

## **Ethical Policy – Archaeometallurgy in Europe 2027**

The Ethics Committee of *Archaeometallurgy in Europe 2027* establishes the following ethical principles, which are binding for all participants, contributors, and attendees. This policy is aligned with internationally recognised standards, including the UNESCO 1970 Convention, the ICOM Code of Ethics for Museums, the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (ALLEA) and the institutional policy of the University of Granada and other European universities and research bodies.

### **1. Safe and Inclusive Environment**

- The Conference shall constitute a **safe, respectful, and inclusive space** for all participants, irrespective of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, or academic status.
- Any form of harassment, discrimination, intimidation, or exclusionary conduct is strictly prohibited.
- The Ethics Committee reserves the right to take appropriate measures, including removal from the Conference, in response to violations of these principles.

### **2. Research integrity and FAIR Data Principles**

- All participants shall adhere to the principles set out in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (ALLEA), including reliability, honesty, respect, and accountability in research practices.
- All participants shall comply with the principles of **FAIR data management** (*Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable*).
- Contributors are required, where applicable, to ensure transparency in data collection, processing, and analysis, and to facilitate reproducibility through appropriate documentation and data sharing.

### **3. Ethical Provenance of Materials**

- All materials, samples, and datasets presented must derive from **legally acquired and ethically documented sources** in accordance with the principles established by the UNESCO 1970 Convention and the ICOM Code of Ethics for Museums.
- The use of artefacts or materials originating from **private collections of uncertain, undocumented, or potentially illicit provenance** is strictly prohibited.  
This requirement is particularly relevant in the context of the illicit trafficking of cultural heritage associated with regions affected by armed conflict or political instability.
- The Ethics Committee reserves the right to request from authors **explicit documentation of provenance, as well as evidence of legal rights, permits, and authorisations** for the study and publication of the materials used.
- Failure to provide such documentation may result in the rejection or withdrawal of the contribution.

### **4. Institutional Ethical Compliance**

- The Ethics Committee reserves the right to assess the ethical implications of institutional affiliations associated with submitted contributions.
- Where an institution is subject to legal, ethical concerns or conflicts with internationally recognised academic or human rights standards, the Committee may require that the contribution be presented **on an individual basis**, without institutional affiliation.
- In such cases, any reference to the institution shall be removed from the Conference programme, the book of abstracts, and any subsequent publications.

## 5. Acceptance of Terms

- Submission of an abstract and participation in the Conference implies full acceptance of the present Ethical Policy.
- The Committee reserves the right to interpret and apply these provisions as necessary to ensure compliance with ethical standards.
- Non-compliance with these provisions may result in measures including, but not limited to, rejection of submissions, withdrawal of accepted contributions, or exclusion from the Conference.