Mainz,  
Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum**

Dear friends and colleagues,

The Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, together with the University of Applied Sciences Mainz and supported by the Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum, cordially invites you to participate in our international conference on Ground Stone Artifacts and Society, to be held at the University of Applied Sciences in Mainz (Germany) from September 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

We aim to provide a trans-disciplinary forum for researchers from various fields committed to the different aspects and research questions related to ground stone artifact studies.

Following the successful approach of the AGSTR founding meeting held in Haifa 2015, the conference is dedicated to a wide range of ground stone tools related topics. These include the social contexts of ground stone artifacts in different regions and cultures from prehistoric to historic times; quarries, quarrying technologies and quarrying tools; production techniques; micro/macro-wear and residue analyses, as well as other functional studies; trade and exchange systems and mechanisms; studies of bedrock features; ethnography of ground stone use. We intend to dedicate a session especially to quern and millstone studies. Contributions are welcome addressing geochemical-mineralogical methods for raw material characterization, the creation of data backgrounds for provenance analyses, data treatment and evaluation (e.g. statistic approaches, GIS evaluations etc.).

Other topics and themes are also welcome. The subject areas and numbers of sessions will be determined when the deadline for sending abstracts is due and all abstracts are considered.

### Organizing Committee:

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### Technical Information:

**Duration and dates:** 4 days, 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Location:** The workshop will take place in the University of Applied Sciences Mainz, Germany.

**Oral contributions:** Oral contributions will be 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes discussion.

**Poster presentation:** Poster presentations are welcome.

**Abstracts:** Max. 300 words (including author's details and institutional affiliation).

**Language:** The official language for the conference is English.

**Deadline for submitting abstracts:** TBA.

**Deadline for registration:** TBA.

**Workshop fees:** TBA.

**Accommodations:** The conference will be held in the City Center of Mainz, where several reasonably priced (and others) hotels are located within walking distance (e.g. ibis Mainz City, Hotel Königshof, Mainzer Hof, Hof Ehrenfels, City Hotel Neubrunnenhof...). Mainz is quite frequented by tourists, so we recommend to book early.

**Transportation to Mainz:** Mainz is conveniently reached by train from the neighboring countries. Within 30 minutes it is reached by trains which run frequently from Frankfurt/Main Airport (FRA).

**Field trip:** To the pre- and early historic quarries in the Eifel region, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the workshop.

**Homepage:** Forthcoming!

Please forward this circular to anybody who might be interested.

**Looking forward to see you in Mainz!**

**Tatjana, Stefanie and Susanne**