



Baikal Archaeology Project Workshop
*Individual life histories in long-term culture change: Holocene hunter-gatherers in
Northern Eurasia*
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Workshop Agenda

Wednesday, April 30: Arrival

Day 1, Thursday, May 1

9:00 Welcome by A. Weber

9:15 Keynote Lecture. P. Rowley-Conwy: The Rewilding debate in Northwest Europe: an archaeological perspective

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 Session 1: Research Reports (Chair TBA. Chairs to be decided on the first day)

10:30 Report 1. **P. Tarasov et al.:** Lake Nurskoye — an archive of Holocene environments from the heart of Lake Baikal

11:00 Report 2. C. Bronk Ramsey: TBA

11:30 Report Discussion/Q&A

12:00 Lunch on site

13:15 Half Day Archaeological Tour of Istanbul

Our guide will meet us at the front doors of the Radisson hotel at 13:15 to depart for this walking tour, which will visit Topkapi Palace, the underground Basilica Cistern and the Grand Bazaar. Estimated duration of the tour is 4.5 hours. Participants who would like to take a taxi from the Radisson to Topkapi Palace should arrange this themselves with the front desk and arrive at Topkapi Palace no later than 13:35. Please tell Erin if you plan on taking a taxi!

17:45 Free Time

Day 2, Friday, May 2

9:00 Session 2: Research Reports (Chair TBA)

9:00 Report 3. **J. O'Shea**: More on Early Holocene Caribou Hunters underwater

9:30 Report 4. **R. Schulting**: New reservoir corrections for the North Angara and Selenga based on human-faunal paired dates

10:00 *Coffee Break*

10:30 Session 3: Research Reports (Chair TBA)

10:30 Report 5. **D. Temple**: Temporal and spatial variation in early life stress among hunter-gatherers from Cis-Baikal

11:00 Report 6. **A.W. Weber, O.I. Goriunova, A.G. Novikov**: Tuakhane IX and the EBA cultural pattern in the Little Sea microregion

11:30 Report Discussion/Q&A

12:00 *Lunch on site*

13:00 Session 4: Research Reports (Chair TBA)

13:00 Report 7. **G. Le Bras**: Multi-Isotopic Approaches to Diet and Ecology: Comparing $\delta^{66}\text{Zn}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ -aa CSIA with Established Isotopic Data in Cis-Baikal

13:30 Report 8. **I. Scharlotta**: Individual life history pieces of the EN societal puzzle linking the Angara and SW Baikal

14:00 Report 9. **J. Laughton**: Dental sex estimation in the hunter-gatherers of the Cis-Baikal region

14:30 *Coffee Break*

15:00 Session 5: Discussion & Summary (Chair TBA)

15:00 Discussion 1. **P. Tarasov**: Human-environment interaction and its traces in cultural history — myth or reality?

15:45 Summary 1. **P. Tarasov, M. Wagner**: The path to BAP and beyond

16:30 **Free time**

Day 3, Saturday, May 3

9:00 Session 6: Research Report (Chair TBA)

9:00 Report 10. **R. Macleod**: Ancient genomic research on Lake Baikal hunter-gatherers: Results and ongoing work

9:30 Report Discussion/Q&A

10:00 *Coffee Break*

10:30 Session 7: Discussions (Chair TBA)

10:30 Discussion 2. **V.I. Bazaliiskii**: The problem of the disappearance of the Early Neolithic population of the Baikal region

11:15 Discussion 3. **J. O'Shea**: Further thoughts on Olenii Ostrovskii Mogil'nik, Lake Onega, and Karelia

12:00 *Lunch on site*

13:00 Session 8: Summaries (Chair TBA)

13:00 Summary 2. **A. Lieverse**: Thirty years of bioarchaeology in Cis-Baikal

13:45 Summary 3. **A.G. Novikov, O.I. Goriunova:** Results of BAP research in the Ol'khon microregion (1997–2025)

14:30 Coffee Break

15:00 Session 9: Summaries (Chair TBA)

15:00 Summary 4. **V.I. Bazaliiskii:** The Kitoi burial tradition — 30 years of BAP research

15:45 Summary 5. **A.W. Weber:** My brief history of BAP: tipping points, discoveries, accomplishments, challenges, lessons

17:30 BAP wind-up cocktail party with appetizers at The English Pub

On-site at Radisson Hotel. Cocktail party buffet will be dedicated to the BAP and is in a private area within the English Pub. Everyone is responsible for buying their own drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) from the bartender. : (

Sunday, May 4: Departure. Safe travels home, Everyone!