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AAA Conference 2012 – Call for Session Proposals

AAA Conference 2012

Centre for Archaeological Science, University of Wollongong Call for Session Proposals

The AAA 2012 Conference will be hosted by the Centre for Archaeological Science, University of Wollongong. The conference will be held at the Novotel Wollongong from **Monday 10 to Thursday 13 December 2012**, following various Welcome Events that will be held on Sunday 9 December 2012.

The theme for AAA2012 will be 'Science and Archaeology' and we hope it will embrace a variety of approaches, including the role of science in archaeology, the development and application of scientific techniques to particular archaeological questions, and the interface between the sciences and the humanities in archaeology

The call for session abstracts is now open. We especially welcome session submissions linked with the conference theme (Science and Archaeology), but will certainly consider others. Session organisers should provide a title and brief outline (30 words) of the proposed session(s), with an estimate of the number of speakers and an estimate of the number of individual sessions requested. Individual sessions will run for 1.5 hours and should include 4 or 5 presentations. Please note that speakers may only present one paper during the

conference, although they may be co-authors on other papers, and this needs to be taken into account when people are organising sessions.

Session proposals should be submitted by **COB 30 March 2012** – submissions can be made via the AAA Conference website by clicking on the upload link on the 'Call for Sessions' page at

http://conference.australianarchaeology.com.au/?page_id=104

Please note that many of the other pages for the AAA conference website are under construction and will be added as they become available – the AAA email list will be the primary place that notifications about conference happenings and updates to the website will be posted, so keep an eye open for them.

In early April, we will announce the conference sessions that have been accepted and place a call for Paper Abstracts to be submitted. Conference registrations will open in early May.

Kind regards,
The AAA2012 Conference Organising Committee

Request to participate in the Australia Council Review Survey

As part of the development of the new National Cultural Policy, Arts Minister Simon Crean announced a Review of the Australia Council. Mr Angus James and Ms Gabrielle Trainor were appointed as Chairs of the review. The Terms of Reference for the Review are at <http://culture.arts.gov.au/news/australia-council-tor>.

To inform the Review the Chairs have launched a survey to get your views about the Australia Council.

Last year hundreds of public submissions were received in response to the National Cultural Policy discussion paper. As the Australia Council is such a significant channel in which the Australian Government delivers support to the arts and cultural sector, it was not surprising that many submissions discussed the role of the agency.

The Chairs are very interested in your views about whether the original purpose of the Australia Council remains relevant today and what changes, if any, you would like to see made to the agency's role and delivery of support to the sector.

This questionnaire should only take around 8-10 minutes and **must be completed in one sitting**. The survey is being undertaken by TNS Social Research on behalf of the Australian Government's Office for the Arts for the Review. Your confidential contribution to the Australia Council Review is valued.

You are encouraged to distribute this survey to your networks and anyone with an interest in the work of the Australia Council.

The survey closes at 5pm AEDT on Friday 9 March 2012.

For further information on the survey and privacy information please go to <http://culture.arts.gov.au/australia-council-review-survey>.

Excavations of the Baths at Roman Carsulae

**Excavations of the Baths at Roman Carsulae
9 June to 21 July 2012**

We are now accepting applications from students and volunteers to participate in our eighth season of excavations of the baths at Roman Carsulae.

Project and Location

Carsulae was a Roman city that developed in the late third century BCE along the Via Flaminia, approximately 100 kilometers north of Rome in modern Umbria. The major public buildings were excavated from 1950 to 1970, but the great majority of the ancient city lies undisturbed in what is now a beautiful archaeological park. The current excavation of the public baths at Carsulae began in 2004. Following the construction of a roof that will protect the delicate architecture, we plan to dedicate the 2012 season to further exposing the central rooms of the baths and to begin the important task of conservation.

Program

The field program welcomes both students and volunteers. No experience is necessary, only an enthusiasm for archaeology and the ability to work hard in rigorous conditions. Participants are instructed in excavation strategies, techniques and recording, handling and conservation of artifacts, drafting of site plans and analytical rendering.

Cost and Credit

The cost is \$800.00 per week. This includes shared room, breakfast daily, lunch and dinner five days a week, and a second breakfast in the field. All equipment is provided. A participant may attend one three-week session, June 9 - 30 or July 1 - 21, or both. Credit is available at additional cost through Valdosta State University.

Accommodations and Meals

We stay at the Albergo Duomo (three or four people to a room) in the charming hill town of San Gemini, just three kilometers from Carsulae. All rooms have private baths and air conditioning, and the hotel is equipped with free wireless internet. Meals are eaten in the elegant dining room of the hotel.

Schedule

Participants work in the field Monday through Friday from 5AM to noon. After lunch and a well-earned siesta, afternoons are spent in the lab processing each day's finds and sometimes attending classes, expert lectures, or working with our conservators. Weekends are open for travel or relaxation. Group trips to nearby sites of interest are often available. This year our participants will arrive on the eve of the Infiorata di San Gemini, a festival celebrated on June 10, the day of Corpus Domini. This is very special event for which the entire town stays up the night before decorating the streets in elaborate carpets of flowers.

For further details and to apply, visit <http://www.italy-program.net/carsulae.html>.

Related Program (can be taken in conjunction with the above excavation):

Conservation of Archaeological Ceramics in Italy – Classes and Workshops
20 May– 16 June 2012

For further details and to apply: Visit the San Gemini Preservation Studies visit <http://www.italy-program.net/carsulae.html>.

Public archaeology project at the Blackfriary in Trim, County Meath, Ireland

Please see the following poster and information sheet for further information on this field work opportunity.

The Irish Archaeology Field School is a university accredited archaeology and heritage management field school. 2012 will be their third season on site, and they have already been recognised in Ireland and internationally with the following accolades:

- Showcased by the Archaeological Institute of America at their Gala in New York, and awarded recognition and funding under the institute's Site Preservation Programme.
- Awarded an Honourable Mention in the Education Travel Community Responsible Tourism Showcase Awards for our Blackfriary community based archaeology project.
- Shortlisted to the final 25 (out of over 10,000 entries) for the Your Country Your Call open competition for the Cultural Heritage Amenity Town (CHAT) proposal.

Should you have any questions regarding their work, contact Steve Mandal, tel: +353 1 2968190, email: stephen.mandal@crds.ie

Guam Field School

The Guam Preservation Trust extends an invitation to participate in a maritime archaeology field school to be conducted on Guam from 16 to 27 April 2012. The aims of the field school are to further develop skills and implement some relevant activities on a range of maritime and underwater cultural heritage sites in Guam. The activities will include the recording and documenting of some traditional fish weirs (gigao) and learning about Chamorro customs and cultural practices. The second part of the field school will involve diving and the recording of some underwater sites (primarily World War II sites) in the warm, clear waters of Guam and participating in a workshop on underwater cultural heritage tourism in Guam.

There are no academic prerequisites but scuba diving qualifications, experience and a diving medical is required.

For further information contact Rosanna Barcinas, Guam Preservation Trust, rbpreservation@guam.net, or Course Coordinator, Bill Jeffery, billjeffery@gmail.com before 2 April to confirm your participation (course limited to 12 people).

ICAHM'S Next Annual Meeting

ICAHM'S NEXT ANNUAL MEETING 27-30 NOVEMBER 2012 CUZCO, PERU

Visit the meeting website at http://www.icomos.org/icahm/cuzco_home.html

ICAHM (ICOMOS' International Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management) is pleased to announce its international conference on archaeological heritage management, to be held in historic Cuzco, Peru on 27-30 November of this year.

Registration is now open. Abstracts should be submitted via the website.

Among the worldwide issues for consideration at this meeting are local stakeholder claims on archaeological heritage; sustainable development and community sustainability; tourism pressures and site preservation; heritage and rights; challenges to the validity and value of the World Heritage List as it quickly approaches 1,000 inscribed sites; the World Heritage List decision-making process; impacts of war, civil disorder, and natural disasters on archaeological sites; technical advances in archaeological heritage management.

ICAHM will publish the best papers from this annual meeting in its publication series with Springer Press, "Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Archaeological Heritage Management."

Announcing WAC-7

The Seventh World Archaeological Congress 14-18 January 2013 King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center The Dead Sea - Jordan

On behalf of the WAC Executive, Council, and the WAC-7 Local Organizing Committee (chaired by Dr. Talal Akasheh), It is my great pleasure to announce the Seventh World Archaeological Congress to be held in Jordan 14th-18th January, 2013. As of this announcement, registration is open! Your contribution will be of utmost help towards making this a successful and memorable congress. By going to the WAC-7 website (<http://wac7.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/>) you can register, and propose a theme, a session within a theme, or simply a paper or poster.

The WAC-7 program will be organized into themes, each containing several sessions that related to the same overall issue. The deadline for proposals of themes is April 30th. For a list of themes from WAC-6, see: <http://www.ucd.ie/wac-6/>. Please propose themes early to allow time for people to develop sessions and papers.

WAC-6 was attended by nearly 1,800 people from 74 countries. We hope you will join us in Jordan for WAC-7, and contribute your ideas and energy to the great diverse body that is WAC. In coming to Jordan for WAC-7, you will also have the opportunity to see Jordan's rich cultural and social life, sample Jordan's outstanding archaeological heritage, and participate in WAC's infamous hospitality!

For more information, please visit <http://wac7.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/> or <http://www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/>.

AACAI Student Support Fund

The time has come again to donate.

The AACAI Student Support Fund was established in 2010 to provide funding to full time honours students working on topics that relate to consulting archaeological practice. Applicants are assessed by a committee on the basis of the relevance of the project, academic record and the comments of referees. In 2 years we have distributed \$10,500 in funds to 5 worthy recipients. Core funding has been provided by the NEC with the rest made up by donations from members. Doug Williams at Ironbark Heritage and Environment has provided \$2,500 annually and is donating again for 2012; other donations have been received from Michele Bird.

We need more donors. All donations go direct to students and make a very real difference.

Responses from students supported by the fund to dates shows that it has made some appreciable differences to students dedicating themselves to what most of know can be a very tough year. We have 2 from 2 for 1st Class Honours of our highest ranked recipients.

If you feel that the consulting business has been good to you and/or if you can remember the rigours of an honours year coupled with financial strain, please donate.

This year we will be starting a page for the fund on the AACAI website. On this site and in any other ways that we can, we will continue to do what we can to recognise the generosity of corporate or individual donors. If you can help out, please email ob@obca.com.au for AACAI banking details.

Calendar of seminars and events

MARCH 2012

Flinders University Archaeology Seminar Series:

Valley of the cable ties: Exploring contemporary material culture from aerospace to domestic space

Speaker(s): Dr Alice Gorman

Date: Thursday 8 March 2012

Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm

Venue: Social Sciences South 149, Flinders University

**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research
Lecture**

TOPIC: NSW Archaeology On-Line

Speaker(s): Dr Sarah Colley

Date: Wednesday 21 March 2012

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Manning Clark Theatre 6 ANU

APRIL 2012

Conference:

First International Conference on Best Practices in World Heritage: Archaeology

Date: 9-13 April 2012

Place: Menorca, Spain

Website: <http://www.congresopatrimoniomundialmenorca.cime.es/>

Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research Lecture

TOPIC: Amenhotep III is the Father of Diplomacy

Speaker(s): Kristian Bonnici

Date: Wednesday 18 April 2012

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Manning Clark Theatre 6 ANU

MAY 2012

Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research Lecture

TOPIC: Understanding the complexity of cultural change during the Contact period in Northwestern Arnhem Land

Speaker(s): Daryl Wesley

Date: Wednesday 16 May 2012

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Manning Clark Theatre 6 ANU

National Archaeology Week

Date: 20-26 May 2012

Further information: <http://www.archaeologyweek.com/index.php>

National Archaeology Week aims to increase public awareness of Australian archaeology and the work of Australian archaeologists both at home and abroad, and to promote the importance of protecting Australia's unique archaeological heritage.

Conference:

The ICOMOS Hellenic and ICAHM Regional Conference

“From past experience to new approaches and synergies: The Future of Protection Heritage Management for Archaeological Heritage in Times of Economic Crisis”

Date: 23-25 May 2012

Place: Athens, Greece

Further information: <http://australia.icomos.org/wp-content/uploads/ICOMOS-Hellenic-and-ICAHM-Regional-Conference.pdf>

Conference:

Nawi - Exploring Australia's indigenous watercraft

Date: 31 May-1 June 2012

Place: Sydney, Australia

Further information: <http://www.anmm.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=1921>

The Australian National Maritime Museum will host a two-day national conference on Australian indigenous watercraft, entitled "Nawi - Exploring Australia's indigenous watercraft".

NOVEMBER 2012

Conference:

17th International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies

Theme: “Urban Archaeology and Excavations”

Date: 5-7 November 2012

Place: City Hall of Vienna, Austria

Further information: <http://www.stadtarchaeologie.at/>

Conference:

ICAHM'S Next Annual Meeting

Date: 27-30 November 2012

Place: Cuzco, Peru

Further information: http://www.icomos.org/ica hm/cuzco_home.html

DECEMBER 2012

Conference:

Australian Archaeological Association Conference: 'Science and Archaeology'

Date: 10-13 December 2012

Place: Centre for Archaeological Science, University of Wollongong

Further information: <http://conference.australianarchaeology.com.au/>

JANUARY 2013

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Date: 14-18 January 2013

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Further information: <http://wac7.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/>

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