



CALL FOR PAPERS

NANTES 2019 – 40th International Merovingian Archeology Days (AFAM)

**Changing world: the movement of men, property and ideas in the Merovingian period
(5th-8th century)**

From October 3rd-5th, 2019

Co-organized by the University of Nantes and AFAM, the 40th International Merovingian Archeology Days will be held in Nantes from October 3rd to 5th, 2019.

The location of Nantes at the border of the Frankish kingdom, on the banks of the Loire, and open onto the ocean, makes it the ideal place to question the circulation of men, goods and ideas within limits that may eventually overflow the world. Merovingian. The means of communication, exchanges, trade, influences or even technological and cultural transfers will thus be the subject of a multiscale approach making it possible to apprehend the question at the local or regional level (within the countryside, in urban space, city / countryside relations, coastal or interior contexts ...) but also over longer distances and beyond the seas.

Three themes, based on archaeological data, will be at the heart of the questions:

- The vectors of the transmission of property and ideas: the axes of communication, the means of transport, the craftsmen, the elites and the army;
- The nature of the objects exchanged: raw materials, manufactured objects, technical know-how;
- The effects of the circulation of goods and ideas: on modes (cultural influences), monetarisation and infrastructures (ports, markets, etc.).

The aim of the papers will be to highlight the plurality of infra and transcultural transactions in a changing multipolar world, at a time when there is a gradual change in contacts and flows of trade, initiated at the end of the Late Antiquity, and in a period of transition gradually leading to a medieval economy.

**ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH CURRENT DAY ON THE EARLY MIDDLE AGE IN THE
LOIRE AND BRITTANY COUNTRIES (5 OCTOBER)**

The 40th AFAM Days in Nantes in 2019 offer the opportunity to offer a renewed presentation of the state of knowledge on the Early Middle Ages in the Pays de la Loire and Brittany, more than fifteen years after the days organized in Angers (2001) and more than thirty years after those of Rennes (1984).

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The presentations will be in the form of oral communications and posters, which may correspond to summaries or presentations of important sites.

Posters must have a link with the theme of the conference or with regional news.

Proposals for papers and posters accompanied by a **two-page summary and an illustration** will be submitted to the symposium website before **1 February 2019** at the following address:

<https://afam2019-nantes.sciencesconf.org/>

For any additional information, please contact the organization at the following address:

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