



CALL FOR PAPERS

Hidden Beneath the Surface

Archaeological Areas of Europe

Conference venue /
Czech Republic, Prague
Prague Castle, Highest Burggrave's Office

Conference date /
11-12 November 2021

Organizers /
Institute of Archaeology of the CAS, Prague, Institute of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics of the CAS, Faculty of Science of the Charles University, Office of the President of the Czech Republic and UMR ARTEHIS du CNRS, Université de Bourgogne Franche-Comté, Dijon

Deadline for abstracts → **30 June 2021**

Archaeological areas bearing important archaeological information are an integral and natural part of historical city centres.

These areas feature all components of the development of cultural identity. The beginning is marked by the decision to preserve an important find for future generations and the choice which part of the monument will be preferred and restored and conserved. Technical and architectural projects are suggested, with which foremost architects and engineers are being entrusted. The third and by far not last decision concerns the relation between the authenticity of the preserved substance and its long-term sustainability. Apart from archaeology, history and the history of architecture, a broad range of disciplines is usually involved: from (hydro)geology, microclimatology to technical and conservation sciences, and high standards are applied to their interdisciplinary collaboration.

We have decided to organize a conference on this subject in the course of an interdisciplinary project of the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic, which – depending on the COVID situation – will either be held online or live.

There are three main topics:

1. / The circumstances of the development of archaeological areas and their position on the local and national level

In this section, we expect to present contributions on the history of the development of individual archaeological areas, their position in the formation of the local, national and supranational cultural identity, on the discussion and possibilities of the preservation of maximum authenticity and the relation between modern architecture and archaeological cultural heritage.

2. / The long-term sustainability of archaeological areas: Interdisciplinary research and its application

This section will be devoted to contributions from the fields of microclimatology, (hydro)geology, statistics, survey of materials, restoration and conservation techniques.

3. / Incorporation of archaeological areas into the current architecture and type of their presentation

This section should contain contributions on the interaction of archaeological monuments and current urban complexes and the types of their presentation (museum exhibitions, virtual tours, applications etc.).

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