Call for Papers

International conference: Dyes in History and Archaeology

Copenhagen, October 31st - November 3rd 2023

Dyes in History and Archaeology (DHA) is an annual international conference that focuses on the academic discussion of dyes and organic pigments used in the past. Every year since 1982, this meeting has drawn together conservators, curators, (technical) art historians, craftspeople, artists, scientists, and academics from museums, universities, research centres, and other public or private institutions. The aim of the conference is to bring these specialists together to delve deeply into the history, archaeology, production and application, and properties of organic colourants, as well as their analytical characterization and identification. The focus is often on textile objects, but also on other substrates as well as painted surfaces from all chronological periods.

The 42nd annual meeting will be hosted in Copenhagen from Tuesday the 31st of October to Friday the 3rd of November 2023 at the University of Copenhagen. The conference is organized by the National Museum of Denmark, the Centre for Textile Research (CTR), the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, and The Danish Royal Academy, Institute for Conservation.

The conference will consist of a four-day program. The first three days will be allocated to presentations as well as guided tours at the National Museum of Denmark, The Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, and the Institute for Conservation. The last day of the conference is reserved for a field trip to "Sagnlandet Lejre" https://sagnlandet.dk/en/, where various workshops will provide insights into the world of colours in textiles and pigments.

We invite papers focusing on the history, production, and application of dyes and organic pigments as well as their analytical characterization and identification.

All presentations will be given in person at the venue but will also be live-streamed via the University of Copenhagen's website. Each full presentation will be allocated 20 minutes followed by some minutes for discussion.

Please submit your abstract of maximum 300 words including your name, affiliation, and contact information by May 1st 2023, stating whether you wish to present a full paper or a poster. Please note that the conference language is English.

You can find further information about the conference, including how to submit your abstract, at the conference homepage: https://conferencemanager.events/dyesinhistoryandarchaeology

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