



Archaeological Wear and Residue Analysts – Conference

First Announcement

Nice (France), 29th may- 1st june 2018

Beyond use-wear traces: on tools and people

Three years after the first AWRANA Conference in Leiden, *Connecting people and technologies*, the next AWRANA conference will be held in Nice (France), from 29th may – 1st June 2018. This encounter will be the 13th major international meeting of use-wear analysts (since the first CLUW in Vancouver in 1979).

The central focus of the conference will be « *Beyond use-wear trace: on tools and people* ». Many studies on technological aspects of material culture deal with specific material categories (e.g. flint, ceramics, bone), often in separate or isolated ways, and this division does not really reflect the integrated nature of technical systems in which different material categories are in dynamic interaction. Hence, exploring the interactions between different *chaînes opératoires* is crucial for a more global concept of the toolkit with all its components and it is a precondition to paleoethnographic reconstructions of technical systems and economies.

This conference aims to revive the debate on the role of traceology (use-wear and residues) in multidisciplinary approaches that address archaeological questions. Therefore, we invite presentations which are not solely isolated functional studies, but which attempt to integrate other approaches and/or different raw materials. Starting from a functional perspective, presentations could explore topics such as apprenticeship, group dynamics, social status, economy, technological evolution, spatial organisation, mobility patterns and territories, or adaptations to cultural and environmental changes. Also presentations dealing with more methodological topics are encouraged as methodological advances are in the heart of the discipline (experimentation, trace quantification, residue characterisation).

Different kinds of presentations could be proposed:

- Oral presentation 15 mn
- Pecha Kucha (Pecha Kucha is a simple presentation format where you show 20 slides, each for 20 seconds. The images advance automatically and you talk along to the images.)
- Posters

The deadline for the proposal of a communication is September 30th, 2017. Proposals need to include an abstract of maximum 300 words and 5 keywords

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