

Online conference on  
**Worked Shells**  
in the ancient Mediterranean.  
Material, use, typology, chronology and contexts

in honour of Jean-Paul Descœudres,  
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## *Third circular – 25 May 2026*

Dear Colleague,

We would like to thank you very sincerely for your presentation at the international e-symposium, entitled ‘Online conference on the worked shells in the ancient Mediterranean. Material, use, typology, chronology and contexts’. On May 20, 2026 we have hosted on Zoom ca. 50 participants from nine countries, and 18 papers dealing with worked shell objects were presented in one single day of the symposium. Please note that all the symposium documents were updated in our Academia account. If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know by e-mail.

All the lectures and discussions in our e-conference on May 20, after 13h00 were recorded for viewing on YouTube, and Dr Fatih Hakan Kaya (DEU, Izmir) is currently working on their final video production. The YouTube links of the e-conference on <[www.youtube.com/@ergunlafl9033](http://www.youtube.com/@ergunlafl9033)> will be shared with all the participants through a separate mail once they are ready.

### **Publication of the proceedings of the worked shells e-conference**

1. Revised papers of this conference will be published in *Mediterranean Archaeology*, issue 40, 2027 a peer-reviewed journal (cf. <[meditarch.com](http://meditarch.com)>), also available on Jstor, which is kindly offered by Professor Descœudres (cf. <<https://www.jstor.org/journal/mediarch>>). Attached you will find the publication guidelines of this journal to which we ask you to adhere.
2. The language of the publication will be English. Authors whose first language is not English are advised to have their paper checked by an anglophone colleague or professional proofreader before submitting it.
3. The deadline for the paper submission is **April 15, 2027**.
4. Papers and illustrations should be submitted to the editor of the journal electronically via e-mail: [jean-paul.descœudres@unige.ch](mailto:jean-paul.descœudres@unige.ch) or [info.meditarch@sydney.edu.au](mailto:info.meditarch@sydney.edu.au)
5. Please note that the proceedings will contain **only** papers related to worked shell objects. These papers must be original scientific contributions. It is the author’s responsibility to obtain the right of publication from museums or other copyright-holding entities.
6. If you were unable to attend the symposium on worked shell objects, but have prepared a relevant paper, you are welcome to submit it to us for publication by April 15, 2027.
7. Images for your paper, in .tif or jpg format, must be at a resolution of no less than 300 dpi at the size at which they will be reproduced in the publication.
8. Authors will be provided with a pdf copy of their contribution on the day the volume comes off press. The volume will be available to authors with a discount of 50% (current price AUD 120.00).

### **Our next symposium in May 2027**

On May 12, 2027 we organize the next Colloquia Anatolica et Aegaea, Congressus internationales Smyrnenses in Izmir, with the title ‘Online conference on arrowheads in Mediterranean archaeology. Material, use, typology, chronology and contexts, in honour of Martin Henig, University of Oxford’ on Zoom. This symposium is free of charge and all are welcome.

Hoping to host you in Izmir and/or on Zoom in our next symposium in May 2027, we wish you a productive and recreative summer season.

**E-mail addresses of  
the ancient worked shell objects in the Mediterranean working group**

Some of our participants have asked us to have e-mail addresses of our speakers at the online symposium so that we have created a working group of ancient worked shell objects in the Mediterranean as follows:

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**Records of the e-conference in YouTube**

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