

17TH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKGROUP FOR PALAEOETHNOBOTANY

Paris, 4-9 July 2016

Second circular and call for abstracts

18 August 2015

Dear colleagues,

By now we have received almost 240 pre-registrations for the 17th IWGP meeting that will take place in the Natural History Museum in Paris 4th-9th of July 2016. Judging from the proposed topics the Paris conference promises to be extremely rich and interesting covering a broad range of topics in Palaeoethnobotany.

Our community is growing steadily and the preliminary program shows that for the first time in the IWGP's history it will be necessary to organise parallel sessions some of the days in order to allow as many colleagues as possible to speak and exchange and still finish at a reasonable time in the evening. Days will nevertheless be long and we will probably also have to suggest that certain oral communications be transformed into posters, in particular those of students at an early stage of their research career.

In order to fix the program and proceed to the stage of final registration we will now need to receive the abstract of your communication in more or less one and a half month from now at the latest - that is on **September 30th 2015**. Please respect this deadline as we will shortly after select in a definite manner the oral and poster presentations and inform the authors. With this message you will find a template for your abstract that should not exceed 400 words and should be sent to us in a plain Word or other text file. The abstract must be returned exclusively to the official conference e-mail: <u>iwgp2016@mnhn.fr</u>

Final registration with on-line payment of the conference fee is planned to November-December with an "early-bird" rate.

In this second circular we would also like to draw your attention to the importance of booking your accommodation in Paris as soon as possible. The city attracts many visitors in summer and hotels, hostels and B&Bs tend to fill up quickly. Moreover, France organises next July the UEFA cup (football, for those who do not know) putting extra pressure on visitors' infrastructures. But we are lucky enough that there are no games planned for our dates that correspond to the week of rest for football players...and, much more important, to the international week of Archaeobotany! To help you to get some ideas of how to find your accommodation in Paris, you will find attached to this message a document with information on hotels and youth hostels in the quarters around the Natural History Museum.

You received this message either because your name was on the previous Thessaloniki-list or because you already sent us a pre-registration form (the case for most of you) or otherwise contacted us to be on the list. If you do not wish to receive further announcements or, on the contrary, if you know someone else who would but is not on the list, please contact us on the official e-mail address above.

With best regards,

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