

Submission for a session in XIX UISPP World Congress, Meknes

Archaeometry of prehistoric and protohistoric stone, metal, ceramics and glass

The Commission presents a proposal for a session covering all aspects of analytical approaches applied to the study of archaeological finds of stone, metal, ceramics and glass. Materials of all periods from Prehistory to the medieval protohistoric cultures and civilizations will be taken into consideration. Special attention will be given to the quality of analytical performances.

Special cases on how general problems concerning the various materials can be solved by applying diverse analytical methodologies, case studies on ancient quarries, the production of stone artifacts from various contexts, researches on mining, analyses of smelting remains, metal finds, metal workshop remains, ceramics of all kinds and periods, and researches on glass production, glass workshops, glass objects and coloring of glass will be collected and presented in different sections.

A further aim of this session is to share the latest results and experiences that can provide useful information, the comparison of several methods and technologies, and the possibilities of standardization of test and database protocols.