Studying Bone Artefacts and Their Technology: A French-Israeli Workshop

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Monday February 24th – Raw Material Exploitation
National Natural History Collections, HUJI, Berman Building, Edmond J. Safra campus

Morning: Introductory Lectures (9:00-12:30)
Animal products and bone objects – Are they related? Rivka Rabinovich (HUJI)
Antler usage and manufacture during the Early Upper Paleolithic in Eurasia Jose-Miguel Tejero (UB)
Meat consumption and bone objects from the Neolithic and Chalcolithic Isabelle Sidéra (CNRS)
Antler exploitation in the Bronze and Iron Ages Ariel Shatil (IAA)

Afternoon: Osteological Practical Session (14:00-17:00)
Introduction to materials: Teeth, tusk, types of bones, antlers and horn cores

Tuesday February 25th – Bone Technology
National Natural History Collections, HUJI, Berman Building, Edmond J. Safra campus

Morning: Introductory Lectures (9:00-12:30)
How can we define bone technology? Basic terminology and common interpretations
Examples of bone technology procedures from the Paleolithic and Mesolithic Jose-Miguel Tejero (UB) & Rivka Rabinovich (HUJI)
Epi-Paleolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic case studies of unique approaches to bone technology Alexandra Legrand-Pineau (CNRS) & Isabelle Sidéra (CNRS)
Typical bone technology - Applications from the Bronze Age to the Medieval period in Israel Ariel Shatil (IAA)

Afternoon: Experimental Practical Session - Microscopic Observation (14:00-17:00)
Alexandra Legrand-Pineau (CNRS), Ariel Shatil (IAA), Isabelle Sidéra (CNRS), Jose-Miguel Tejero (UB), Rivka Rabinovich (HUJI)

Wednesday February 26th – Functionality and Use-Wear
Room 300, Institute of Archaeology, HUJI, Mount Scopus Campus

Morning: Introductory Lectures (9:00-12:30)
Use wear in the study of bone tools - Methodology and practice Alexandra Legrand-Pineau (CNRS) & Isabelle Sidéra (CNRS)
Hunting Weapons in the Upper Paleolithic of the Levant Jose-Miguel Tejero (UB)

Afternoon: Osteological Practical Session (14:00-17:00)
Archaeological Finds - Hands-on workshop Ariel Shatil (IAA)

Student presentations
Bone Inlays from Middle Bronze Age Lachish Noam Silverberg and Naama Yahalom-Mack (HUJI)
Worked Astragal from Iron Age Abel Beth Maacah Matthew Susnow and Naama Yahalom-Mack (HUJI)

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