

EMAC '07

9th European Meeting on Ancient Ceramics

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Hungarian National Museum, Budapest, Hungary

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OBJECTIVES

Pottery is one of the basic sources of archaeological inquiry. Ceramic typology and stylistic study of pottery has been, for long time, the main tool for temporal and spatial ordering, classification of peoples and cultures through the vessels they use.

EMAC is devoted to ceramic studies beyond the form and concerned with the technological characteristics of vessels. Researchers are invited to submit papers to be presented in subjects concerning ceramic technology, provenance of raw materials, decorative techniques, vessel use, function and the social implications of technological practices. For the investigation of such questions various methods of scientific analyses are applied ranging from routine laboratory practice to the application of sophisticated analytical techniques. Special regard will be given to problems of function and integrating archaeometrical results on pottery into classical archaeological argumentation and historical interpretation.

The main topics of the Conference are intended to cover, in accordance with former EMAC practice:

- methodological development in pottery studies
- production, distribution, trade
- dating pottery
- pottery as containers
- ceramics as building materials
- industrial/technical ceramics
- ceramics in conservation (deterioration, preservation methods and analyses)
- slips and glazes

Considering the special directions of Hungarian ceramic research, a topic will be announced in respect of geological and petrographic approach to the study of pottery.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The conference will take place in the Ceremonial Room of the Hungarian National Museum. There will be one plenary session completed by two poster sessions. Please consider your preferences and indicate it on the Registration form. Oral presentations should address topics of general interest and reviews; case studies and application accounts are welcome but preferred as posters. As there is only one plenary session, some papers intended for oral presentations may be accepted as posters. Authors intending to present their lectures in the form of oral presentation should be fully registered and confirm their intention to be present on the meeting. The International Scientific Committee will help the organisers in selecting the papers to be presented as oral communications on the basis of the abstracts. **The length of abstracts should be between 200 to 400 words**, including title, authors name and affiliation.

Abstracts should be sent to the organising committee in email not later than **05/03/2007**. Acceptance of papers and preliminary program should be circulated by **15/04/2007**.

The proceedings of the Conference are planned to be published in the form of electronic publication. For authors and technical libraries, reference copies will be made. Details on guidelines and availability will be published in the 3rd circular.

We are planning to organise before the closing section of the Conference a public round table, with a few people briefly proposing, in view of the conference abstract and recent publications, what are for them the current problems and potentials for ceramic studies, and allowing the audience to contribute their views as well.

On the occasion of the Conference, a special exhibition will be organised in the HNM from gems of prehistoric, historical and modern pottery.

Three different 1 day excursions are planned to be organised to places of modern and prehistoric pottery production centres. The excursions will be organised according to interest. Please send applications together with the registration form.

VENUE AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The Conference will be held in the Hungarian National Museum (H-1088 Budapest, Múzeum krt. 14-16). After the conference we plan to organise different excursions to centres of historical and prehistoric pottery production in Hungary

Registration fees:

	before 31st March 2007	after 31st March 2007
Delegate (full registration fee)	150 euro,	200 euro,
Students (please confirm student status)	100 euro,	150 euro,
Accompanying person	100 euro,	150 euro,

The full registration fee covers the scientific programme, list of participants, book of abstracts, welcome party, lunches and coffee break beverages. Banquet is not included in the registration fee. Students are entitled to participate in the Conference and the social events.

More information on the social programs can be found in this circular. For detailed technical information regarding registration, please refer to the attached Registration Form and the chapter of Methods of Payment.

The organisers will investigate the possibility to make funds available for participants from countries with financial difficulties. If you need financial support to participate at the conference please let us know as soon as possible (before 30th of January), and please enclose your registration form and abstract.

Other (optional) costs:

Conference dinner	40 euro
Conference excursion 1.	60 euro

Budapest-Százhalombatta. - Visit the Százhalombatta Archaeological Park; take part in experimental firing of vessels with prehistoric technology. Lunch included, return to Budapest by 4 P.M.

Conference excursions 2. 100 euro
Hódmezővásárhely modern pottery centre: artists' colony, visit Hódmezővásárhely Museum with permanent exhibition "Everyday Venuses" – gems of Neolithic pottery and cult figurines. Return to Budapest by 7 P.M. Lunch and refreshments included.

Conference excursions 3. 100 euro
Visit the porcelain factory and museum of Herend and the faience factory of Városlőd. Visit the archaeological exhibition of Veszprém Museum. Return to Budapest by 7 P.M. Lunch and refreshments included.

Guided tour in the city for accompanying persons 30 euro
Visit Heroes' Square, Castle, Gellért Hill, Matthias Church etc. by bus

The organisers retain the right to cancel the excursions in case of low interest (under 15 persons). In this case, the excursion fee will be completely refunded or you can join another fieldtrip. If you are interested in the details, feel free to contact the organisers. Each excursion can take a maximum of 40 persons: please register early to secure your place.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE VENUE

S I T E

The 9th European Meeting on Ancient Ceramics will be held in the Hungarian National Museum in Budapest, Hungary from Wednesday, 24th October 2007 until Saturday 27th October 2007.

Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is an economical, financial and cultural centre with nearly two million inhabitants. The city which is beautifully situated on both sides of the river Danube has 2000 years of history. There are ruins from the time of the Roman Empire as well as from the Middle Ages; however, it is mainly reflecting the atmosphere of the end of the 19th century when celebrating the millennium of the Hungarian state it was the largest city of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. There are lots of museums, theatres, concert halls, plenty of restaurants and other places of amusement. Several baths offer the pleasure of thermal waters of various medicinal springs. As Budapest is a traffic junction in Eastern Central Europe, it can easily be reached by air, by train, by car or by hydrofoil.

P A S S P O R T , V I S A A N D I N V I T A T I O N L E T T E R S

Every foreign visitor must have a valid passport. EU members can travel with any kind of official personal ID, however, it may be faster with a passport. The visa policy of Hungary is liberal. For visits shorter than a month, no visa is required for citizens of most European countries, the United States, Canada and Israel. Participants are advised to inquire about visa regulations at their travel agent or at the Hungarian Embassy or Consulate in their home country. Visa is required for most Asian countries, Russia, Ukraine and other countries of the former USSR. As of now, visa can also be obtained at the International Airport of Budapest or at the main border crossings (two photographs are needed). No visa can be obtained at the railway border crossings. Those who experience any trouble in getting a visa to Hungary should contact the Conference Secretariat as soon as possible. If you need an official invitation letter to get the visa, please write to the Conference Secretariat (emac07@ace.hu).

CITY TRANSPORTATION

Participants arriving at either terminals (Ferihegy 1 or Ferihegy 2) of Budapest International Airport are advised to use the Airport Minibus shuttle service which takes you to any address in Budapest for a fee of 3600 Ft/person (cca. 13 Euro). As an alternative you can use public bus service (line 200) which connects both terminals with the underground (metro) line 3 (blue line). Taxis to or from the city cost approximately 4,500 Ft (cca. 20 Euro) for a one way trip. Car rentals are available at the airport. Parking is usually difficult in the centre of the city, so you are advised to use public transportation. Budapest possesses a reliable and frequent public transportation network, composed of three metro lines (yellow, red and blue), as well as several tram, bus and trolley bus lines. Tickets which can be used on all types of vehicles cost 185 Ft and are valid for a single trip on one line only (no transfer). Tickets are available at the metro stations and at tobacco shops. Block tickets or tourist passes for all transport are also available at major metro stations. The organisers make efforts to reserve hotels along metro lines, so that you can get to the conference venue easily.

Participants wishing to arrange their flight through Vienna will find trains depart frequently from Vienna to Budapest. There are about 5-6 trains towards Budapest every day from very early morning until the evening. You are advised to check <http://www.elvira.hu> for information on train services in Hungary.

Parking in the city centre may be difficult and expensive. If your hotel does not provide parking places please contact the organisers for help in time.

CLIMATE AND WEATHER

The climate of Budapest is continental. In late October the weather is generally nice but be prepared for cold and rain.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND BANKING FACILITIES

The Hungarian currency is the Hungarian Forint (Ft, HUF). Currency exchange booths are available at the airport terminals, railway stations, travel agencies, banks and various places in the city. Travellers cheques and convertible currency may be exchanged at these facilities. In general, banking hours are 8.15 - 15.00 hours, Monday to Friday. Major credit cards are usually accepted in most hotels, restaurants and certain shops in the city. Currency exchange rates at the time of printing:

1 EUR \approx 276 Ft

REGISTRATION DESK, CONFERENCE OFFICE

The address of the conference venue: Hungarian National Museum, H-1088 Budapest, Múzeum krt. 14-16.

Any inquiries about the conference, social events, sightseeing, tours etc. may be answered by approaching any of the staff of the conference office. Participants should register and receive their conference documents, badges and tickets in this area. The Registration desk will operate in the building of the Hungarian National Museum (Múzeum krt. 14-16) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23 and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24. There will be constant hostess service available in the Museum during the Conference.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payment of registration fee must be enclosed with the completed Registration and Hotel Reservation Form. The Organising Committee regrets that personal cheques and Eurocheques cannot be accepted.

Pre-payment can be made by bank to the following account:

Magyar Nemzeti Múzeum
Magyar Államkincstár MÁK
1139 Budapest, Váci út 71.
HU13-10032000-01425121-00000000
SWIFT: MANEHUHB

Registrations and hotel reservations which are not accompanied by appropriate payment will not be honoured. Registrations and hotel reservations will be acknowledged with a receipt for fees paid by the participants. On site registration fees, hotel charges and optional programs can be paid in cash in convertible currency or in Hungarian Forint.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In case of cancellation of registration, 10 % of the registration fee will be withheld from the paid amount, so 90 % of the fee can be refunded. The deadline for cancellation of registration is September 15, 2007. 20 % will be deducted if the cancellation is made after September 15, 2007. In case of cancellation of hotel reservation, the pre-paid deposit cannot be refunded.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Accommodation has been reserved for conference participants and their companions in Budapest in hotels of various categories as near as possible to the conference venue, as listed below. Special demands (e.g. apartments, etc.) will also be met as far as possible. In order to reserve accommodation please complete the enclosed Registration & Hotel Reservation Form and return it to the Conference Secretariat.

You are asked to arrange your booking as soon as possible. It should be emphasised that the organisers cannot be held responsible for accommodation that has been reserved and not used. It will be liable to the parties in question.

HOTEL	Single room	Double room	Deposit
Hotel Museum**** 1088 Budapest, Trefort u. 2.	115 euro	130 euro	130 euro
Hotel Corvin*** 1094 Budapest, Angyal u. 31.	60 euro	70 euro	70 euro
Atlantic Hotel** 1081 Budapest, Népszínház u. 55.	50 euro	68euro	68 euro
Dominik Panzió* 1146 Budapest, Cházár A. u. 3.	29 euro	39 euro	39 euro

The prices stated above are per room basis in Euro, they include all V.A.T. local taxes and breakfast. Please note that rooms in the Dormitory (*) do not have showers, toilet is available on the corridor and breakfast is not included in the price.

Hotel Informations:

www.budepesthelstart.com

www.venere.com

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Participants are encouraged to bring their spouses to Budapest. Companions, paying the accompanying persons' registration fee, are invited to join social events organised for the participants and a sightseeing tour in Budapest.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The scientific program of the conference will be completed with social events, allowing some time for informal discussions for the participants.

WELCOME PARTY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

18,00 – 20,00 at the building of Hungarian National Museum

The official welcome reception of the Symposium will be held in the building of the Hungarian National Museum. Participation is included in the registration fee.

CONFERENCE DINNER

In the picturesque restaurant Udvarház at Buda hills, transfer by buses

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission of registration form	15/03/2007
Abstract submission	05/03/2007
Answer on acceptance	15/04/2007
Hotel reservation	15/03/2007
On site registration	24/10/2007

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

email (preferred way of communication): emac07@ace.hu

Conference website: www.ace.hu/emac07

You can send fax or letter to: Katalin T. Biró
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1088 Budapest, Hungary
Múzeum körút 14-16
(36)-1-3277744

For matters of finances/accommodation and travelling: Krisztina Fonti, Idea Meeting Ltd.
(36) -30- 9764-286
idea.meeting@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM - 2ND CIRCULAR

EMAC '07 Budapest

Name					
Gender	M/F				
Affiliations					
Address					
Accompanying person(s)					
Telephone		Fax		E-mail	
I intend to present a lecture (oral communication)	Title of oral presentation				
I intend to present a poster	Title of poster				
I am a student (confirmation needed)	yes/no				
I need accommodation/ (enclose Hotel reservation form!)	yes/no	I/we intend to take part on excursion		1 yes/no 2 yes/no 3 yes/no	
I intend to take part on the Conference dinner	yes/no	I intend to take part on Budapest guided tour during the conference		yes/no persons:	
Any special request					

P l e a s e r e t u r n t o :

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 Fax (36)-1-3277744
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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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Name					
Gender	M/F				
Affiliations					
Address					
Accompanying person(s)					
Telephone		Fax		E-mail	
Please reserve for me accommodation	at hotel	arrival	departure	I need a	
	Museum ****			single bed room	
	Corvin ***			double bed room	
	Atlantic **				
	Dominik *				

MONEY TRANSFER DETAILS

	Amount due	Amount transferred
Conference registration fee	100 / 150 / 200 euro depending on attendance status and date of payment	
Hotel reservation - deposit	(see list of hotels) deposit should be transferred	
Conference dinner	40 euro	
Sightseeing	30 euro	
Excursion	60 / 100 euro	
Banking costs in Hungary	10 euro	
Total amount of money transferred		

Banking date: For your registration to be accepted, at least the the costs marked **bold** should be transferred.

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