Investigating Tree Archaeology:

History and Technology of Woodland Management and Product Use

2-days (16/17) May 2018 and 3-day Sept. 2019, Sheffield, UK

CALL FOR PAPERS

SYBRG (Econet) & partners are organising two conferences on the theme of 'Tree Archaeology' looking at archaeology and heritage at the core of understanding treescapes. These multi-disciplinary events will link the managed woodland or individual tree to their processing and utilisation in historic buildings other structures and processes. They will bring together veteran tree specialists, dendrochronologists, archaeologists, vernacular building architects and technologists, ecologists and woodland historians to discuss the history and technology of woodland management, processes and products. The events will look at the various aspects of tree and woodland archaeology which extends from the hedgerow/ wood-pasture/ wood [process] to final destination [product]. We will cover five main themes across the 2 conferences:

1. Dendro-research
   a. In trees/ woodland
   b. In built structures
2. Paleo-research
   a. Botanical
   b. Entomological
3. Landscape and Historical Landscape Interpretation
4. Process and Utilization of Timber and Wood
   a. Archaeological and Historical Aspects
   b. Traditional and Modern Businesses
5. Cultural Modification: Tree Structures and Functions

In addition, in 2019 we plan to include a living archaeology theme.

The 2-day event in May 2018 will consider issues around the legacy of veteran trees and the evidence of past management and technologies that exist in the transformed products, some of which are still found today. This event will focus mostly on the UK, but we welcome contributions from elsewhere in Europe to start to introduce themes that will be further developed at the 3-day conference. This conference will include poster presentations and displays; and an optional site visit (Gleadless Valley woodland & Bishop's House Museum - tbc) and informal meal.

The 3-day event in September 2019 will have a broader remit developing the main themes with presentations from other European countries and elsewhere with different and/ or more recent traditions of management, production and process in woodlands. Further contributions from the UK will of course also be welcome and the conference will include poster presentations and displays, site visit and living archaeology.

These are events in our programme of 'Wilder Visions- re-constructing nature for the 21st century' series running over the next 2 years.

If you would like to offer a paper (oral or poster) or support for either conference and / or to be put on our mailing list for more information, please email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 272 4227.

More information and a booking form will be available later in 2017 – look at our website www.ukeconet.org for more details.

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