

Young Researcher and Innovator Conference Grant - APPLICATION FORM¹ -

Action number: CA22145

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Conference Details

Conference title: X Congreso de Jóvenes Investigadores Mundo Hispánico

Conference web-page: [X Congreso Internacional de Jóvenes Investigadores Mundo hispánico: Raíces, desarrollo y proyección](#)

Conference venue²: Universidad de Leon, Campus de Vegazana s/n 24071 (León-Spain)

Conference start and end date: 08/10/2025 to 10/10/2025

Accepted contribution details

Title of the presentation: Marbles from the Celtiberian *Vaccaei* people in the Duero Valley (Meseta Central -Castilla y León)

Type of the presentation: oral

Co-authors: NA

Other details of the presentation: specify here any additional details related to the contribution (e.g. title of the session / track of the conference programme in which the contribution is accepted)

Conference panel: Estudios históricos y arqueológicos

Relevance of the Conference topic to the Action

Description of the relevance of the Conference to the Action (e.g., MoU objective, deliverable or WG task).

(max. 500 word)

This is a high ranked international event that has come to its 10th series, with a scientific committee that includes professors from the University of Granada, Madrid (Autonoma and Complutense), Alicante, Lecce, Milan, Naples and Cambridge. The conference will be held at the University of León, organised by the faculty of philosophy and literature, with a focus on "roots, development and projection". This event is specifically addressed for PhD students and young researchers as a venue for discussion and debate on different topics within arts and humanities.

I was specifically invited to this conference, after having spent a week studying the 12 men's morris graffiti game boards found in the Cathedral of León in May 2025, hosted by prof. of artistic heritage, Santiago

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² For an online conference, specify virtual participation; for hybrid conferences, specify whether it is an in-person or virtual participation.

Dominguez Sánchez. In this occasion I was also able to visit the Museum of Valladolid, where they are specialised in material related to the Vaccaen Celtiberian people. My paper will in fact discuss the use of clay marbles as gaming items or as rattles in pre-Roman meseta in the area of the ancient Duero Valley, in Valladolid, León and Burgos.

Expected expenses: 500€ for return flights London-Madrid or London-Oviedo and transportation by bus or train to León
788€ for accommodation for 4 days according to the daily allowance in Spain (197x4)
100€ for conference registration fee and official conference dinner
212€ for traveling days DA and emergencies

Motivation and expected impact

Description of the applicant's motivation to participate in the conference and potential impact on the applicant's career.

(max. 500 word)

This event will allow me to share the partial results of my previous investigation, which is also part of my PhD research thesis, and it will be a venue for sharing the topics and scopes of the Gametable COST Action to young researchers and professors in the area. Moreover, Spain is a region with a huge potential on gaming research in past societies, due to the high quantity of gaming related items found in many archaeological sites, and historical buildings, as my investigations can confirm. Nevertheless, Spanish scholarships remain local. Many young researchers from all over the country will present at this conference on a variety of topics within educations, art, history, literature and archaeology. Therefore, by attending as representative of Gametable, I aim to both receive valuable feedback from local PhD students, and to open the venue for future collaborations.