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**44th International Conference of  
the Association Française pour l'Étude de l'Âge du Fer  
Lyon (21 – 23 mai 2020)**

*FLUVIAL AXES AND TERRITORIES IN IRON AGE TEMPERATE EUROPE*

**Dates and Venue**

The conference will take place from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2020 at the “Grand Auditorium du musée des Confluences” in Lyons (2<sup>nd</sup> Arrondissement). The conference is organized by the AFEAF in partnership with the Service Archéologique de la ville de Lyon and UMR 5138 ArAr.

**Conference Theme**

In considerations of the construction and evolution of Iron Age territories, the major rivers are judged to have played a key role as elements which structured the landscape and as vectors which served to attract people, encourage production and exchange, and stimulate cultural interactions. The main rivers and their tributaries, as well as the land routes which were related to them, served to invigorate the territories and underpin their framework. They significantly influenced occupation dynamics and the development of settlement networks. Changes to these were in turn related to socio-political developments and the dynamism of changes to the natural environment.

The purpose of this conference is, in the light of recent research, to shed light on the operation of territories associated with these major waterways and their evolution over the *longue durée*. The focus will be on the Iron Age, but contributions which include either earlier or later *comparanda* will be considered.

A key aim will be to attract case studies which, within temperate European contexts, show the variability present in local circumstances from which we can begin to discern different models of territorial systems which are associated with major waterways. Also of interest are the roles of these main waterways with regard to cultural interactions and exchanges (for example whether they served to encourage such transfers or acted as boundaries to activities of this type), and their

significance in the diffusion of ideas and techniques. Lastly, consideration will be given to the importance of the main waterways and the land routes with which they are related in re-evaluating their importance for commercial exchanges and the distribution of goods between territories (at a variety of scales).

The conference will thus focus on the examination of two major fields of enquiry:

*Theme 1- The role played by the major rivers and the land routes related to them in the structuring and dynamics of populations and their associated territories:*

- the natural operation of alluvial valleys (for example within particular catchment systems), the relationships between humans and their environment, the articulation between navigable waterways and associated land routes, and those between coastal zones or deltas and river or land routes,
- Man-made impacts on waterways and rivers including particular constructions (e.g. bridges, dykes and dams, fords, harbour facilities, fisheries...), river navigation (wrecks, cargos...), strategies for the improvement and use of places,
- Chronological and spatial dynamics of human occupation (building and settlement types and occupation networks...)

*Theme 2- The main waterways and land routes associated with them and their cultural and economic functions within territories:*

- The significance of knowledge exchange, the transfer of ideas and acculturation in terms of both of ideas and of practical know-how,
- For material goods: the significance of roads, axes and networks in regard to exchange; the terms and transport options, for the diffusion and distribution of raw materials and manufactured products; the physical reach of particular products and contrasting patterns of exchange; complementary and competitive relationships between the use of river systems and land routes in the organization of trade; the links between material culture recovered from rivers and activities on land; role of major rivers in the transportation of basic foodstuffs.
- The identification of frontiers and boundaries and of contact zones; their roles in the construction of ritual landscapes and in the development of territorial identities.

Contributions (either short presentations or posters) must address the themes highlighted above for a particular period in order to show the synergies between occupation types and systems of settlement, different political and trade systems, natural resource limitations and exchange networks. The themes may also be approached diachronically in order to understand the constants and variables affecting the transformation of territories, accepting a wide definition of the latter to include the physical characteristics of the territory, its functional and morphological characteristics, as well as its social and political dynamics, and finally territory considered as a cultural or symbolic landscape. The organisers are also keen to receive proposals for contributions based on methodological innovations: approaches new to archaeology in fluvial and underwater archaeology, the treatment and interpretation of data, and the modelling of social and territorial aspects ...

***Proposals for communications or posters must be submitted to the Conference Secretary by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019, with the author'(s) contact details. Titles must be accompanied by an abstract (1500 characters for posters and between 2500 to 3000 characters for oral presentations). These must be in French, and accompanied by a translation in either English or German.***

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### **Publication of the proceedings of the conference**

The publication of the proceedings is scheduled for Ascension 2022, in the *AFEAF Collection*. The deadline for submission of manuscripts is October 1, 2020.

### **Excursion**

The excursion will be mainly devoted to visiting the "Larina Camp" and the Heritage House of Hières-sur-Amby (38) which preserves the discoveries of the site and local discoveries (chariot tomb of Verna, tomb of the "Celtic Prince").

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