

2nd Call for papers

Benchmarking Interdisciplinarity in Archaeological Science - new methods, new theories, new data -

The XII Nordic Conference on the Application of Scientific Methods in Archaeology SMIA XII, organized by the Aarhus University network STAR – Science and Technology in Archaeological Research, is pleased to invite you to Aarhus (DK) for an international conference on interdisciplinarity in archaeological science.

Where: Moesgård Museum, Aarhus, Denmark.

When: December 13-14, 2016

The website is now live – so please register here: <http://conferences.au.dk/austar2016/>
Please submit your paper/poster abstracts to austar2016@cas.au.dk – see further information below.

Applications from the natural science are enjoying strong and increasing currency in archaeological research – some even talk of a ‘science revolution’. But critical voices can also be heard. With funding and publishing pressures increasingly pushing towards rapid-fire projects and applications, are traditional approaches and scholarly values of archaeology sidelined? And, critically, how do we integrate scientific methods more fully and more even-handed into archaeological research. This conference aims to bring together scholars to discuss interdisciplinary problem-generation and problem-solving in archaeological research. We invite papers, posters and online lightning talks reporting on interdisciplinary archaeological scientific projects as well as reflections on interdisciplinarity in archaeology per se. We ask: Can we benchmark interdisciplinarity in archaeological science?

Invited keynote speakers will share their experiences of challenges, opportunities and rewards of working across disciplinary boundaries

Confirmed keynote speakers

Prof. Matthew Collins, University of York
Prof. Kerstin Lidén, Stockholm University
Dr. Tamsin O’Connell, Cambridge University
Prof. Ezra Zubrow, University at Buffalo

PAPERS AND POSTERS

Abstracts may be submitted in one of the following formats:

Oral Presentation

Oral presentation to be delivered by the submitter. Please expect 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes discussion. Please note that we will confirm the final format closer to the time.

Poster Presentation

Printed Poster to be created by the submitter and affixed in the poster panels. The poster must be no less than A1 and no larger than A0 size (A0 size is 841mm x 1189mm). Orientation of your poster must be in portrait style.

Video Presentation

We are open for electronic presentations via Skype or other online communication platforms.

When submitting your abstract please indicate which format you would prefer.

TOPICS

- Biomolecular archaeology
- Prospection
- Dating
- Palynology & vegetation history
- Diet, demography and health
- Palaeoclimate
- Human-environment interactions
- Novel methods & techniques
- Interdisciplinarity
- Geoarchaeology
- Zooarchaeology

Note that individual papers do not have to directly address the topic of interdisciplinarity, but can be focused on particular methods or case studies.

There will be the opportunity to publish papers from the conference in a special issue of the *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.

HOW TO SUBMIT

All abstracts must be submitted online to austar2016@cas.au.dk

Please indicate presentation type preference when submitting the abstract. However, the decision on whether an abstract, if accepted, should be presented as Oral or Poster Presentation will be at the sole discretion of the review committee.

Abstracts selected for presentation will be printed from the electronically submitted material. Every effort should be made to reproduce the content of the abstracts as submitted. However, please be sure to carefully check your abstract for content errors, spelling, names, etc. before submitting.

Abstracts must be prepared in English only. The text should not exceed 200 words. Table and pictures can be included in the abstract. Picture insertion will not add to the word count.

REGISTRATION

Online registration at <http://conferences.au.dk/austar2016/>

Registration fee: 200 DKK (ca. €25).

Conference participation for students will be free of charge for students and job seekers.

Food and drinks during the conference days are included in the registration fee.

Additionally, it is possible to sign up for the informal get-together at the evening before the conference (December 12). Please note that this event is self-paid.

A conference dinner will be held on the first evening of the conference (December 13). The price is 200 DK, which must be pre-paid during registration.

DEADLINE

The deadline for registration with abstract submission is **November 11th** and **December 1st** for registration without presentation.

GETTING TO AARHUS AND MOESGÅRD

BY AIR:

Aarhus Airport, Tirstrup (AAR) www.aar.dk is located 40 km north of the city and offers direct international flights to Gothenburg, Helsinki, London (Stansted), Oslo and Stockholm as well as frequent regional flights to Copenhagen. There is an airport shuttle bus from Aarhus Airport (departures every 20 minutes after each flight arrival from just outside the main entrance). The fare is DKK 115 and it takes about 50 minutes to reach downtown Aarhus. Bus fare can be paid cash (DKK, NOK, SEK, USD, GBP, EUR). The following (chip) credit cards are also accepted on the Airport bus: Dankort, VISA, MasterCard or JCB.

Billund Airport (BLL) www.bll.dk is located 100 km south of Aarhus and has direct international flight connections to many European destinations, including Barcelona (Girona), Berlin, Birmingham, Brussels, Edinburgh, Faro, Frankfurt, London, Manchester, Milan, Munich, Oslo, Paris, Riga, Rome, and Stavanger. There is an airport shuttle bus (route 912X) between Aarhus and Billund Airport with several daily departures <https://goo.gl/O5sJzX>

The travel time from Billund Airport to downtown Aarhus is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Tickets are sold on the bus for about 140 DKK. Bus fare can be paid cash (DKK). The following (chip) credit cards are also accepted on the Airport bus: Dankort, VISA, MasterCard or JCB.

BY TRAIN:

Aarhus lies at one of the most important railway junctions in Denmark. There are hourly departures to the north, south and west. From Southern and Central Europe, the connections are via Hamburg/Flensburg. Aarhus H has hourly services to and from Copenhagen www.dsb.dk

GET TO MOESGÅRD MUSEUM:

City bus 18 Mejlbj/Elev – Moesgård leaves Downtown Aarhus (Park Allé) three to four times per hour on weekdays, and twice an hour on the weekend <https://goo.gl/PVPEhb>

The trip takes appr. 25 minutes and you need a ticket for two zones (please note cash only on bus - adult: 20 DKR). Alternatively, tickets can be bought at self-service machines, using credit card, at major bus stops (Park Allé).

ACCOMMODATION IN AARHUS

Aarhus has a large range of hotels from big international ones to several special hotels and inns. Find hotels at <http://www.visitaarhus.com/ln-int/denmark/hotels-and-inns-in-aarhus> or at www.hotels.com

Hostel: City sleep-in Aarhus (from DKK 469,-) in central Aarhus at the waterfront.
<http://www.citysleep-in.dk/en/>

Budget: CabInn Aarhus Hotel (from DKK 495,-) in central Aarhus, between the cathedral and the river.
<https://www.cabinn.com/en/hotel/cabinn-aarhus-hotel>

Middle range: Scandic Aarhus City (from DKK 1080,- or €145,-) in central Aarhus next to the shopping street.
<https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/denmark/aarhus/scandic-aarhus-city#.VZFazU0w-70>

Comwell (from DKK 1050,-) in central Aarhus between the bus station and the rail station (Aarhus H).
https://www.comwell.dk/booking/searchresult/?new_language=1&ga=1.48320421.2041320183.1474309253

Hotel Ritz (from DKK 1038,-) in central Aarhus in front of the rail station (Aarhus H).
<http://www.hotelritz-aarhus.com>

