The Prehistoric Society Europa Conference 2015
The Origins of Monumentality

University College Dublin, 29–31 May 2015
A conference celebrating the achievements of
Professor Friederich Lüth, German Archaeological Institute,
in the field of European prehistory
Friday 29 May 2015

Moore Auditorium, O’Brien Centre for Science, University College Dublin Belfield Campus and the RIA

09:00–10:30  Registration, coffee, welcome and introduction

10:30–10:55  First monumentalism of north-western Europe: the necropolis dating to the beginning of the 5th millennium at Fleury-sur-Orne (Normandy), Emmanuel Ghesquière, INRAP, Philippe Chambon, MAE Nanterre, Cyril Marcigny, INRAP

10:55–11:20  Emergence of monumental and megalithic concepts in Europe: radiocarbon chronology and Bayesian modelling, Bettina Schultz Paulsson, Christian-Albrechts-Universität, Kiel

11:20–11:45  The creation of monumental landscapes in the late 4th and early 3rd millennia BC in north-western Europe, Quentin Bourgeois, Leiden University

11:45–12:00  Questions and discussion

12:00–13:00  Lunch

13:00–13:25  Roll me a great stone: the megalithic roller hypothesis and other legends, Barnabas Harris, University College London

13:25–13:50  Islands of possibility: a virtual phenomenology of temple building in prehistoric Malta, Eimear Meegan, University College Dublin

13:50–14:15  ‘Megalithic art’ in South-East Asia: a Gellian approach, Guillaume Robin, University of Edinburgh

14:15–14:30  Questions and discussion

14:30–15:15  Tea/coffee

15:15–15:40  Before Newgrange – the origins and development of the passage tomb tradition in Ireland, Robert Hensey, Office of Public Works

15:40–16:05  Concentricity, integration and the construction of ritual space in the Irish passage tomb tradition, Lynda McCormack, NUI Galway

16:05–16:30  The reinvention of the megalithic tradition in Ireland c. 2450 BC, Neil Carlin, University College Dublin

16:30–16:45  Questions and discussion

Please make your way to the Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson St, Dublin 2

18:30–19:30  Keynote lecture. Portals to the past: Poulnabrone and the origins of monumentality in Ireland, Ann Lynch, National Monuments Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

19:30–20:30  Evening wine reception, kindly sponsored by Devenish Nutrition
Saturday 30 May 2015

Moore Auditorium, O’Brien Centre for Science, University College Dublin Belfield Campus

09:00–10:00  Registration, coffee, welcome and introduction

10:00–10:30  The most ancient monumental structures – spectacular discoveries of the pre-pottery Neolithic age (11-8th millennium BC) from Southeastern Turkey, Mehmet Özdogan, University of Istanbul

10:30–11:00  Feasting, famine and temple building – megalithic architecture and Neolithic Malta, Caroline Malone, Queen’s University, Belfast

11:00–11:30  Scaling monumentality in Iberian recent prehistory, Antonio Carlos Valera, ERA, Lisbon

11:30–11:45  Questions and discussion

11:45–12:15  Tea/coffee

12:15–12:45  Micromégas Grand Tour: In search of Neolithic monumentality, Serge Cassen, University of Nantes

12:45–13:15  Sticks and stones and broken bones: rethinking early monumentality in England and Wales, Tim Darvill, University of Bournemouth


13:45–14:00  Questions and discussion

14:00–15:00  Lunch

15:00–15:30  Great monuments belonging to the first farmers of the TRB Culture, Niels Andersen, Moesgaard Museum

15:30–16:00  Early monuments in Sweden: a survey of recent work, Karl-Jöran Sjögren, University of Gothenburg

16:00–16:10  Questions and discussion

16:10–16:40  Tea/coffee

16:40–17:00  Prehistoric Society AGM and presentation of the Baguley Award

17:00–18:00  Europa lecture. Early monumentality and the role of fishermen societies, Friederich Lüth, German Archaeological Institute

18:00–19:30  Evening wine reception, kindly sponsored by Cambridge University Press
On Sunday 31 May 2015 there will be a fieldtrip to the Boyne Valley led by Prof Gabriel Cooney. The fieldtrip will depart at 9am. Further details are available on the Prehistoric Society website.

Booking form

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Full details on venue, accommodation and updates will be provided closer to the date on the Prehistoric Society website: www.prehistoricsociety.org. If you do not have access to the internet, contact Dr. Tessa Machling at the address below. The building is fully equipped for wheelchair users. Cambridge University Press and University College Dublin are thanked for their contributions to the cost of the conference. Conference bookings will not be confirmed until payment has been received. We regret that no refunds can be given. We accept payment by cheque or BACS, payable to ‘The Prehistoric Society’, in Pounds, Euros or US Dollars. PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT, NO LATER THAN 10-May-15 to Dr Tessa Machling, Prehistoric Society, c/o Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Sq, London WC1H 0PY (prehistoric@ucl.ac.uk). The Prehistoric Society is a registered charity No. 1000567.