

Foreword

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ART AND SCIENCE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

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The idea of this Special Issue was born during the organization of the Congress of the Italian Archeometry Society (AIAr) held in Arcavacata di Rende (CS, Italy), 9-11 March 2016. The AIAr Association has been established in 1993, it is the main Italian association of scholars and researchers working in the field of scientific applications to Cultural Heritage Assets (<http://www.associazioneaiaar.com>).

About 130 researchers and delegates coming from different Italian regions attended the AIAr 2016 Congress sharing their scientific and technological experiences.

Oral and poster presentations were focused on the different fields of the Archeometry according to the following Sessions:

- Diagnostics and Material Characterization
- Preventive Conservation and Restoration
- Innovative Materials and Nanotechnology
- Provenance and Dating
- Valorisation

The articles published in this Special Issue were selected among the scientific contributions presented to the Conference dealing with the above reported topics, which are of great interest in the field of Cultural Heritage.

In particular, the selected papers face the different goals of Archaeological and Conservation Sciences such as dating and provenance issues, novel analytical techniques, using of innovative materials for a more compatible and “green” conservation. Stone, wood and metals have been investigated.

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These contributions well fit with the aims of the International Journal of Conservation Science focuses since the journal have their fields of interest are related to Diagnostic, Conservation and Preservation of the Cultural Heritage. It represents an essential tool to disseminate novel research, data and case studies useful to improve the level of knowledge in this research area.

Considering the success of the Conference, we sincerely hope to give readers of this special issue an overview on recent and on-going methodological and technological developments in the field of CH characterisation, preservation and valorisation.

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