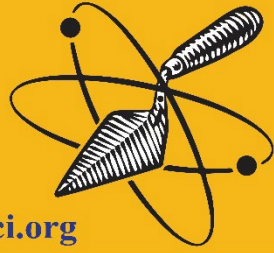


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Dear SAS Members,

The Executive Board of The Society for Archaeological Sciences is proud to announce a new partnership with the Australasian Research Cluster for Archaeological Science ([ARCAS](#)). As part of our ongoing mission to connect researchers across disciplinary and national boundaries, SAS will co-sponsor the free ARCAS 2021 conference, to be hosted virtually by La Trobe University on March 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> (Melbourne time). At the conference, our society will sponsor two student presentation awards and an award for the best presentation by an Indigenous Australian presenter. Working in collaboration with La Trobe University and the ARCAS organizers, and through them with representatives of the Indigenous Australian community, SAS leadership has decided to provide a year of complementary membership to any Indigenous Australian presenters at the virtual conference who accept our invitation. We believe that this bold action will confer meaningful benefits upon the recipients while simultaneously adding new perspectives to our membership. It is our sincere hope that this step will prove valuable in its own right and also provide insights that can inform future measures to diversify our membership and further our goal of promoting inclusive, interdisciplinary science.

SAS continues to adapt in order to ensure that our membership and broader constituency have opportunities to communicate their research to a relevant audience regardless of pandemic restrictions. With the [further postponement](#) of the International Symposium on Archaeometry until May 2022 and the likelihood of additional events rescheduling for 2022, it is more important than ever that SAS forge new partnerships and strengthen existing relationships that can provide venues for science communication, networking, and continuing education. As a member of the [Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies](#), SAS will organize and co-sponsor two invited speaker symposiums in the Art & Archaeology Section of the 2021 SciX conference. SciX is scheduled to be held in-person in Providence, Rhode Island, USA in late September and also has a robust virtual fall back option based on the successful 2020 online meeting. The Executive Board anticipates co-sponsorship of additional events in 2021; as SAS members you will be the first to know when they are official. We encourage our members to explore presenting at meetings like ARCAS and SciX that may not be part of the usual repertoire of conferences. As always, the Executive Board welcomes suggestions from the membership about new potential partnerships. If you are an organizer of a regional, national, or international conference, networking event, or workshop, or if you have a favorite event with which you would like to see SAS partner, just reach out to one of our [officers](#).

Sincerely,

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## Important Dates for ARCAS virtual conference (all dates given for Melbourne time zone)

- Call for papers deadline: 12 February 2021
- Acceptance of new abstract submissions: 12 February 2021
- Registration due (free): 8 March 2021
- Presenter test session: the week prior to the conference
- Live conference sessions: 19 – 20 March 2021