



ARCHAEOBOTANY WORKSHOP

Proposed Schedule: August 9-10/ 16-17 (Wednesday-Thursday)

Venue: Seminar 2/1 for lectures; Flotation beside Plants and Sediments laboratory

Introduction:

This workshop is made up of lectures and laboratory sessions on archaeobotany. The lectures will introduce the general sub-disciplines of archaeobotany as well as establish the archaeological site from where the materials that will be handled came from. The laboratory sessions will provide the students a hands-on experience in the processing of sediment by flotation for the recovery of macrobotanical remains. There will also be microscope work to assist in the sorting of the recovered plant remains.

Rationale:

The aims of this workshop are:

1. to promote archaeobotany and its integration in research designs in the Philippine context
2. to spearhead interest in archaeobotany and
3. to provide a short introductory course on archaeobotany as a sub-discipline of archaeology that is often poorly if not totally misunderstood.

Target Participants:

New students, NM employees
Interested individuals, Biology students

Slots are limited. Please register on or before July 30.

Results:

1. Better understanding of human-plant relationship
2. Process and handle a range of archaeobotanical materials
3. Provide students skills in processing, identification, analysis and interpretation of a range of archaeobotanical materials
4. Situate archaeobotanical data in the interpretation of site nature and function

Day 1		
Schedule	Activity	Theme
09:00-09:10	Introduction by Jane Carlos	
09:10-09:40	Archaeobotany Introduction by Dr. Victor Paz	General Archaeobotany
09:40-11:30	Lecture on Macrobotanical, Microbotanical and Molecular remains by Jane Carlos, Cath King, Emil Robles, Celine Kerfant	Concept, Method, Application
11:30-13:00	BREAK	
13:00-14:30	Lab Session 1	Flotation
14:30-14:45	BREAK	
14:45-16:00	Lab Session 1 cont.	
Day 2		
08:30-09:00	Assembly, Recap by Cath King	
09:00-10:00	Ilin Island Archaeology by Dr. Alfred Pawlik	Archaeological contexts
10:00-11:30	Lab Session 2	Microscope work – Heavy and Light fraction analysis
11:30-13:00	BREAK	
13:00-14:30	Lab Session 3	Microscope work: Sorting, Identification, Interpretation
14:30-14:45	BREAK	
14:45-16:00	Lab Session 3 cont.	

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The Lecturers:

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