The 58th issue of Technè will be devoted to “The Levant and the Mediterranean”. It will be guest-edited by Valérie Matoian (Collège de France), Georges Mouamar (Institut français du Proche-Orient).

Technè is edited by the Centre de Recherche et de Restauration des Musées de France. It was founded in 1994 as a biannual interdisciplinary scientific publication focused on both the study and the preservation of Tangible Cultural Heritage (excluding the field of architecture). It aims to disseminate new and original research in well-illustrated articles written either in French or English. Italian, German, and Spanish are also accepted.

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Call for contributions:
At the crossroads of the Near East and the eastern Mediterranean, the Levant has always been a multicultural area, a zone of contact between Asia, Africa and Europe. Since the 19th century, archaeological digs have been revealing the archaeology and history of this region. This issue of Technè reflects the changes and challenges facing archaeology in this region, and highlights the contribution of a multidisciplinary approach to the knowledge and preservation of the Levant’s heritage, from the Neolithic period to the end of the Middle Ages.

Research based on the combination of archaeology and history with an archaeometric approach began to develop in the first half of the twentieth century. The aim is to trace the development of this approach and the various stages that led to the implementation of new methods of examination and analysis that provide increasingly in-depth knowledge of the productions of the material culture of the societies that flourished in this region, and which are now preserved in museums and public collections.

All materials and all categories of objects will be considered. Contributions will address issues such as the identification of materials, the dating of works, the characterisation of production and craftsmen, and the highlighting of new techniques. Because of its strategic position, the Levant has always played the role of a cultural melting pot, drawing on exchanges with neighbouring regions. The theme of interaction in the Mediterranean will be at the heart of the discussions.

Operations to preserve and restore works held in museums may also be developed.
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- the presentation of the research questions in relation to their broader context (historical, technical, etc.), and
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