

The World Archaeological Congress (WAC) was founded in 1985 as the only representative, fully international organization of practicing archaeologists. It encourages open dialog between archaeologists and others concerned about the past, including First Nationals people whose pasts are told by archaeologists. One of WAC's primary functions is to hold an international congress every four years to offer discussion of new archaeological research, as well as archaeological policy, practice and politics. Previous congresses have been held in England, Venezuela, India, South Africa and Washington, D.C. WAC-6 will be held in the Caribbean for the first time. In May 2007, the Caribbean will celebrate 200 years since the abolition of the Atlantic Slave Trade. This will be an important backdrop for the staging of WAC-6.

Congress Registration

Early registration will begin in April 1 – September 30, 2006. Regular registration will commence November 1, 2006 through to May 2007. The cost of registration will be stated in the 2nd announcement.

Program Deadlines

Proposals for themes will be accepted for consideration through May 30, 2006. Proposals for sessions will be accepted through August 31, 2006. The deadline for abstracts for individual papers is November 30, 2006. Individual papers may be submitted prior to February 28, 2007, and will be assigned to appropriate sessions and themes.

Guidelines for Proposing a Theme or Session

WAC-6 will be organized into themes and sessions. A theme contains a number of sessions relating to the same overall issue. Example: Theme – **The African Diaspora**; Sessions: **Maroon Societies, Plantation Archaeology, and Post-Emancipation Free Villages**. Both themes and sessions should emphasize international participation and global perspectives. Sessions can be organised in different formats, including demonstrations, workshops, debates, panels and forums. Selected sessions will provide simultaneous translation into different languages, including Spanish and French.

Guidelines for Proposing a Paper

Abstracts of 150-250 words should be submitted via email or mailed the following addresses:

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OR

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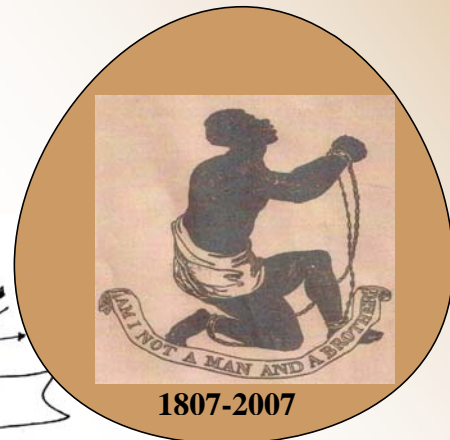
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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

Archaeological Society of Jamaica (ASJ)

Host the

VI World
Archaeological
Congress (WAC-6)



Kingston, Jamaica
May 20-27, 2007

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