



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM



12th International Symposium on Knappable Materials

18-22 November 2019

Hungarian National Museum

Conference webpage:

<http://iskm-2019.ace.hu>

Knappable materials include any which can be worked by the technique of knapping: flint, chert, obsidian and other rocks, even artificial materials like glass. The special theme selected for ISKM 12 is ***Bedrock and Alluvial: Primary and Secondary Raw Material Sources***. This conference will cover all aspects of knapped stone raw materials from geological origin, to mining, usage, and laboratory analyses of these materials. Papers will be accepted on any culture or time period. Whether you are a field archaeologist, laboratory researcher, ethnographer or a modern day knapper yourself, we are interested in your research.

This symposium is being organised by the Department of Archaeology, Hungarian National Museum (HNM), Budapest.

Venue for the Symposium:

Budapest, Hungarian National Museum. It is the oldest museum in Hungary, founded in 1802 (<http://hnm.hu/en>). The collection encompasses the complete prehistorical and historical sequence in the Carpathian Basin (Central Europe) with strong emphasis on lithic traditions.

Getting here by international transportation:

Being on most major transport routes, Budapest is easily accessible by aeroplane, train, and bus. Detailed maps of the main transport facilities will be provided on the conference web page.

Registration fee for the conference:

The full registration fee for regular participants will be 200 Euro.

Early bird registration before 1st of June 2019 will be 150 euro.

There is a 50% discount for students and accompanying persons.

We will provide facilities for teleconferencing and have a special fee (50 % discount from any applicable costs) for “distance participants” but we would like to invite people for in-person participation rather than video-conferencing.

Suggested topics:

We will be keeping the traditional topics and sessions of the ISKM and complete it with a special thematic session titled *Bedrock and Alluvial: Primary and Secondary Raw Material Sources*.

The following are the regular sessions.

- Raw material exploitation strategies: mining and surface collecting
- Ancient lithic trade and economics
- Stone tool production and processing techniques
- Polished stone tool production: knapping before and after polishing
- Use-wear analyses; signs of usage on stone tools (a.k.a. traceology)
- Geology of knappable materials
- Characterising lithic sources
- Lithotheques: collections of comparative raw materials
- Gemology: obsidian and quartz as gemstones
- Experimental flint knapping
- Lithic technology of recent periods: Modern and Mediaeval

Proposals by participants for other session topics are welcome!

Excursions:

A conference excursion for participants is planned as a part of the conference; additional tours will be organised to the Ipolytarnóc palaeontological site and/or the Vértesszőlős and Tata archaeological sites.

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