

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you to submit your abstracts for the EAA session 501 - “Storage structures and storage goods from the Neolithic to the Iron Age: archaeological, archaeobotanical and ethnographic perspectives”.

With this session we intend to gather papers focusing storage practices, addressing not only the storage goods but also social and technical aspects related to such a crucial issue in the day-to-day life of prehistoric as protohistoric communities. Site-cases and broad reviews, as well as ethnographic and experimental approaches are welcomed.

You can submit your abstracts until 15 February through the conference website <https://www.e-a-a.org/ea2018>

Please, forward this information to your colleagues who may be interested in participating and do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

Bellow you will find the session’s abstract.

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Session 501

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Storage practices are a crucial part of subsistence strategies of many human communities. As such, facilities used for storing unprocessed or processed food and beverages have been found in different geographic and chronological contexts, among societies with different cultures and economic strategies. Whether dealing with hunter-gatherers or agricultural societies with diverse levels of complexity, storage has been a key-subject in many archaeological investigations.

This session will gather different perspectives on storage practices, from archaeological, archaeobotanical and ethnographic points of view, addressing 1) technical issues related to storage facilities, 2) the characterization of storage goods and storage practices and 3) the social aspects related to storage.

What types of storage facilities can we find in the archaeological record and how were they built and maintained? Which goods were stored? Were there particular facilities for particular goods? How were

these goods processed before storage? How to detect long-term and short-term storage, household and communal storage? Who managed storage facilities and the access to stored goods? Which were the social implications of managing stored goods?

These are some of the questions we intend to address in this session. Presentations may focus on archaeological contexts from the Neolithic to the Iron Age or present day ethnographic studies which may help understand archaeological realities.