**Announcement**

Annual meeting of the COLS (Center for Obsidian and Lithic Studies) will be held in 15 and 16 March 2014 at Meiji University. The meeting is targeted on the Hiroppara wetland, and the archaeological features of the site group around this wetland, as well as another related field researches during the fiscal year of 2013. The meeting presents several preliminary results of archaeology, microfossils analyses, tephra analysis, and radiocarbon dating on the Hiroppara wetland and archaeological sites. Discussions between prehistoric human activities in obsidian source area and changing patterns of palaeoenvironmental sequence will provide a further step of this project. We welcome all those who have interested in the issues of human- nature interaction in prehistory.

Dates:

March 15th-16th, 2014

Venue:

Global Hall, Global Front Building, Surugadai campus, Meiji University

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TIME TABLE

Day 1: March 15th (Saturday), 13:00〜17:30

【Registration】12:30〜

【Opening speech】13:00〜13:05

【Outline of the project】13:05〜13:25

AKIRA ONO: Aims and organizations of the project: an introduction

KAZUTAKA SHIMADA: Humans and resource environment group

SHIGEO SUGIHARA: Foundations of resource environment group

FUJIO KUMON: Paleoenvironment group

【Session 1：Humans and resource environment group】

JUN HASHIZUME: Preliminary report of the Hiroppara I site, 2011-2012; 13:25〜13:50

KAZUTAKA SHIMADA: Preliminary report of the Hiroppara II site, 2011-2013; 13:50〜14:15

SUSUMU AIDA: Analysis of Jomon potteries excavated from the Hiroppara site group: Part 2; 14:15〜14:40

AKIRA MATSUI: Ethnoarchaeological observation on hunting, keeping of pigs and chickens, slash-and-burn farming among the minorities of Northern Laos; 14:40〜15:05

【Coffee break】15:05〜15:20

【Session 2：Foundations of resource environment group】

NAGAI MASASHI: Volcanic geology of Kirigamine and adjacent areas; 15:20〜15:45

SHIGEO SUGIHARA: Pyloclastic flow deposit at the Hiroppara wetland and Kirigamine volcanoes; 15:45〜16:10

YOSHIMITSU SUDA: Characterization of the geologic obsidian around the Hiroppara prehistoric sites: preliminary results of the geochemical analyses by the WDXRF method; 16:10〜16:35

【Session 3：Dating group】

YUICHIRO KUDO: Radiocarbon dates of the Hiroppara wetland: a chronological framework for the comparison between human activities and environmental history; 16:35〜17:00

【Discussion】17:00〜17:30

Day 2: March 16th (Sunday), 9:00〜15:00

【Registration】8:30〜

【Session 4：Paleoenvironment group】

FUJIO KUMON: Scientific drilling of the late Quaternary deposits in and around Hiroppara wetland, Nagawa-cho, Nagano Prefecture; 9:00〜9:25

TSUTOMU SODA: Comment for tephra analysis of the Hiroppara wetland; 9:25〜9:40

AKIHIRO YOSHIDA: Historical development of the landform since the Late Pleistocene around the Hiroppara peat bog, central Japan; 9:40〜10:05

ATSUKO KANAUCHI and CHIHO KAMIYA: Pollen analysis on the TR-2 section sample 10:05〜10:30

【Coffee break】10:30〜10:45

AKIHIRO YOSHIDA: Tree-line change since the Last Glacial from the pollen profile of HB-1core at the Hiroppara peat bog, central Japan; 10:45〜11:10

TAKASHI SASE and MAMORU HOSONO: Phytolith records from deposits in the Hiroppara wetland and soils at the Hiroppara sites; 11:10〜11:35

【Lunch break】12:00〜13:00

YOSHIAKI MATSUSHIMA and GENGO TANAKA: Preliminary report on the Holocene marine sediments from Oppama lowland, Yokosuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture; 13:00〜13:25

KAZUO MASUBUCHI: Fossil diatom assemblages from the Izu Myojin pond; 13:25〜13:50

【Discussion】13:50〜15:00