



## Session #926 – Bridging Past and Present: Exploring Collaborative Approaches in Community and Citizen Archaeology

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This session seeks to delve into the multifaceted relationships between archaeologists and diverse communities. In an era marked by growing interest in the democratization of archaeological knowledge, this session aims to critically examine the role of archaeology in meeting public demands and fostering collaborative partnerships. We would like this session to discuss the political implications of our work (memory, recognition, regional development, etc.), including understanding and mitigating the potential culture shock that may arise when working abroad, with non-academics, or with local populations (indigenous or not). Additionally, the session is welcoming presentations on innovative participatory approaches to archaeological research, including in particular those in the framework of 'citizen archaeology'. The public demand (and not just the sharing of knowledge with the public) will be addressed, as a potential future for our discipline, particularly since commercial/preventive archaeology activities could decline with possible measures linked to the ecological transition. Ultimately, this session aspires to contribute to the ongoing discourse on community and citizen archaeology, connecting theories, methods, and experiences and investigating operational protocols and social impacts. Our goal is to discuss the tangible impact of archaeology, a discipline that takes place in society, for society.

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