

FIRST CIRCULAR



Prehistoric and Mining Lamps and Lighting Round Table 3-5 November 2008 Warszawa – Ostrowiec Sw.

with a lighting workshop inside the Neolithic flint
mines at Krzemionki Opatowskie, Poland

CALL FOR PAPERS

Organizers

International Lychnological Association (ILA)

State Archaeological Museum in Warsaw (PMA)

Historical-Archaeological Museum in Ostrowiec Swietokrzyski

in association with

Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology, Warsaw University (PCMA)

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Round-Table Themes

The 4th International ILA Round-Table follows up on themes suggested during the 2nd and 3rd Round Tables at Millau and Olten, respectively, that is, lamps and lighting devices in prehistoric times and in the conditions of underground mines.

The location has been chosen specifically to combine the two experiences: the Neolithic flint mines at Krzemionki Opatowskie in southeastern Poland offer an incomparable opportunity to develop the topic of how light was brought into and used in a prehistoric mine.

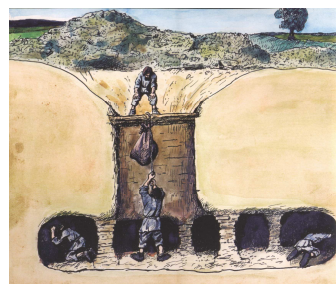
The duality of the topic chosen for the Round-Table in Poland is intended as a means of allowing, on one hand, in-depth discussion of prehistoric lighting methods and devices, the development of which will lead in effect to the lamps of Antiquity. On the other hand, the focus on the way light is used in mining conditions in a prehistoric mine and then in a medieval salt mine will bring to the fore technical and functional issues that permit a better understanding of how lighting devices work. The objective is to provide a forum for relevant papers on light and lighting in prehistoric times (before the Roman Age in Europe north of the Alps) and in mines (all periods), but also, and more importantly, to encourage excavators to present unpublished material from their sites in an effort to broaden the source base of lamps and lighting available for study. In effect, for example, a number of "lamps" from prehistoric times, identified as such by excavators, may be either proved or disproved as lighting devices.

Acts

As for all ILA meetings, the acts will be published.

Dates, venue and preliminary program

Warszawa-Ostrowiec RT
November 3-5, 2008



Archaeological Museum and Reserve at Krzemionki
(branch of Historical and Archaeological Museum at
Ostrowiec Św.) www.krzemionki.pl

Sessions

The sessions will take place at the facilities of the Historical-Archaeological Museum in **Ostrowiec Swietokrzyski** with a workshop on lighting organized inside the flint mines. Participants will have the opportunity to go down into a mine not normally visited by tourists and to experiment with light underground. The RT will close with a visit to the salt mines in Wieliczka near Kraków.

Participants will be taken to the conference venue by bus from Warsaw on Monday morning and will return to Warsaw in the late evening on Wednesday. Hotel facilities will be arranged in Ostrowiec for the TR. The Wednesday excursion to Wieliczka is included in the program.

Participants will be welcome to stay on in Warsaw for Thursday and Friday (**November 6-7, 2008**) to attend a **sub-RT** organized in Warsaw by the Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology of Warsaw University. This mini-conference is intended as a review of lamp and lighting *varia* from excavations carried out by the Polish Center in Egypt and the Near East. (www.pcma.uw.edu.pl)

Participants are encouraged to plan their stay in Warsaw so as to include the weekend of Saturday and Sunday November 1-2. They will thus have an opportunity to join in the Polish Roman Catholic tradition of bringing lights to the cemeteries on All Souls' Day in remembrance of the dearly departed (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Souls'_Day).

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for the Warszawa-Ostrowiec RT is:

60 EUR for ILA members

80 EUR for non-ILA members

The fee covers all conference materials, costs of transport to and from the venue, organization, as well as refreshments during the RT.

Lunch and dinner during the RT will be provided by the organizers.

A cut-rate for hotel accommodation in Ostrowiec Sw. is being negotiated for the duration of the RT; prices for participants will be given in the next circular. Double rooms can be shared.

Participants will have to arrange for their own accommodations in Warsaw.

Some limited grant opportunities may be available. Please write separately, if you are interested.

Schedule

Preliminary registration – deadline for early registration is **July 31, 2008**.

Second circular with details of the program and full prices will be published in late May.

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Warszawa-Ostrowiec TR PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

Name:..... [please print surname in block letters]

Position:.....

Address:.....

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e-mail:.....

mobile phone:.....

status: participant/auditor [circle applying]

Title of communication:.....

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Abstracts will be asked for in the final registration form.

Please send by **July 31, 2008**, to:

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