10th International Workshop for African Archaeobotany
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First circular

Dear friends and colleagues,

After the successful 9th IWAA meeting held in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria organized by Prof. Leonor Peña-Chocarro, Jacob Morales and Guillem Perez, we are pleased to announce that the next 10th International Workshop for African Archaeobotany will be held in Paris from Tuesday 22th to Friday 25th June 2021.

The conference will be hosted at the National Museum for Natural History (Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle) in the heart of Paris. Located in the Jardin des Plantes, we hope that this historical institution, with its rich botanical collections (gardens, glass houses, herbarium, pollen, seed and wood collections…) will offer a pleasant and appropriate framework for our meeting. Our organization committee is a joyful team of people coming from several laboratories (AASPE-Archaeozoology, Archaeobotany, Societies, Practices, Environments, HNHP-Natural History of Prehistoric Humans, PALOC-Local Heritage, Environment and Globalization and LGP-Laboratory of physical geography) and we will put all our efforts to welcome you in the best possible way.

The 10th IWAA is open to contributions related to human-plant interactions dealing with seed and charcoal macromains, wood, phytoliths, pollen, non-pollen palynomorphs analyses, as well as presentations focusing on environmental reconstruction, ethnobotanical and linguistic approaches and multidisciplinary studies.
In order to organize our scientific activities during the week, participants are kindly requested to fill this pre-registration form by June 15, 2020. At this point we will only need a provisional title for your presentation and a few keywords. This preliminary information will give us an indication of the number of potential participants and help us to set up the provisional program that will be communicated in a second circular during fall 2020 together with details of abstract submission, information of conference fees and online payment thanks to our website which is currently under construction.

As in the two previous editions in Modena and Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, the IWAA organization will give a prize within the "Prof. Ahmed G. Fahmy Memorial Speaker" award, to an African student or young academic which will fund his/her airfare, accommodation and meals. Additional information on this competition will be made public through the iwaa10 webpage.

If you know of anyone who would like to be added to the 10th IWAA mailing list, please ask them to email or write to us and we will be happy to oblige.

If you can’t submit online your pre-registration form (here) or if you have any question, please contact us to: iwaa10@sciencesconf.org

Lastly, it is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Dr. Barbara Eichhorn. Barbara was our colleague, our friend, she was one of the pillars of the IWAA community, known for the rigour and excellence of her scientific work in many African countries including DR Congo, Sudan, Mali, Togo and Namibia. She was also known for her good humour and kindness. She will be missed at the next conference, but we will think of her and we will organize a moment dedicated to her memory. Our thoughts are with her friends, family and colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

The Steering Committee

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