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## CONFERENCE DIARY

**Ceramic Petrology Group Meeting and AGM,  
Nottingham University  
17th May 2010**

**SEM and microanalysis in the study of historical  
technology, materials and conservation  
The British Museum, 9th-10th September 2010**

This conference will explore the huge influence that SEM and microanalysis techniques have on the understanding of the material technologies of objects from antiquity to contemporary collections, and on the conservation and preservation of these materials for the long-term benefit of world cultural heritage. Topics to be covered include the study of museum collections, archaeological finds and artists' materials.

More information about the conference can be found at:  
<http://www.britishmuseum.org/sem2010>

**Ceramics, Cuisine and Culture: the Archaeology and  
Science of Kitchen Pottery  
The British Museum, 16th-17th December 2010**

This conference is dedicated to the cross-disciplinary interpretation of ancient 'kitchen pottery', i.e. utilitarian wares used as food containers or for food processing in a broad sense. By bringing together established scholars and young researchers from a wide range of academic backgrounds, including archaeologists, material scientists, historians, and ethnoarchaeologists. Ceramics, Cuisine and Culture will stimulate an international and interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and approaches.

More information about the conference can be found at:  
[http://www.tracingnetworks.ac.uk/kitchen\\_pottery/index.htm](http://www.tracingnetworks.ac.uk/kitchen_pottery/index.htm)

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