Dear Colleagues,
we should like to invite you to take part in the forthcoming International Conference

**IRON IN ARCHAEOLOGY: BLOOMERY SMELTERS AND BLACKSMITHS IN EUROPE AND BEYOND,**

which will be held in Prague from the 30th of May to the 1st of June, 2017. The conference is organized in honour of Radomír Pleiner in the 50th year of the CPSA.

The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars involved in research on early ironworking and to share the newest results and experiences achieved in this field. Very welcome contributions are those informing about recently excavated bloomeries and smithies, about results of analyses of slags and iron artefacts, about new analytical methods developed, new trends and achieved results in experimental archaeometallurgy of iron etc.

**Call for Papers**
Oral presentation and posters are welcome. Proposals should be submitted with a short abstract via the preliminary registration form (http://www.arup.cas.cz/iia2017/registration.php). Both oral presentations (max. 20 min) as well as posters (A0, A1) must be prepared in English.

**Deadlines and key dates:**
Proposal submission (Title and Short Abstract): January 15, 2017
Acceptance of the proposed submission: February 28, 2017
Definitive abstracts for Booklet of Abstracts: April 15, 2017

**Venue**
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Conference fee:
130 EUR (90 for students and PhD students). The conference fee covers the conference materials, and coffee breaks.