1st Circular – IOC 2019
International Obsidian Conference
2019
27–29 May 2019,
Budapest and Sárospatak (Hungary)
Venue: in Budapest: Hungarian National Museum and
in Sárospatak: Rákóczi Museum of the HNM

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
The Hungarian National Museum and Rákóczi Museum of the HNM, cordially invites you to participate in the International Obsidian Conference held in Budapest and Sárospatak (Hungary) between 27-29 May, 2019.
We aim to invite experts on all aspects of obsidian studies extending from natural sciences to anthropology.
Following the successful meeting in Lipari 2016, the conference is addressing a global scope on obsidian with a special interest in local (Carpathian) sources.

The suggested sessions for the Conference are the following:
- Formation and geology of obsidian
- Sources and their characterisation
- Analytical / methodological aspects of obsidian studies
- Archaeological obsidian by chronological periods
- Lithic technology and use wear
- Theoretical and cultural anthropological issues

Your ideas concerning other sessions are welcome! Sessions can be suggested for the Conference not later than 15th December 2017.
The subject areas and numbers of sessions will be finalised when the deadline for sending abstracts is due and all abstracts are considered.
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Technical Information:
Duration and dates: 3 days, 27 – 29 May 2019.
Post-Conference excursion: 1 day, 30 May 2019.
Location: The conference will take place in the Hungarian National Museum, Budapest and the Rákóczi Museum of the HNM at Sárospatak, Hungary.

Oral contributions: Oral contributions will be 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes discussion. Please prepare them in common presentation format (ppt, pps). Internet video conference possibility will be provided for registered participants but we definitely prefer your personal presence!

Poster presentation: The posters should be planned as standing (portrait) orientation and their size must not exceed A0 (841 x 1189 mm)
Abstracts: Max. 300 words (including author’s details and institutional affiliation).
Language: The official language for the conference is English.
Deadline for submitting abstracts: end of May 2018.
Deadline for registration: TBA.
Registration fee:
- full registration fee: 100 EUR
- distance participants: 50 EUR
- early bird registration (until 15.01.2019): 80 EUR
- students and accompanying persons: 50 EUR
- early bird registration (until 15.01.2019): 40 EUR
Other costs:
- conference dinner: 40 EUR

Conference excursions: Within conference time and costs two excursions are planned to the sources of the Hungarian and Slovakian obsidian (Carpathian 1 and 2 types), respectively. A post-conference tour to Carpathian 3 sources (Ukraine) is anticipated depending on possibilities at extra costs (will be specified later).

Please keep in your mind that for the citizens of a number of countries visa is required to Ukraine.

Accommodation: Budapest is a metropolitan city with a wide range of accommodations. The organisers will suggest conference hotels in the vicinity of the HNM. The hotel prices are in the range of 60 to 120 Euro / day, hostels can be obtained at cheaper prices (30 to 60 euro). Participants can also make their arrangements by internet services.
Sárospatak is a small town in NE Hungary. The chief hotel is currently available at the price 60 euro / day, we will try to achieve special prices for the conference participants. There are a number of hostels and pensions also available. We will offer possibilities on the conference homepage in due time.

Transportation: Budapest is easily accessible by public transport with aeroplane, train, bus and it is also available by personal vehicles.
Sárospatak is about 250 kms from Budapest to the North-East, easily accessible by private car but not so easy by train or bus. Nearest international airports are found at Košice and Debrecen (70 and 120 km).
For the conference participants free (bus) transport will be organised from Budapest to Sárospatak at a given schedule.

Homepage: http://ioc-2019.ace.hu/

Please forward this circular to anybody who might be interested.

Looking forward to see you in Hungary!

Katalin and András
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I intend to present a lecture  | I intend to present a poster
YES/NO                        | YES/NO

I am a student (confirmation needed)  | YES / NO
I am an accompanying person  | YES / NO

Any special request

On-line registration will be open from January 2018 at the Conference web page
Your kind answer in email (or post) is appreciated by the Organisers.