Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We invite you to participate or attend the International Obsidian Conference to be held on the UC Berkeley Campus between April 10-13, 2021. (Preceding the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting)

As before, our aim is to invite specialists in all aspects of obsidian studies extending from natural sciences to anthropology. Following prior meetings, we hope that the conference will be global in scope, yet highlight obsidian studies in the Americas. Because the geologies of North America are so diverse, we also aim to include semi-glassy fine-grained volcanics (FGV) used by Amerindians in the Great Basin and other regions in the Americas.

Suggestions for conference sessions and themes:
- Formation and geology of obsidian and FGV
- Sources and their characterization
- Analytical and methodological aspects
- Archaeological obsidian and FGV by chronological periods
- Lithic technology and use wear
- Theoretical and cultural concerns
Local Organizing Committee

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Technical Information

Duration and Dates: 3 days, April 10-12, 2021
Post Conference Excursion: 1 day, April 13, 2021
Location: UC Berkeley campus (building and room TBA)

Oral Contributions: Oral contributions will be 15 minutes, followed by 5-minute discussion. Please prepare them in common presentation format (e.g., PPT). Video conference will likely be a possibility for registered participants, but we would prefer you present in person.

Poster Presentations: The posters should be planned as standing (portrait) orientation and their size must not exceed A0 (841 x 1189 mm).

Abstracts: must not exceed 300 words (including author’s details and institutional affiliation).
Language: The official language of the conference is English.

Deadline for submitting abstracts: December 1, 2020
Deadline for registration: December 1, 2020 for presenters (April 1, 2021 for attendees not presenting a poster or paper)

Registration Fee:
- Full registration: $100 USD
- Early-bird registration (before July 1, 2020): $80 USD
- Distance participants: $50 USD
- Students and accompanying persons: $50 USD
- Early-bird registration (before July 1, 2020): $40 USD

* A discount will be offered to members of the International Association for Obsidian Studies (IAOS)

Other costs:
- Conference dinner: $50 USD

Conference excursion:
Visit to Napa Valley winery and obsidian quarry location of Napa Valley obsidian. Price TBA

Accommodations:
UC Berkeley is located in the center of town with many hotel options. Accommodations can also be found in the Oakland, Emeryville, and San Francisco. Mass transit or ride-shares are easily accessible no matter where you stay. In you stay in downtown Berkeley, most everything is just a short walk away including restaurants and grocery.

Transportation:
UC Berkeley is located in the center of town near to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) stops. The campus can be reach in about 30 minutes from the Oakland International Airport and about 1.5 hours from the San Francisco airports if by BART. Taxi and rideshare services are faster but more expensive. Via BART the cost is about $10-12 USD.

Homepage:
http://arf.berkeley.edu/projects/ioc2021

On-line registration will be open from June 1, 2020 at the conference web page.

Please forward this circular to anybody who may be interested.
We look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Lucas, Kyle, and Nico