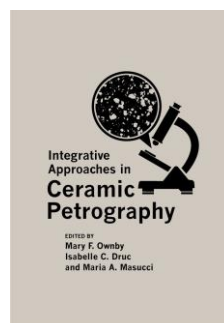


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## NEWS



### **Integrative Approaches in Ceramic Petrography**

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Ceramic petrography, the microscopic examination of the mineral content and structure within ceramic thin sections, reveals the origin and movement of pottery and sheds light on the technology of the artefact. *Integrative Approaches in Ceramic Petrography* highlights new results from this field and incorporates it prominently within current archaeological work. Thirteen papers cover a broad spectrum of regional and temporal contexts. Case studies provide practical examples by combining petrography with scientific, ethnographic, and experimental methods. The varied uses of ceramic petrography and the insights it has generated illustrate the significance of this method for understanding past societies. The volume's conclusion provides an astute overview of the field.

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## CONFERENCE DIARY

### 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Archaeological Sciences: ICAS 2016 8-9 September, 2016, Singapore, Republic of Singapore

ICAS 2016 is the 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Archaeological Sciences, an interdisciplinary forum for the presentation of new advances and research results in the fields of archaeological sciences. The conference will bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars in the domain of interest from around the world. Topics include archaeo-chronometry, archaeology of the Stone Age, bioarchaeology, ceramics, glazes, glass and vitreous materials, field archaeology, GIS and prospection, metals and metallurgical ceramics, micro/nano diagnostic and ancient technology, prehistoric and protohistoric archaeology, processing and visualisation, remote sensing in archaeology, archaeology and Cultural Heritage, stone, plaster and pigments.

For more information:  
<https://www.waset.org/conference/2016/09/singapore/ICAS/call-for-papers>

### 30<sup>th</sup> Congress of REI CRETARIAE ROMANAE FAUTORES (RCRF) 25 September - 2 October 2016, Lisbon, Portugal

The 30<sup>th</sup> Congress of RCRF is organised by UNIARQ - Center for Archaeology, University of Lisbon (Faculty of Letters) with the collaboration of the Directorate General for Cultural Heritage and the National Archaeology Museum. In this Congress the proposed theme will be "New Perspectives on Roman Pottery: Regional Patterns in a Global Empire" and the different regional consumption patterns of various categories of Roman pottery will be discussed.

For more information:  
<http://www.rcrflisbon2016.lettras.ulisboa.pt/>

### Ceramic Petrology Group Annual Meeting 10 November 2016 Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University, The Netherlands

The 2016 CPG annual meeting will consist of a program of short, informal presentations and discussion on Thursday. Afterwards there will be a reception and the opportunity for dinner. Papers are welcome on all aspects of archaeometric and experimental analysis of ceramics, plaster and other related materials. Depending on the number of abstracts received, the event could extend through Friday 11<sup>th</sup> as well. We look forward to welcoming you to the city of Leiden!

Organising committee: Dennis Braekmans, Natalia Donner, Alexander Geurds and Loe Jacobs

Those interested in presenting are requested to send a title and (very) short abstract to:  
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### 4<sup>th</sup> Methodology and Archaeometry (MetArh) 1-2 December 2016, University of Zagreb, Croatia

The 4<sup>th</sup> scientific conference Methodology and Archaeometry will take place at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb.

This conference is organised by the Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb. The goal of the conference is to entice interdisciplinarity, critical thinking, new insights and approaches as well as new theoretical frameworks in contemporary archaeological science. Coverage of a wide spectrum of themes and scientific disciplines has resulted in papers and discussions that promote scientific issues in the fields of methodology, documentation and interpretation of archaeological data.

The interdisciplinary character of the conference brings together archaeologists and researchers from other scientific disciplines with whom archaeologists

collaborate closely; and who – through their work, projects and ideas – promote new insights about interpretation of the human life in the past.

For more information:

<http://www.ffzg.unizg.hr/metarh/>



### 23<sup>rd</sup> EAA Conference 2017 29 August - 3 September 2017, Maastricht

The EAA board, the municipality of Maastricht, the province of Limburg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands are delighted to welcome you at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists (August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017) in the historic town of Maastricht. This is where twenty five years ago, on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1992, the famous Maastricht Treaty was signed. The long term effects on archaeology of both the Maastricht Treaty and the Valetta Convention, also agreed upon in 1992, will be discussed at the meeting. In the light of the current political and social situation in Europe, and its effects on science, it was obvious to choose Maastricht's most important landmark, the Saint Servatius Bridge (Aw Brök, or Old Bridge, in local dialect), as the meeting's logo.

The conference venue, MECC, offers perfect facilities for professional contacts and meeting friends. To stimulate discussion and dialogue, the Maastricht meeting will allow for experimentation in the session formats.

For more information:

<http://www.eaa2017maastricht.nl/>

<http://www.e-a-a.org/>



### EMAC 2017: 14<sup>th</sup> European Meeting on Ancient Ceramics 6-9 September 2017, Bordeaux Montaigne University

The organising committee are pleased to announce that the next European Meeting on Ancient Ceramics will be held in Bordeaux 2017. Further information regarding submission of abstracts and venue will be

provided in September. The conference website will open in the coming weeks, at:

<http://emac2017.sciencesconf.org>.

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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 current 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 website 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 31<sup>st</sup> November 2016 (guidelines for contributors are available from the Editor). Copy and other information, news and events should be sent to the Editor, Michela Spataro (for details see below).

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