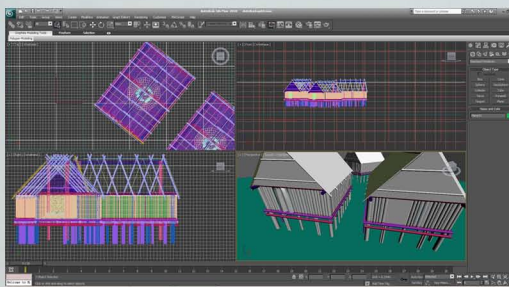




Archaeological field workshop:

Prehistory and underwater archaeology in Russia. Methods, history and perspectives of underwater archaeology

(in the framework of SCOPES Institutional Partnership Network in Eastern European Neolithic and Wetland Archaeology for the improvement of field techniques and dating method)



The workshop is organized and carried out by:

- The State Hermitage Museum, Russia
- University of Bern, Switzerland
- Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
- Euro Balkan University, Center for Prehistoric Research, Macedonia

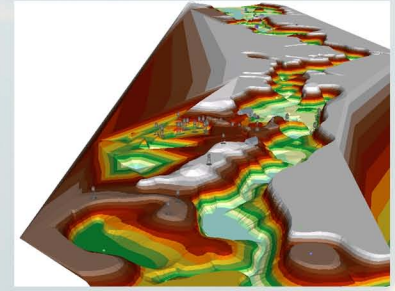
Venue: Smolensky and Pskovsky region (Russia)

Terms: from 9 August to 16 August 2015.



Description: The field week will take place in archaeological microregions near the Serteya River and the Sennitsa and Usviaty lakes. Participants will gain insight into the paleogeography and archaeology of the area. The programme includes lectures and diving on the Serteya II site, with the aim of discussing in depth methods of underwater excavation, dating and conservation. More detailed information about the archaeology of this region can be found at <https://hermitage.academia.edu/AndreyMazurkevich/Papers?s=analytics#add>





Lectures:

Albert Hafner. Underwater and wetland archaeology in lakes and bogs of the Alpine Space. Overview and current research questions.

Goce Naumov. Communication between Neolithic wetland sites in Pelagonia and lakeside settlements in the Ohrid region.

Valentina Todoroska. Underwater excavation of the prehistoric site at Vrbnik (Ohrid Lake).

Shidlovsky Pavel, Kirilenko Aleksandr. Dynamics of river systems and stages of inhabitation in the Middle Dnepr river in the final Pleistocene – early Holocene.

Elena Pranckenaite. Underwater and wetland research in Lithuania.

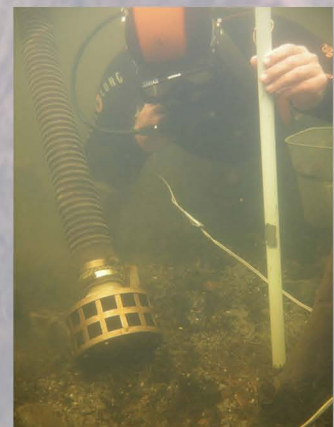
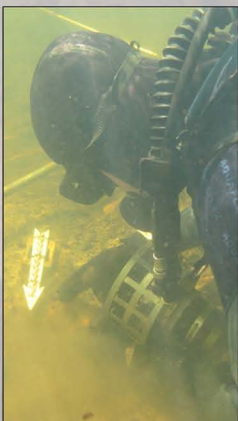
Yolaine Maigrot. The bone industry of Neolithic pile-dwellings in France (Jura) and Russia (North-Western Russia).

Andrey Mazurkevich. Underwater archaeology in North-Western Russia and peat-bog sites.

Ekaterina Dolbunova. The most ancient pottery in Eastern Europe hunter-gatherers communities.

Natalia Vasilieva. Restoration of objects made from organic material found on Neolithic sites.

Tour of Smolensk city and museum (Historical department and Art gallery), visits to the Talashkino centre, Gnezdovo complex and Katyn' memorial.





Field-week seminar

10 August (Monday)	11 August (Tuesday)
6-30 – arrival in Smolensk 7-00 – 9-00 – trip to Smolensk city 9-00 – breakfast 10-00 – Smolensk museum visit (Historical museum and art gallery) 12-00 – leave for Velizh. Arrive at the camp around 15-00. Lunch and setting up tents. 16-30 – tour of Neolithic archaeological sites in the northern part of the Serteysky region (by foot) 19-00 – supper	8-00 – breakfast 9-00 – tour of archaeological sites in the southern part of the Serteysky region (by foot and car) 12-00 – observation of the underwater and peat-bog excavation at the pile-dwelling site Serteya II, followed by : - introduction to diving and underwater archaeology (<i>by Y.Krotov</i>) - excavation of the peat-bog part of the site - treatment of material in camp 15-00 – lunch 17-00 – <i>lecture given by P. Shidlovsky and A. Kirilenko</i> 19-00 – supper 20-00 – <i>lecture given by A. Mazurkevich</i>
12 August (Wednesday)	13 August (Thursday)
8-00 – breakfast 9-00 – - introduction to diving and underwater archaeology (<i>by Y.Krotov</i>) - diving on site - excavation of the peat-bog part of the site - treatment of material in camp (lunch on site/in camp) 17-30 – <i>lecture given by N. Vasilieva</i> 19-00 – supper 20-00 – <i>lecture given by A. Hafner</i>	8-00 – breakfast 9-00 – - introduction to diving and underwater archaeology (<i>by Y.Krotov</i>) - diving on site - excavation of the peat-bog part of the site - treatment of material in camp (lunch on site/in camp) 17-30 – <i>lecture given by Y. Maigrot</i> 19-00 – supper 20-00 – <i>lecture given by V. Todorovska</i>
14 August (Friday)	15 August (Saturday)
8-00 – breakfast 9-00 – tour of Usviaty area and lake Sennitsa with its submerged neolithic sites. Museum visits in Usviaty and Velizh. (lunch at Bornovalovo – <i>13/14-00</i>) 17-30 – <i>lecture given by G. Naumov</i> 19-00 – supper 20-00 – <i>lecture given by E. Prankenaitė</i>	8-00 – breakfast 9-00 – - diving on site - excavation of the peat-bog part of the site - treatment of material in camp 10-00 – 11-30 – ' core group ' meeting (lunch on site/ in camp) 17-00 – <i>lecture given by E. Dolbunova</i> 17-40 – <i>Final discussion</i> 20-00 – supper. Celebration of Russian Day of Archaeologists

16 August (Sunday)

8-00 – leave for Smolensk

10-00 – visit to the Second World War memorial at Katyn'

11-00 – visit to Viking sites in Gnezdovo and the Talashkino complex

12-00 – Lunch

15-00 – arrival in Smolensk. 2nd lunch.

16-30/17-00 – departure from Smolensk.