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EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

This September issue of *The Old Potter's Almanack* presents two papers. The first, by Andreja Kudelić, is an experimental, scientific and archaeological study of middle and late Bronze Age pottery from north-western Croatia. The second is a detailed scientific study by Diego Tamburini *et al.*, on the chemical characterisation of organic materials used for the manufacture of plaster and mortar in the Champa civilisation in Vietnam (ca. 4-14th centuries AD).

Kudelić's paper focuses on how difficult it is, both macroscopically and petrographically, to distinguish between plant and dung temper and between tempering with dry clay pellets and with grog (recycled pottery, chamotte). Tamburini *et al.* highlight the necessity of using multiple techniques (optical microscopy, UV light and GC-MS) to identify organic binders, i.e. resins, in order to understand the brick temple construction.

Sarah Dillis *et al.* review the Early High Technology Ceramics Meeting, which took place in April at the UCL Institute of Archaeology.

Patrick Quinn and Ian Freestone present a short history of the Ceramic Petrology Group.

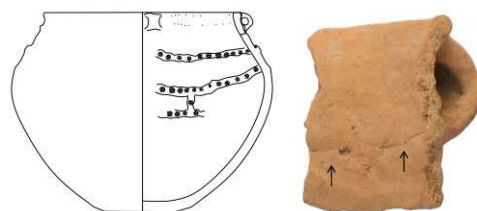
Finally, I am very pleased to mention the publication of a Special Issue of *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*, Spataro, M. and Tomber, R. (eds.) *Contextualising science: Advances in ceramic production, use and distribution*. This volume includes a wide variety of case studies on ceramics, from the Neolithic to the present day, from Asia, through Europe and Africa, and from scientific, ethnographic and theoretical perspectives. For more details, please see <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/2352409X/16>

I hope you will enjoy this issue.

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