



February 2019

*The 9th International Conference on
the PPN Chipped and Ground Stone Industries of the Near East
Tokyo, November 12–16, 2019*

SECOND CIRCULAR

We are pleased to distribute the PPN9 Second Circular to all researchers interested in Neolithic chipped and ground stone industries of the Near East. Continuing in the spirit of the workshop series launched in 1993, the goal of PPN9 is to contribute to research on the Neolithic of the Near East from the perspective of lithic studies. This workshop has continued to develop over the past eight sessions, and we also hope to make a further development in Tokyo.

Since distributing the First Circular in September 2018, we have received positive responses and suggestions from many of you. Please continue to note the circular for information on recent developments.

REGISTRATION

A total of 95 people from 14 countries pre-registered by the end of January 2019. Please note that all these registrations are currently pre-registrations only. Your registration will be complete once your conference fee has been paid (the conference fee is to be paid after the beginning of May).

Although the pre-registration period is over, please contact a member of the organizing committee directly if you would like to be added.

PRESENTATIONS

Sessions

We are no longer accepting proposals. Given the proposals and topics of the presentations from each author, it seems appropriate to hold sessions based on regional categories (such as the Levant, Arabia, Caucasus, Zagros, and further to the east) and others covering pan-regional discussions and theories. This will ultimately be edited after the submitted abstracts are examined.

Oral and poster presentations

After scrutiny of the proposals that were received, 80 have been selected for presentation. Due to the large number of proposals, if you wish to make multiple presentations, please limit yourself to one oral presentation and submit posters for any other presentations.

Abstract submission

If you have been selected to give a presentation, please submit an abstract as described below. Please note that your presentation may be canceled if you do not submit an abstract prior to the deadline.

Word limit: no more than 500 words

Deadline: **April 30, 2019**

Submit to: PPN9-Tokyo@gmail.com



ACADEMIC EVENTS

Hands-On

We plan to exhibit several Near Eastern Neolithic materials excavated by Japanese teams. Please contact us if you would like to exhibit your materials. Any of your contributions will be most welcome.

Lithic Knapping

Please contact us if you would like to hold a demonstration of lithic knapping. We are currently planning a demonstration of pressure blade production (including lever-pressure) using obsidian.

Excursion

This is currently being arranged, as a large number of you have expressed interest. We will provide more information on the next circular.

LOGISTICS

Venue

The conference will be held at the University of Tokyo, Hongo Campus (Hongo, Bunkyo, Tokyo 113-0033).

Accommodation

We are currently negotiating with sponsors to arrange reduced rates for accommodations at hotels near the venue and hostels slightly removed from the venue. Although we will not be able to provide exact room rates until the beginning of April due to the Japanese fiscal year system, we expect costs to be lower than the European standard. We will ask you a type of accommodation you want at the Third Circular.

Registration fee

Again due to the fiscal year system, information in the registration fee will be provided in the Third Circular. Note, however, that excursion fees will be separate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the organizing committee or a PPN9 address (PPN9-Tokyo@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Tokyo.

Faithfully yours,

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