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**NECROPOLIS VIA OSTIENSE, ROME**  
**ROMAN FUNERARY ARCHAEOLOGY RESEARCH PROJECT**  
**PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN BIOARCHAEOLOGY**  
**August 27th to September 29th, 2017**

The Sovrintendenza Capitolina ai Beni Culturali of Rome the archaeology department of the Colegio de Doctores y Licenciados en Letras y Ciencias de Valencia, with the collaboration of Universidad Europea de Valencia will be undertaking the first season of the bioarchaeology research project of Via Ostiense Necropolis at Rome. The field school offers a practical training program in both funerary archaeology and physical anthropological study of roman cremations.

The research project is directed by Dr. Marina Marcelli (Sovrintendenza Capitolina of Rome, responsible of archaeological area Sepolcreto della via Ostiense) and prof. Llorenç Alapont Martín (Universidad Europea de Valencia and head of Archaeology Department of CDLV).





A thorough and exhaustive micro-excavation of the remains deposited inside the urns will be carried out *in situ*. The project is twofold, and first aims to identify the physical characteristics of the cremated individuals. This allows us to develop their biological profile as well as infer the conditions of their life and death and interpret the funerary rituals. In addition, the project gives the opportunity to students and professionals to train in the anthropological study of cremations and the Roman funerary world.

At its core, this is a multidisciplinary project aimed at analyzing each and every one of the materials deposited inside cremation pots and urns: human remains, animal and plant remains from the funeral banquet, objects such as lintels or ointment pots, coins, seeds of the vegetable offerings, the funeral bed, all in order to be able to reconstruct the gestures and behaviors of the Roman community.

The project consists of the excavation *in situ* of the cremation urns and the study and analysis of the remains which they contain, particularly the burned human bones. With a large number of undisturbed urns, the necropolis of Via Ostiense is a privileged place for the study of the rites of death and the interpretation of the gestures and customs of the Roman civilization. In particular, the extraordinary state of preservation of the cremations, all intact, *in situ*, inside the containers represents a unique opportunity, for the bio-anthropological and archaeological study applying a method that allows an optimum analysis of the human remains, of the conditions of life and customs and funeral rituals.



**Participants will be provided with a complete dossier with information on methods, practice, theory of the archaeology of death, physical anthropology and funerary archaeology.**

**Throughout the session staff will provide lectures and seminars.**

**English, Spanish and Italian are the official languages of the program.**

For more information about the programme see:

<https://romenecropolis.wordpress.com/>

### **1. WHERE.**

The necropolis via Ostiense is known also as the Necropolis of Saint Paul, because the relics of Saint Paul were found here. It is 100m from the Cathedral of Saint Paul the second most important cathedral of Rome, only after Saint Peter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZfZ8HIDY5o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xe7QItNjYJI>

### **2. DATES.**

The program runs from August 27th to September 29th, 2017. Students may attend one or both of two sessions.

Session I: August 27-September 12

Session II: September 13-29

### **3. CERTIFICATES**

At the end of the Program, participants will receive an official certificate of participation stating the hours and activities of the course.

Participants may receive a letter of recommendation from our institutes upon request.

If you wish to gain academic credits from your school, you will need to contact your academic advisor at your school to confirm and start the process. Each school has different rules regarding credits, so you should have your advisor contact us.

### **4. PROGRAM FEES**

1.400 EURO for session / 1.500 US DOLLARS (bank fees are paid by the participants)

2.800 EURO for the whole program / 3.000 US DOLLARS (bank fees are paid by the participants)

Payable via bank transfer to the Colegio de Doctores y Licenciados en Letras y Ciencias de Valencia.CDL

1. Bank name: CAJA DE INGENIEROS

2- Bank address: Félix Pizcueta, 29, 46004, Valencia

3- Swiftt/BIC: CDENESBBXXX

4- IBAN: ES04 3025 0010 28 1400035888

5- Beneficiary account: Ilustre Colegio Oficial de Doctores y Licenciados en Letras y Ciencias de Valencia y Castellón.

6- Beneficiary address: Avda. Tirso de Molina, nº3, 46009, Valencia. Spain.

**Fees Include:**

- ✓ Full Board for the duration of the program (all meals are included excluding the lunch of arrival day, excursion days and free days)
- ✓ Accommodation in the residence with limited free wifi

We have a very good place in Rome in an old firehouse. Rooms will be for two or three people, with full bathrooms off of each room. Just like in a hotel, there will be cleaning and linen change, linens and towels provided, air conditioning, and a TV in each room.

<http://www.vigilfuoco.it/sitiSpeciali/GestioneSiti/homepageISA.asp?s=3&p=4>

- ✓ Medical and accident insurance
- ✓ Daily transportation to/from the archaeological site
- ✓ Excursions to the Capuchin Crypt, Catacombs, Vatican Necropolis, and Ostia Antica
- ✓ Certificate of participation
- ✓ Dossier
- ✓ Administrative costs

Fees DO NOT include airfare and transportation to Rome from the airport

**5. HOW TO GET A SPACE ON OUR PROGRAM**

To request a space, please send an e-mail to [cdlvalencia@cdlvalencia.org](mailto:cdlvalencia@cdlvalencia.org) together with your Curriculum Vitae and the application form (at the end of this document)

You will be notified within 5 business days if you have been accepted. You are then asked to provide a deposit for your place through the transfer of 400 Euro/500 US Dollars to CAJA DE INGENIEROS: IBAN ES04 3025 0010 28 1400035888. This 400 Euro/500 US Dollars is a deposit for your place on the program and administrative expenses. Please don't forget to send an email to [cdlvalencia@cdlvalencia.org](mailto:cdlvalencia@cdlvalencia.org) attaching the receipt of this transfer. Reservations are only effective when payment of the registration fee is received.

We accept reservations until all spaces are filled.

After this, please transfer the remainder of the fee before **15th July 2017** to the CDL bank account: CAJA DE INGENIEROS: IBAN ES04 3025 0010 28 1400035888.

**Cancellation and Refund Policy:**

- Before May 1st: All payments are refundable.

- Between May 1st – July 15th. Reservation deposit is not refundable
- After July 15th: All payments are non-refundable

## 6. OTHER

After we receive your reservation fee we will send you the official acceptance letter and more specific information about the program.

With your program information we will send you an address for the meeting point. If you can't get to the meeting location on time, we will give you directions on how to reach the excavation and accommodation by yourself.

With your program information we will send you a list of suggested items and clothing that will be useful for your program. You don't need bring any specific tools. All archaeological tools and equipment will be provided on site.

All participants are covered by a complimentary insurance program providing full medical and surgical treatment as well as prescription drugs. Please contact our staff for complete details.

The organizing institutions of the program reserve the right to modify and alter the program for scientific needs or for unforeseeable circumstances. The organizing institutions reserve the right to send a participant away from the program should that person's behavior compromise the safety, research objectives, and general performance of the group, or violate Italian laws or regulations.





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Name:

Country of residence:

Education:

List any experience working with archaeological materials, human remains, or excavating:

Which session(s) are you interested in attending?

Attach your CV and email to [cdlvalencia@cdlvalencia.org](mailto:cdlvalencia@cdlvalencia.org)