Session 11

General Issues in Knappable Materials Studies

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Knappable materials have been the focus of a wide range of approaches to address diverse specific topics such as style, function, and use of artifacts, distinguishing natural from anthropic patterns, management and conservation of these kind of materials, among others. This session gathers worldwide researches that contribute to general archaeological issues by studying knappable materials from these different perspectives, most of them not already included in the others sessions. Approaches and methodologies about the construction and use of lithoteques, essential for researchers working in lithics, are also welcomed.

In addition, participants of this session are encouraged to bring experiences on the management and preparation of artifacts for conducting different analyses and discuss current conservation and storage issues of different archaeological knappable materials, eventually providing input and/or guidelines for cultural resource management and conservation policies.