



23rd Archéologie & Gobelets Conference

Sea People, Land People

Lifestyles and Networks in Bell Beaker Europe



Vannes - Carnac

18th-21th May 2025



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Website : <https://bellbeaker2025.sciencesconf.org/>

Place: Vannes, Brittany, France

Date: 18th-21th May 2025

Presentation:

Since the perception of its European dimension in the early 20th century, the Bell Beaker phenomenon has been questioned about the mechanisms of its large diffusion. Archaeological data show that there are several ways to be Bell Beaker at the European scale: some items are essentially maritime in distribution, while others are continental.

Beyond material culture, this conference aims to examine the diversity of lifestyles in Bell Beaker societies and the nature of the ties that bind them together. The ways of being in the world can be questioned and put into perspective on the basis of material culture, ecofacts, the nature and organisation of sites and their setting in the landscape to better understand the lives of Bell Beaker populations. How did they live on a daily basis, at the level of the settlement, the territory or the region? Were there differences between the coast, the plains and the more mountainous areas? These questions about lifestyles are essential in order to understand the relationships forged between the communities living in these different environments, whether or not they were carriers of the Bell Beaker culture: what was the purpose of these networks? how did people move? and why? In recent years, the focus has been on genetic flows and migrations, and these data prompt to examine the link between culture and biology, as well as models for the spread of the Bell Beaker culture.

Two thematic sessions will be devoted, one to lifestyles and settlement patterns, the other to networks and spreading models, with an emphasis on summary presentations and exemplary case studies.

A third session will be dedicated to recent discoveries and current research.

Organisation committee:

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Programme

18th May: Pre-congress Excursion

Departure from Vannes to Carnac in coaches

Visit of megaliths in the Carnac area

Lunch offered

Inauguration of and exhibition about the Bell Beaker in Brittany at the *Musée de Préhistoire* in Carnac

Buffet-diner offered

19th May: Congress in Vannes, *Palais des Arts et des Congrès*

Session Bell Beaker lifestyles

Lunch offered

20th May: Congress in Vannes, *Palais des Arts et des Congrès*

Session Networks

Lunch offered

Session Recent discoveries

Closure dinner

21st May : Optional excursion (restricted places with extra fees 40 €)

Gavrinis & Locmariaquer (*Grand menhir brisé, Table des Marchands*)

Lunch offered

Inscriptions

To send back to bellbeakercarnacvannes@gmail.com

Inscriptions include 3 lunches, 2 dinners, 18th may excursion & welcome pack

Inscription fees : 100 euros

Inscription fees (student) : 40 euros

Extra fees (excursion on 21th May) : 40 euros

Name:

First name:

Email:

Student (40 €)

Academic (100 €)

Other (100 €)

Comes on :

18th May (excursion)

19th May (conference)

20th May (conference)

21st May (excursion, additional fees 40 €)

Total: €

Inscriptions fee will be payed to the Association Tumulus

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Please, indicate the purpose of the bank transfer with "Vannes 2025 + [NAME]"

Call for papers

Oral communication / Poster submission

Preferred format:

- Oral communication (English only, 15-20 min)
- Poster + Flash communication (English only, 5 min)

Preferred session:

- Lifestyles
- Networks
- Recent discoveries

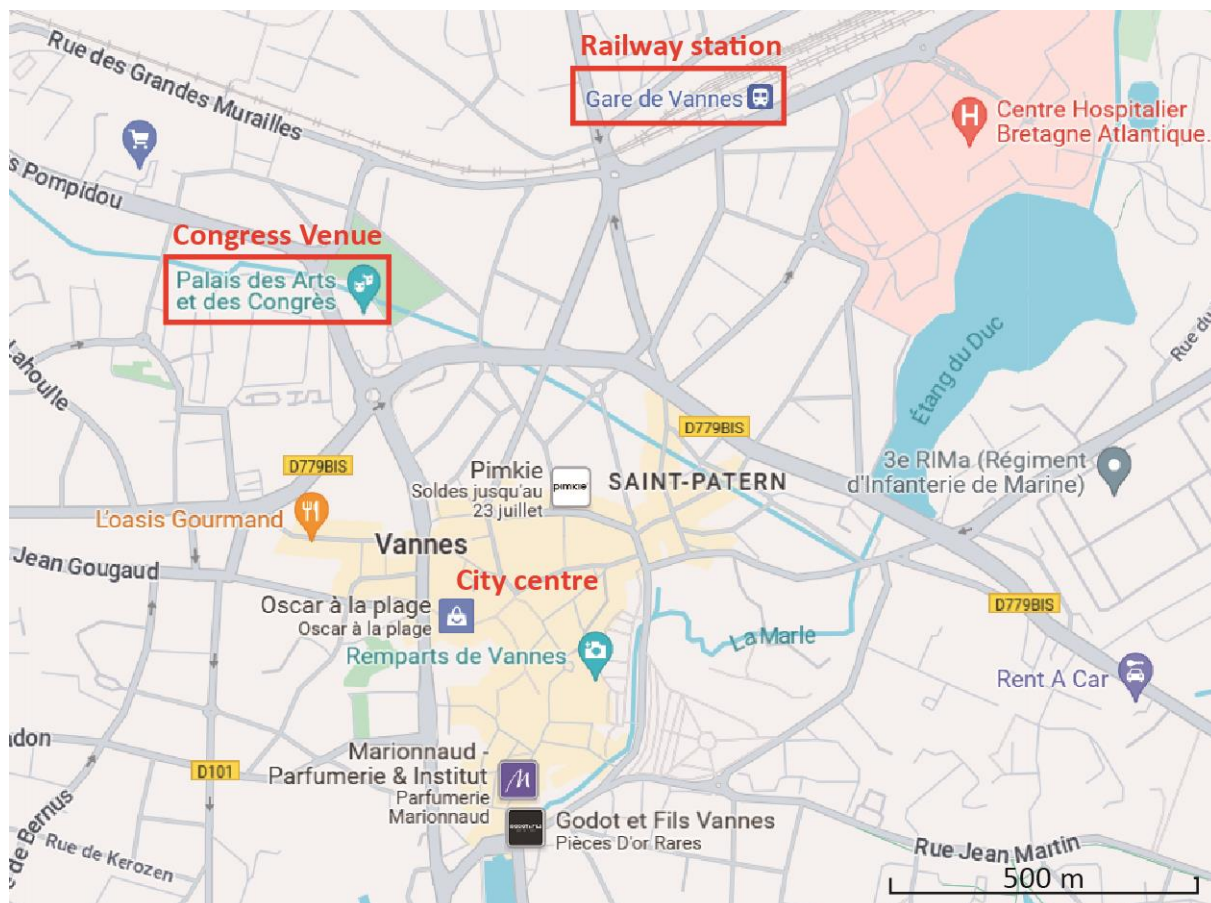
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Abstract (max 300 words):

Joining Vannes

Vannes is easily connected to public transport. You can join the city by train from the closest airports: Rennes (1h), Nantes (1h40), Paris (2h40). The congress venue, the *Palais des Arts et des Congrès*, is only 10 min walk from the railway station.



Accommodations

The accommodation is not taking in charge by the congress.

Conference days and excursion departure will be held at the *Palais des Arts et des Congrès* in Vannes.

In addition to the usual booking platforms, you can look at :

<https://morbihan.com/sejourner/les-hebergements/les-hotels/hotels-a-vannes/>