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Dear colleagues,

We hope this finds you well!

The 12th IMPR is approaching and we would like to inform you about some important aspects of the rich program waiting for us. Moreover, we take the chance to communicate some news, such as a grant for female researchers.

The program of IMPR-sessions only, extrapolated from the general program, is attached to this email. The program of the complete EAA conference will be available for download in pdf format here: <https://www.e-a-a.org/EAA2021/Programme>.

The information below contains the highlights of the scientific program, the grants and the practical information – please do read this information.

We are looking forward to meeting you – even though virtually – and we thank-you already for your participation and your patience until now!

Best wishes,

On behalf of the 12th IMPR scientific committee,

Marta Dal Corso, Welmoed Out, Ákos Petö, Luc Vrydaghs, Wiebke Kirleis, Ana Polo-Diaz and Alexandre Chevalier

Scientific Program | Focus 12th IMPR

Dates

The meeting will take place virtually on **7-11 September 2021** within the frame of the 27th annual meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists hosted by Kiel University (please note that the starting date is 7 September instead of 8 September). In respect to the previous schedule, the meeting in general has been anticipated of one day due to the large number of sessions and contributions. The sessions related to the 12th IMPR will run for the entire period 07-11/09/2021, with variable timetable according to the number of contributions per session.

Sessions and invited speakers

The five sessions of the 12th IMPR within the 27th EAA annual meeting received overall 103 oral and poster contributions by IPS members. These sessions are the following:

Session no.	Session title	Date	Session organisers	Session invited speaker(s)
#251	Phytolith identification, classification and morphometry	14:30 - 18:30 CEST, 07/09/ 2021	Welmoed Out, Luc Vrydaghs	
#256	Phytoliths biogeochemistry - From phytoliths formation and role in modern plants to new proxies for archaeology and palaeoecology	11:00 - 16:30 CEST, 08/09/2021	Stefan Dreibrodt, Marta Dal Corso, Alexandre Chevalier	Martin Hodson, Carla Lancelotti
#246	Phytoliths in integrated archaeobotanical and ethnoarchaeological studies	9:00 - 18:00 CEST, 10/09/ 2021	Marta Dal Corso, Welmoed Out	Emma Jenkins
#340	Phytoliths as a proxy for palaeoenvironmental reconstruction	14:30 - 18:30 CEST, 09/09/ 2021	Ákos Petö, Wiebke Kirleis	Doris Barboni
#319	Phytoliths in geoarchaeology and micromorphology	11:00 - 16:30 CEST, 11/09/ 2021	Luc Vrydaghs, Ana Polo-Diaz	Yannick Devos
#342	Phytoliths in soil thin sections	16:30 - 18:30 CEST, 11/09/2021	Ana Polo-Diaz, Yannick Devos, Svetlana Khamnueva-Wendt	-

To further enhance the dialogue with the archaeologists, another phytolith-related session will take place during the 27th EAA, with contributions by IPS members and others:

Session no.	Session title	Date	Session organisers
#326	Everything you always wanted to know about phytoliths (but were afraid to ask): Their contribution to the modelling of past human behaviour	14:30 - 17:30 CEST, 09/09/2021	Alexandre Chevalier, Rosa Maria Albert

Invited speakers

IMPR-sessions welcome the following invited speakers, who will enrich the program with their presentations:

- Emma Jenkins (Bournemouth University, Bournemouth, United Kingdom) – session #246, Phytoliths in integrated archaeobotanical and ethnoarchaeological studies
- Martin Hodson (Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, United Kingdom) – session #256, Phytoliths biogeochemistry - From phytoliths formation and role in modern plants to new proxies for archaeology and palaeoecology
- Carla Lancelotti (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain) – session #256, Phytoliths biogeochemistry - From phytoliths formation and role in modern plants to new proxies for archaeology and palaeoecology
- Yannick Devos (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Bruxelles, Belgium) – session #319, Phytoliths in geoarchaeology and micromorphology
- Doris Barboni (CNRS - Centre Européen de Recherche et d'Enseignement de Geosciences de l'Environnement, Aix Marseille Université, Aix-en-Provence, France) – session #340, Phytoliths as a proxy for palaeoenvironmental reconstruction.

EAA keynote lecture by Dolores Piperno

In addition, we are glad to announce that Dolores Piperno will give a keynote lecture at the 27th EAA on **September 7 at 18:45 CEST**. Dolores Piperno's work on palaeoenvironmental and palaeobotanical research is a milestone for the phytolith community, amongst others because of the publication of the handbook for phytolith analysis "Phytoliths" (Piperno 2006). Her keynote talk at the EAA will aim to shed light on different aspects of phytolith research from terrestrial and lacustrine archives and the potential of phytoliths for the investigation of plant use and vegetation in the past, with focus on tropical environments.

Grants

NEW! Female researchers participating with an oral presentation or poster at IMPR-sessions (see table above) can apply before **August 30** for the *Frauen aufs Podium!* grant. The grant will reimburse the costs of the registration fee of the meeting for a selection of participants (up to sixteen). In the attachment to this circular, you find the application form. Check the attachment for further information or write to 12impr@email.uni-kiel.de

Students registered as EAA members for the year 2021 presenting at the Annual Meeting are welcome to apply for the EAA Student Award before **August 20** (!). Please check <https://www.e-a-a.org/StudentAward> for more information.

Practical information | Recap for presenters

Software

The meeting will take place virtually via the **Hopin** software. Hopin is browser-based so there is no need to download anything.

Session organisers, presenters and attendees should have received an email by EAA with object "**Invitation to attend the EAA 2021 Annual Meeting - KEEP the email**". There you find information how to access Hopin, please enter the platform to understand if it works. You will need this email during the conference.

Session organisers and presenters will be able to **test technicalities** to check that everything is working properly and they can connect and share the presentation without any issues. The separate test environment will be available from 30 August to 4 September and always during the AM week; an invitation by the EAA Office will follow per mail.

More information can be found here: <https://www.e-a-a.org/EAA2021/Programme/Hopin>

Talks and posters

Each session starts with a presentation by an invited speaker. This will last 30 min. The rest of the talks will last 15 min each (including discussion). Please ensure being on time and ideally allowing time for one/two

short questions immediately after the talk (within the 30 or 15 min. given). We will have also discussion slots of 30 min. after every 3-5 talks for further questions.

At the end of the sessions, there will be the poster presentations, when the author(s) of posters can illustrate their research **using slides** (5 min. for each poster). The posters as **one image** will be available via a link to a pdf that will be provided in the virtual room of the session. Note: to have the poster removed from the platform after the conference please contact helpdesk@e-a-a.org.

We suggest to visit the page with advice for effective oral and poster presentations:

https://www.e-a-a.org/EAA2021/General_Info/Guidelines

Among the several recommendations, we would like to highlight to reduce image size to 200-300 dpi to favour easy upload of the slides, and to use the easily readable fonts Arial or Helvetica with size of c. 24 pt to ensure visibility also on relatively small screens. For oral presentations, **PowerPoint format** is suggested, which offers the possibility to reduce image size within the presentation. Please save your presentation in different formats (.ppt, .pptx, .pdf).

Cancellation

The registration fees and cancellation policy of 12th IMPR follow those published on the 27th EAA website.

https://www.e-a-a.org/EAA2021/General_Info/Deadlines

For questions, you can find us at 12impr@email.uni-kiel.de. You can direct technical questions also to the EAA Office at helpdesk@e-a-a.org.

Looking forward to meeting you at the conference!

Best wishes, stay healthy,

the 12th IMPR organizing committee

