

13th ICOM-CC Wet Organic Archaeological Materials Conference (WOAM) May 16-21, 2016 in Florence, Italy

ICOM-CC's Wet Organic Archaeological Materials Working Group (WOAM) exists to: disseminate scientific research in the field of wet organic archaeological materials; to promote the application of new materials and technologies for conservation, investigate new tools for analysis and documentation; present relevant case studies in the conservation of wet organic archaeological materials; identify further areas of research and to facilitate networking for future collaborative activities.

For the 2013-2016 Triennial period, WOAM established a particular focus on the following subjects:

- The ethics and practicalities of treating waterlogged materials, especially large structures or large assemblages.
- Documentation and characterization techniques for recording and assessing wet organics.
- *In situ* preservation of wet organic archaeological materials and sites?
- New treatment techniques and continued review of established methods, for example Kauramin, PEG, Sugars, Alum etc. In particular, we welcome studies that address the long-term performance and stability of treatments, especially those that reassess the condition of the materials treated as part of the International Comparative Wood Study and currently stored in Trondheim.
- The treatment of composite materials.
- The treatment of non-wood organics.
- The display and storage of waterlogged (and previously waterlogged) organics.
- The role of sulfur and other contaminants in the deterioration of wood and other organics and ways to mitigate these effects.

Although papers and posters addressing these subjects are most welcome, the list is not inclusive and we encourage all original submissions covering topics relevant to the analysis, treatment, study and care of wet organic archaeological materials for consideration.

Please submit abstracts for papers or posters to: ewilliams@cwf.org. They are due **by September 15, 2015**. Abstracts should be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words. They must contain the title, author(s) name and contact details as well as the body of the abstract. They should not contain images or graphs.

Key Dates to remember:

Sept 15, 2015: Submission of abstracts for papers or posters

October 30, 2015 Notification of speakers and authors

March 30, 2016: Submission of all papers and posters for inclusion in conference post-print.

WOAM will be transferring to an entirely peer-reviewed publication for the Florence post-prints. Please note, due to firm publisher cut-off dates, papers not received by March 30, 2016 cannot be included in the published Florence Proceedings.