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Sowing seeds: encouraging research into the archaeobotany of southwest Asia in France

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Abstract

It is now 35 years since southwest Asian archaeobotany began in France, under the auspices of the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) at the research centre for oriental prehistory at Jalès, Ardèche, which in 2003 was integrated into Archéorient, based at the Maison de l'Orient. Since then, thanks to the training of students and subsequent recruitments, the discipline developed elsewhere, particularly at the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle. This presentation will concentrate on how studies of the archaeobotany of southwest Asia have developed in French universities and research units. Descriptions will be presented on how field and laboratory methods have progressed and how research topics have shifted and expanded over time in relation to the development of archaeological investigations in the field and in the lab. Particular attention will be focused on the training in France of students and young researchers from southwest Asian countries and the management of modern and archaeological plant collections from southwest Asia, including Central Asia. By examination of these developments over the past 35 years, we will attempt to identify specific problems in the field and in the lab and to suggest future directions for the archaeobotany of southwest Asia.

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