

# ***The Altai and Southwestern France: new research on the complex question of Late Pleistocene demographic histories***

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**Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October** : Arrival

From 9h00 onwards -- visit to Rouffignac Cave and the *Heritage of Altai Rock Art* exhibition (with Frédéric Plassard), afternoon – visit of the Château de Commarque and nearby decorated (engravings) cave.

**Sunday 22 October**: welcome drink and buffet at the Musée National de Préhistoire (MNP) with welcome address from Jean Jacques Cleyet-Merle (18:30)

**Monday 23 Octobre 8:30 – 12:30** : Musée National de Préhistoire followed by the Maison Bordes – introduction and long presentations on the Altai (30') plus discussions.

Musée National de Préhistoire

- 1) Opening address from Anne-Gaëlle Baudouin-Clerc, Préfète de la Dordogne
- 2) Jacques Jaubert - "*East to West ("Ex Oriente lux") in Europe or West to East in Central and Northern Asia? A geographic perspective on the Middle and Early Upper Palaeolithic to Late Palaeolithic: items to discuss*"
- 3) Mikhaïl V. Shunkov - "*Denisovans in the Altai: natives or incomers*"

Maison Bordes

- 4) Andreï I. Krivoshapkin - "*Common traits of the Middle Palaeolithic in Southern Siberia and western Central Asia: a matter of migration or evolutionary convergence?*"
- 5) Evgueny P. Rybin - "*The third variant: points and blades in Middle Palaeolithic assemblages of the Altai*"
- 6) Ksenia A. Kolobova - "*Chagyrskaya Cave in the Altai - the most eastern Neanderthal site*"

**Monday 23 October PM (14 :00 – 18 :30)** : short presentations (15-20') or posters focusing on the Altai plus discussions. Please note that the intervention order may change.

- 1) Svetlana V. Shnaider - "*3D-visualisation and step-by-step analysis of bifaces from Tchagyrskaya Cave*"
- 2) Natalya E. Belousova - "*Cultural and technological markers in Kara-Bomian Initial Upper Palaeolithic assemblages of the Altai*"
- 3) Maxim B. Kozlikin - "*Lithic industries from Denisova Cave*"
- 4) Alexandre Yu. Fedorchenko - "*Bone tools and ornaments from Denisova Cave: technological aspects*"
- 5) Malvina Baumann - "*Palaeolithic bone industries in the Altai*"
- 6) Camille Lesage - "*The Levallois concept in the Altai: Identification, appearance and variability*"
- 7) Marian Vanhaeren – "*Palaeolithic ornaments from the Altai*"
- 8) Lydia V. Zotkina – "*Rock art under the microscope: Examples from open-air and cave sites in the Altai and South-Western France*"
- 9) Bence Viola – "*Human remains from Siberian/Altai Pleistocene sites*". Read by B. Maureille or video conference.

**Tuesday 24 October (9 :00 – 12 :30)** : visit to the lower exhibition hall of the MNP : context of the local Mousterian (60 min) followed by long presentations (2 x 45') at the Maison Bordes plus discussions

- 1) Brad Gravina and Emmanuel Discamps - " Le Moustier: a century of research and changing interpretations"
- 2) Jean-Philippe Faivre - "New work at Combe-Grenal "

**Tuesday 24 October (14 :00 – 18 :30)** : Maison Bordes : short presentations (15-20') + discussions. Please note that the intervention order may change.

1. Isabelle Crevecoeur - "*The specificities of the Neanderthal hand phalanges*".
2. Eva-Maria Geigl - "*Paleogenomics of the Denisova phalanx*"
3. Jean Pierre Texier - "*The importance of geoarchaeology for interpreting prehistoric sites*"
4. Jean-Guillaume Bordes - "*Lithic taphonomy and the emergence of the Upper Palaeolithic in southwestern France*"
5. Alain Turq - "*The contribution of raw material studies for understanding the Middle Palaeolithic in southwestern France*"
6. William Rendu - "*Neanderthal hunting seasonality*"
7. Priscilla Bayle - "*3D imaging and Paleoanthropology*"
8. Francesco d'Errico, Y. Wei, A. Pitarch Marti, X. Gao - "*Seeking bridges towards a comprehensive understanding of personal ornaments technology and use in the Palaeolithic of Eastern Asia. A view from China*"
9. Bruno Maureille - "*The Mousterian site of Les Pradelles: new excavations, new results, and new hypothesis* "

**Wednesday 25 October (9 :00 – 12 :30)** : visit to the Middle Palaeolithic site of Combe-Grenal with Jean-Philippe Faivre (60')

**Wednesday 25 October (14 :00 – 18 :30)** at the MNP: discussions in the MNP lab around lithic assemblages from Combe-Grenal and Le Moustier, as well as other regional sites, and visit to the temporary exhibit plus Workshop conclusion (amphitheatre of the MNP)

Evening: dinner at Château de Sauveboeuf (for some of the participants).

**Thursday 26 Octobre 9 :00 – ...** Russian participants (and French colleagues who wish to attend): visit to the region's main archaeo-sequences: La Micoque (Jean Pierre Texier), La Ferrassie (Alain Turq), Le Moustier (Brad Gravina and Emmanuel Discamps), Pataud (Laurent Chiotti), Laugerie-Haute (Catherine Cretin).

**Friday 27 October 9 :00 – ...** : Private visit of Lascaux IV (Jean-Michel Geneste) : 09:00 AM. Visit to original painted caves of Combarelles, Cap-Blanc and Font-de-Gaume (final visits leave at 15 :30-16 :15, n=13)

**Saturday 28 October** : visit to Sarlat and departure for Paris.