



## Archaeological Wear and Residue Analysts – Conference

### ***First Announcement***

**Nice (France), 29<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

### **Beyond use-wear traces: about tools and people**

Three years after the first AWRANA Conference in Leiden, *Connecting people and technologies*, the next AWRANA conference will be held in Nice (France), from 29<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018. This encounter will be the 13<sup>th</sup> major international meeting of use-wear analysts (since the first CLUW in Vancouver in 1979).

The central focus of the conference will be « *Beyond use-wear traces: about tools and people* ». Many studies on technological aspects of material culture deal with specific material categories (e.g. flint, ceramics, bone), often in separate or isolated ways, and this division does not really reflect the integrated nature of technical systems in which different material categories are in dynamic interaction. Hence, exploring the interactions between different *chaînes opératoires* is crucial for a more global concept of the toolkit with all its components and it is a precondition for paleoethnographic reconstructions of technical systems and economies.

This conference aims to revive the debate on the role of traceology (use-wear and residues) in multidisciplinary approaches that address archaeological questions. Therefore, we invite presentations which are not solely isolated functional studies, but which attempt to integrate other approaches and/or different raw materials. Starting from a functional perspective, presentations could explore topics such as apprenticeship, group dynamics, social status, economy, technological evolution, spatial organisation, mobility patterns and territories, or adaptations to cultural and environmental changes. Also presentations dealing with more methodological topics are encouraged as methodological advances are in the heart of the discipline (experimentation, trace quantification, residue characterisation).

#### ***Different kinds of presentations could be proposed:***

- Oral presentations (15 min)
- Pecha Kucha (Pecha Kucha is a presentation format where you show a fixed number of 20 slides, each displayed for exactly 20 seconds. The slides advance automatically without control of the presenter. See info on [www.pechakucha.org](http://www.pechakucha.org))
- Posters

The deadline for the proposal of a communication is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Proposals need to include an abstract of maximum 300 words and 5 keywords.

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