Call for volunteers

Second fieldwork mission at the Lower and Middle Palaeolithic site of



Valle Giumentina is a Middle Pleistocene site in Central Italy. The excavation is led by the Ecole française de Rome within the *Palaeolithic occupation of Abruzzo* Project. It groups together a multidisciplinary and franco-italian research team. Valle Giumentina is a small hanged valley located at 740 m OD, occupied by a lake during Middle Pleistocene. Seven archaeological levels have been discovered (excavations by Radmilli and Demangeot, 1953-54) within the lake deposits, which reach 40 m high. They contain lithic artefacts ascribe to Neanderthal ("Clactonian", "Acheulian", "Mousterian"). A 45 m long sediment core has been taken as well as samples on the section. This year, we carry on the excavation of the upper levels and the cleaning of the section.

Conditions to join us

- 2 weeks minimum
- Being over 18
- Vaccine anti-lockjaw (tetanus) and private insurance
- Good health (mountain environment)
- Safety shoes required
- Send a brief CV and a short cover letter

Accommodation in Abbateggio. Meals and driving to the site take in charge by us. Access to Abbateggio by car or bus. Train station in Scafa and Pescara. Airport in Pescara (see with the persons in charge).

Registration until April 15th 2013.

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