



Dear friends and colleagues,

Institute of History of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology Polish Academy of Sciences and SKAM Flintreaders Society (Stowarzyszenie Krzemieniarskie SKAM) have a honor to invite the members and all the interested to participate in international academic conference:

**“Crossing the Borders. Interregional and Cross-Cultural Interactions
in the Context of Lithic Studies”**

15th SKAM Lithic Workshop

The workshop will be held on **17-19 October 2018** in **Minsk, Belarus**. According to the existing tradition of the annual SKAM meetings, a wide set of issues devoted to the studies of lithic technologies is expected to be discussed. The motto of the conference also implies that it could be an appropriate place for meeting of research ideas and traditions originated from different academic centers and for communication between scholars divided by contemporary political borders.

Program and speeches will be organized within seven thematic and chronological sessions proposed by researchers from various academic centers across Central and Eastern Europe:

1. The Lower Palaeolithic in Central Europe. Earliest evidences and the discussion about pseudo-artefacts.
2. Inter-group contacts in the Late Palaeolithic.
3. Borders in the Mesolithic? Interactions and cultural changes as seen from lithics.
4. Lithic technology in the Neolithic and beyond.
5. Different regions and cultures – different lithic tool-kits?
6. Siliceous rocks used by prehistoric communities: places of extraction, desirable kinds, methods of obtaining.
7. General remarks on the lithic technologies.

The program of the meeting will also include a workshop session with presentation of lithic collections, experiments and consultations with specialists.

The official language of the conference is English.

Deadline for applications is **1 June 2018**. You are welcome to submit your paper in the form of oral presentation (up to 20 min) or poster (size A1 – 594×841 mm). Paper proposals and abstracts in English (one standard page) should be sent by attached registration form on e-mail: skam2018minsk@gmail.com

Organizers do not cover the costs of accommodation and transportation. Information on the conference fee will be provided in further letters.

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