

Sacré Vert! Alpine Axeheads and the Social Dynamics of Neolithic and Chalcolithic Europe

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The Prehistoric Society

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This day conference celebrates the achievements of the Prehistoric Society's 2010 EUROPA prize winner, distinguished French archaeologist Dr Pierre Pétrequin (CNRS). A series of presentations will summarise the results of his major international research project, *Programme JADE*, on Neolithic stone axeheads made of jadeitite and other Alpine rocks. At the height of the phenomenon, Alpine axeheads were to be found right across Europe from the Morbihan region of Brittany to the Black Sea. This conference explores the social context of this extraordinary diffusion, and shows how much can be learned about social dynamics from the study of stone axeheads in general.

- 9.30–10.15 Registration and tea & coffee
10.15–10.30 *Welcome and introduction* (Professor Clive Ruggles, President of the Prehistoric Society)

Morning session : From axeheads to people, 1: studies from across the Channel

- 10.30–11.10 Dr Serge Cassen (Université de Nantes): *Alpine axeheads, Carnac tumuli & social dynamics in mid-5th millennium southern Brittany*
11.10–11.50 Dr Yvan Pailler (CNRS): *The special & the everyday: fibrolite & dolerite axehead production in Neolithic Brittany*
11.50–12.30 Drs Françoise Bostyn (INRAP, Villeneuve D'Ascq) & Hélène Collet (Service archéologique de Wallonie, Belgium): *Alpine axeheads, flint mines & settlements in Neolithic northern France & Belgium*
12.30–13.30 Lunch

Afternoon session: From axeheads to people, 2: British and Irish studies

- 13.30–14.10 Prof. Mark Edmonds (York University): *Axes & mountains – a view from the west*
14.10–14.50 Dr Alison Sheridan (National Museums Scotland), Yvan Pailler & Prof. Gabriel Cooney (University College Dublin): *Everything you want to know about Alpine axeheads in Britain & Ireland*
14.50–15.30 Dr Frances Healy & Prof. Alasdair Whittle (Cardiff University): *Axes & enclosures in early Neolithic southern Britain*
15.30–16.00 Tea & coffee
16.00–16.30 Prehistoric Society AGM
16.30–16.45 Presentation of the EUROPA Prize

16.45–17.45

The Europa Lecture 2010: Dr Pierre Pétrequin

Programme JADE – understanding Alpine axeheads in Neolithic and Chalcolithic Europe

The lecture will be followed by a wine reception

IMPORTANT: Please note that entry to the Europa lecture itself is FREE

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