

Summer School: “Researching non-industrial farming: a multidisciplinary approach”

27th August to 3rd September 2012
Santo Adriano, Asturias, Spain

Call for applications

Deadline for applications: 27th April 2012

Conveners:

Within the framework of the Consolider programme “Technologies for the conservation and valorization of Cultural Heritage”, with support from the ERC programme AgriWestMed and the CCHS - EEHAR (CSIC), a Summer School is being offered for fifteen students studying in European countries. The successful applicants will be chosen by a committee formed by selected members from the organising institutions.

An important aim of the Summer School is to bring together young researchers in order to enable them to make links to other researchers across Europe. The scientific goals are indicated in item 1 below. Lecturers and participants will be hosted together in Santo Adriano, Asturias, Spain, and will take their meals together in order to allow also informal contacts beyond the classes.

The language of the Summer School will be English.

Students must commit themselves to attend all lectures and practical work, and to stay for the full eight days. The price for the course, hosting and meals is 350€. The supporters will offer some grants to cover food and accommodation expenses, but not travel costs.

1. Learning outcomes:

By the end of the Summer School, students will be able to

- Demonstrate an understanding of a social, human-centred approach in investigating non industrial farming
- Integrate a range of disciplinary approaches (especially archaeobotany, archaeozoology, ethnography and archaeology)
- Show a basic understanding of the main practical, archaeological and scientific techniques required for investigating non-industrial farming.

2. Lecturers

Leonor Peña Chocarro (EEHAR-CSIC)

Marta Moreno García (CCHS-CSIC)

Almudena Orejas Saco del Valle (CCHS-CSIC)

Eneko Iriarte Avilés (UBU)

Lydia Zapata (UPV-EHU)

Hugo Oliveira (Linköpings Universitet)

Karol Daugstad (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

Arturo Morales Muñiz (UAM)

3. Topics of the lectures

The participants will be asked to attend all the lectures and to take part in all the activities. All the following topics will be taught

- Researching methodology
- Preindustrial agriculture
- Livestock uses in the rural world
- Cultural landscapes

4. Practice

As well as the formal lecture sessions, all the participants will take part in practical experiences such as the harvest and the crop processing sequence of hulled wheats, or the recording of the weed flora of the fields and villages. An excursion to the highlands will focus on seasonality in resource use related to transhumance, patterns of land use and building style, and the organisation of different work tasks in the transhumance system. Other activities, in coordination with local scholars and/or ethnographic institutions, include the study of agrarian tools, local storage facilities, and some individual enquiries and data producing.

A small internal colloquium will be organised during the Summer School. Every participant is asked to give a 15-minute presentation (preferably with PowerPoint) of his/her research work (Masters Thesis, doctoral project, finished dissertation, etc).

5. Eligibility

- a. Applicants should have completed their Masters degree
- b. They should be graduate students or junior post-doctoral scholars
- c. They should be currently working in related disciplines (archaeology, archaeozoology, botany, ethnography, agriculture, geography, history of techniques, ...)
- d. They should submit the application in English

6. Application

Please note that applications which do not follow these conditions will not be taken into consideration.

The applicant must provide:

- Two names and addresses of academics who can recommend you
- A text (of about 1000 words) describing your personal research topics, and explaining how this research is connected with the research themes of the programme, and what you expect from your participation in the Summer School.
- A two page curriculum vitae including references of your relevant publications

Applicants must formally agree to arrive in the morning of 27th August and not to leave before the night of 2nd September 2012 (it is also possible to remain this night).

All applications should be sent to Ana Delia Rodríguez Ovejero (academic secretary of the Summer School) at anadelia.rodriguez@cchs.csic.es

7. Deadline for applying:

All applications must be received by April 27th, 2012. They will be assessed by a panel of three lecturers of the Summer School and the result will be communicated on 14th May 2012.

8. Accommodation

Accommodation and most lectures will take place in Santo Adriano, Asturias, Spain. Students will share a 4 bed room in El Sabil hostel (www.elsabil.net).

9. Procedure in case that grants can be offered:

We are working on trying to offer some grants to cover the fees of the course (lectures, excursions, accommodation, meals ... excluding the travel costs) for some applicants but this is still only a possibility. We hope to solve this issue in the shortest time.

Anyway, everybody has to pre-pay their course costs, which will be refunded to the grantees up to 350€.

To be refunded, the grantees have to send to Ana Delia Rodríguez, within one month after the end of the Summer School, a one-page scientific report.

The grants do not cover any insurance, either for the travel or for the personal cover. The participants will be asked to prove that they have their

own personal liability insurance for the time they spend in the Summer School. They are requested to have a valid tetanus vaccination.