



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

## **Proposal to organise the 12th International Symposium on Knappable Materials**

(ISKM Budapest 2019)  
on behalf of the Hungarian National Museum

### **Suggested venue for the Symposium:**

Budapest, Hungarian National Museum  
Hungarian National Museum (HNM) is the oldest museum in Hungary, founded in 1802 (<http://hnm.hu/en>). Its collection embraces the complete prehistorical and historical sequence in the Carpathian Basin (Central Europe) with strong emphasis on lithic traditions.  
We are contacting the regular local forum for stone tool studies (Kőkor kerekasztal / Stone Age roundtable) to provide most of the local knowledge on the subject.  
We would prefer to rely on the professional assistance of the current Scientific Committee and extend it with local / regional experts.

### **Access of the city through the international transportation systems**

Budapest is easily accessible by public transport with aeroplane, train, bus. Detailed maps will be provided on main transport facilities on the Conference Web Page.

### **Range of dates for the conference**



We propose late November 2019, 5 working days, e.g. 20-24 November (Monday to Friday). The final date will be confirmed later. An alternative possibility is the early spring in 2020.

### **Lecture hall facilities**

At the HNM we can count on the Ceremonial Room of the Museum, with 200+ seats and facilities for projection, supplied with free WIFI connection. Also, the Museum has two medium-size lecture halls (up to 60 persons) for smaller sessions and lot of place for posters.

### **Estimated registration fee for the Conference for regular participants**

We are planning to keep conference costs low, certainly not exceeding the Barcelona registration fee. The full registration fee will be 200 Euro, early bird registration 150 euro (half year before event), and there will be 50 % discount for students and accompanying persons. We will provide facilities for teleconferencing and have special fee (50 % discount from any applicable costs) for „distance participants” but we would like to invite people for actual participation rather than video-conferencing.

## **Availability and costs of hotels and hostel accommodation in the proximity of conference facilities**

Budapest is a metropolitan city with 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.

## **Possibility to provide grants**

Depending on funding we can announce bursaries and try to find cheap accommodation (guestroom) for participants in difficult financial situation.

## **Suggested topics**

We would like to keep the traditional topics and sessions of ISKM and complete it with a special thematic session on ***Bedrock and Alluvial: Primary and Secondary Raw material sources***

- Raw material exploitation strategies – mining and surface collecting
- Ancient lithic trade and economics
- Stone tool production and processing techniques
- 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 the Recent periods: Modern and Mediaeval

plus topics initiated by participants are welcome!

## **Plans for the publication of the proceedings**

We are suggesting to keep JLS as the main forum for publication of proceedings.

## **Other topical information**

- we will set up a conference webpage for communication after receiving a hopefully positive answer to our proposal
- we will organise a conference excursion for participants (our current plan is Ipolytarnóc palaeontological site and/or Vértesszőlős and Tata archaeological sites)
- we will suggest some post-conference programs for participants to be specified later



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Facade of the HNM



Main staircase of the HNM



Ceremonial Hall of the HNM