18th FRWG Meeting

FIRST CIRCULAR – CALL FOR PAPERS

28th September – October 3rd2015, Lisbon (Portugal)

Dear colleagues,

The Archaeosciences Laboratory (LARC) of the Directorate-General for Cultural Heritage (DGPC), and the Environmental Archaeology Research Group (EnvArch) of the Research Center in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources(CIBIO),

kindly invite you to the 18th Meeting of the ICAZ fish remains working group (FRWG) F*ishing through Time. Archaeoichthyology, Biodiversity, Ecology and Human Impact on Aquatic Environments* 28th September – October 3rd 2015, Lisbon (Portugal).

The meeting is aimed primarily at those with a professional interest in the systematic analysis of fish bones retrieved from archaeological sites around the world. Besides archaeozoologists, we also hope to attract archaeologists, ichthyologists, historians, ethnographers and fishery biologists.

Our objective is to encourage formal and informal dialogues among participants and across disciplines, generating ideas, promoting future research, and encouraging new collaborations. To this end the conference is structured to encompass a multiplicity of approaches to the study of fish remains, and their contribution to our understanding of how fishing, fish trade, fish consumption, biodiversity, ecology and human impact on aquatic environments have changed through time.

Presentations (oral and poster) are planned to take place within a 9:00 am - 6:00 pm block from Monday September 28th to Wednesday September 30th. A field trip will follow from Thursday October 1st to Saturday October 3rd.

Oral and poster presentations will focus mainly on the following topics:

- Fishing cultures of the world;

- Patterns of fish consumption;

- Human impact on fish diversity;

- Interdisciplinary study of past coastal and riverine ecosystems;

- Fish as palaeoclimatological and palaeoenvironmental proxies;

- Taxonomy and palaeogenetic analyses;

- Osteometry.

We request all colleagues who would like to present a paper and/or a poster to send us an abstract using the [Abstract Form](https://www.dropbox.com/s/kh70rq61q4cacs0/Abstract%20Form.dot?dl=0). The abstracts will be included in a conference document. Please send them by email to **18frwg@gmail.com**no later than February 27th 2015.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and their acceptance will be communicated to author(s) before the end of March 2015.

The conference fee is 150€ (100 € for students). It will cover coffee breaks, lunches (Monday September 28th to Wednesday September 30th), the reception and conference pack.

The fieldtrip (2.5 day excursion) will cost 130€. This price includes transport, meals, a guide, and 2 nights accommodation in a twin or double room (Thursday October 1st to Saturday October 3rd).

Conference dinner will cost 50€ (to be paid during the conference).

Registration and Payment will be available from January 2nd 2015 to April 30th 2015 (details regarding payment will be contained within the Second Circular to be sent out in December 2014).

Participants will be responsible for the payment of their own accommodation in Lisbon. To facilitate your booking we are reserving some rooms in a few hotels (details regarding the accommodation will be contained within the Third Circular, to be sent out in February 2015).

Colleagues who require financial support are kindly requested to send details of the kind of help they would need (for example: conference fee and/or accommodation) to **18frwg@gmail.com**before December 31st 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the conference please contactus through the email **18frwg@gmail.com**.

You can also visit the [Site](http://18frwg.wix.com/18frwglisboa%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) for information and docummentation download.

On behalf of the Organising Committee,

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