
NEWS

At the last *Ceramic Petrology Group* (CPG) annual meeting on 5th November 2013 held at The British Museum (London), it was decided that the group would use Facebook as its main web presence. This will provide a means of sharing information related to the group, announcing future meetings and posting other items of interest to researchers working on the petrology and ceramics. It is also intended to be a platform for the discussion of ideas and sharing of information between members. To join the CPG and its Facebook group, simply follow the link below and click 'join':

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheCPG/>

Please feel free to add your own posts that are relevant to ceramic petrology, ceramic analysis and archaeometry in general.

CONFERENCE DIARY

**20th Annual Meeting European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)
Istanbul, Turkey. September 10-14, 2014**

The meeting offers a scientific programme reflecting the current issues of European archaeology and beyond. The EAA conference will take place at the Taşkışla campus of the Istanbul Technical University and will focus on six themes: 1) Connecting seas - across the borders; 2) Managing archaeological heritage: past and present; 3) Ancient technologies in social context; 4) Environment and subsistence: the geosphere, ecosphere and human interaction; 5) Times of change: collapse and transformative impulses; 6) Retrieving and interpreting the archaeological record.

For more information:

<https://www.eaa2014istanbul.org/site>

**5th International Congress on Ceramics (ICC5)
Beijing, China. August 17-21, 2014**

The 5th International Congress on Ceramics (ICC5) will be organized by the Chinese Ceramic Society on behalf of the International Ceramic Federation (ICF).

The ICF convenes the ICC every two years in cooperation with the ICF member societies. Scientists and researchers will be able to share ideas and visions of the future for ceramics and inorganic materials, and to engage the worldwide ceramics community in a collective effort to expand the use of these materials.

For more information: <http://www.icc-5.com/>

**Ceramic Petrology Group Annual Meeting
Institute of Archaeology, University College
London, UK. November 7, 2014**

The 2014 CPG annual meeting will consist of a program of short, informal presentations and discussion. There will also be a hands-on microscope session and an AGM. Papers are welcome on any aspects of the petrographic, geochemical and SEM analysis of archaeological ceramics, plasters and related materials.

Please send a 200-word abstract to:

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**Experimental Archaeology Conference (EAC),
Dublin, Ireland. January 16-18, 2015**

The 9th Experimental Archaeology Conference will be held at University College Dublin and the Irish National Heritage Park. Abstracts for oral and poster presentations will be accepted over the summer.

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THE OLD POTTER'S ALMANACK

The Old Potter's Almanack is the joint letter of the Ceramic Petrology Group and the Prehistoric Ceramics Research Group. It is a venue for presenting projects, research, reviews, information and topics of interest on all aspects of pottery, ceramics and refractory materials to the audience of scholars, experts, students, interested groups and individuals. The OPA is now published on-line with Heidelberg University and reaches a world-wide audience (see below for link).

We welcome contributions focussing on any aspect of ceramics technology from any period, culture and geographic locality. Topics can cover materials from collections, museums, excavations and experimental work.

The deadline for copy of articles for the next issue of the OPA is 15th October 2014. Copy and other information, news and events should be sent to the Editor Michela Spataro (for details see below).

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