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THE GEOARCHAEOLOGY OF MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS

Multidisciplinary approaches to paleoenvironmental changes and the history of the human occupation in the Mediterranean islands since the Last Glacial Maximum

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Aims and scope



Geoarchaeology could be defined as the study of environmental and landscape dynamics linking the human occupation and impact on an archaeological site. Combining geosciences and geographical methods that approach could be of significant help to the study of prehistory, archaeology and history.

Situated between Europe, Africa and Asia, Mediterranean islands display unique palaeoenvironments and patterns of human occupation. Their physical properties (relief, coastal morphology, vegetation, etc.) are the long-term result of complex geological, tectonic, climatic and eustatic changes. In some cases, the current location and configuration of Mediterranean islands was dramatically different in the Pleistocene and even in the Early Holocene: Corsica and Sardinia, for example, until relatively recently formed a single island, and similar cases are found in the Tuscan archipelago, as well as the islands of the Aegean and Ionian seas.

During the Epipaleolithic and the Neolithic, the shapes of the island coastlines and valley profiles have varied widely because of several natural factors, but also on account of the anthropogenic impacts on insular environments. The chronology, character, and scale of initial island colonization in the Mediterranean, continue to be the major topics of scientific debate, as are subsequent human impacts through time.

By adopting a multidisciplinary approach, this colloquium aims to combine different approaches from the humanities, social sciences, and geosciences in order to assess long-term patterns of human-environmental interactions on Mediterranean islands during the Late Quaternary (the last 25 000 years).

Presentations should combine archaeological and (palaeo) environmental data. We encourage presenters to adopt comparative approaches between sites and regions for understanding crucial periods and key themes of research concerning the Mediterranean islands. Some possible examples include: Neolithic (or earlier) colonization of islands in the context of rapid sea-level changes (vertical and lateral); human settlement and its response to climate and vegetation change, and the environmental impact of agricultural practices in prehistoric and historic periods.

A session of the colloquium will be dedicated to the study of Ancient agriculture by adopting a geoarchaeological approach. Geographers, geologists, geomorphologists, archaeologists, historians and palaeoecology experts will discuss the results from different case studies chosen across the Mediterranean and will debate the consequences of the evolution of agricultural practices during prehistorical and historical periods on ancient economies.

This empiric approach is a central issue in the current debate about sustainable development in the fragile environmental context of the Mediterranean islands.

Related topics

- Coastal paleogeographies
- Sea-Level changes
- Climate changes
- Vegetation history
- Extreme events and catastrophism (tsunamis, earthquakes, etc.)
- Fluvial dynamics "from source to sink"
- Agriculture and Ancient Economy
- Historical sources and past landscapes reconstruction
- Archaeological landscapes and remote sensing/geomatics
- From past to future: archaeology as a tool for sustainable development



Languages

English (preferably) and French

Presentations

Participants wishing to present a communication should submit their proposal before the **1 January 2015**.

Proposals should be a maximum of **one page** (3000 characters includ. spaces) and should follow parameters given on the website of the colloquium.

Authors should indicate their preference for oral or poster presentations.

Please, send your abstract by email to the following address: contact@geomedislands.org

Abstracts will be evaluated by an international scientific committee which will establish the final list of selected papers. Organisers reserve the right to place oral presentations into posters, or vice versa.

Publication of the proceedings

All presentations, oral presentations and posters, will be reviewed by an international scientific committee for publication. The organizers will encourage interested authors to submit their paper to:

Quaternary International (Elsevier)

<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/quaternary-international/>



The deadline for manuscripts will be on the **1 November 2015**.

The organizers would be grateful if the participants could hand in their articles during the colloquium, or at least their intention to publish (only original data!).

Location of the colloquium

GEOMEDISLANDS 2015 will be held in Cargèse (Corsica, France). The conference Centre (IESC) is located at Cargese (South Corsica) and can be reached by driving (approximately 1.5 hour) from Ajaccio Napoleon Bonaparte International airport.

Schedule



During the colloquium, speakers will present, in French or English, results of multidisciplinary studies concerning the Geoarchaeology of the Mediterranean islands.

A session will be specifically devoted to the presentation of posters.

- Tuesday 30 June
 - Arrival of the participants at the Napoleon Bonaparte Ajaccio Airport (morning)
 - Bus shuttle from Ajaccio airport to Cargèse Conference Centre (14.00)
 - Installation of the participants in their room
 - Opening ceremony (17.00)
 - 1st Oral session (17.30-19.00)
 - Public conference (19.30)
 - Reception dinner "Ice breaker" (20.45)
- Wednesday 1 July
 - Breakfast (on site)
 - Oral sessions
 - Lunch (buffet) + poster session
 - Oral sessions
 - Public conference (19.00)
 - Gala dinner (20.30)
- Thursday 2 July
 - Breakfast (on site)
 - Oral sessions
 - Closing ceremony
 - Departure of all participants to Ajaccio Airport (13.00)

Registration (limited to the first 75 participants!)

Very easy !!

- Online registration (opens 1 January 2014) : <https://www.azur-colloque.fr/DR12>
- Select "GEOMEDISLANDS 2015" in the list and press "Register" (on the right)
- Enter your personal/institutional information and your time (date and hour) of arrival
- Select your status (Student, Professor, etc.) to select the appropriate registration fee
- Finally, you will be allowed to pay online with your credit card (Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard) the system is secured by CNRS and a proof of payment will be automatically created
- For any other type of payments, please contact the organizers : contact@geomedislands.org

Registration fees include:

- Registration for the colloquium
- Coffee breaks
- Accommodation (shared double room)
- Breakfasts, lunch, opening reception and Gala dinner
- Group shuttle from/to Ajaccio Airport
- Colloquium kit

PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF THEIR OWN TRAVEL TO CORSICA



Fees



Early registration before 1 March 2015	Cat. I: 250 €	Cat. II: 300 €	Cat. III: 350 €
Late registration after 1 March 2015	Cat. I: 300 €	Cat. II: 350 €	Cat. III: 400 €
On site registration	Cat. I: 350 €	Cat. II: 400 €	Cat. III: 450 €

Cat. I : Student, Post-doctoral fellow

Cat. II : Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Research scientist (junior)

Cat. III : Associate Professor, Professor, Emeritus, Other (private, etc.)

Important dates

- 1st Circular: 1 January 2014
- Online registration and payment (starting from) : 1 January 2014
- Call for abstracts is opening on 1 January 2014 (deadline is on 1 January 2015)
- 2nd Circular: 1 September 2014
- Notification of acceptance/refusal for communications is on 15 February 2015
- Early registration limit is on 1 March 2015
- Colloquium : 30 June - 2 July 2015

For any questions, please contact the organizers at : contact@geomedislands.org

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