



# PAMinSA VIII

VIII Paleopathology Association meeting in South America  
Paleopathology: Building connections



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## First Communication

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that preparations for the 8th Paleopathology Association Meeting in South America (PAMinSA VIII) are underway. After 14 years, the event returns to Brazil and will take place from August 14 to 16, 2019 in the city of São Paulo. The University of São Paulo (USP) will have the pleasure of hosting the event. Once again, the meeting will bring us together and provide a new opportunity for the construction, reconstruction and renewal of connections between professionals and students from Latin America and other parts of the world, around our common interest: Paleopathology.

The connections will be the guiding line with the articulating theme of this edition - "Paleopathology: Building connections". We understand that the establishment, reinforcement and redirection of connections between different themes, approaches, areas of research, methods, theories, professionals and worldviews, produce new ways of understanding reality, ways that are more diverse and more complex. What will we gain from this at a congress on paleopathology? Let us ask the dead, and they will probably tell us, through their bodies, stories that are even more interesting.

We will shortly publish more details about the Organizing and Scientific Committees, as well as the suggested topics, guest speakers, registration period, values and other information about the event. We already inform that the modalities of the presentation will include the traditional thematic tables, conferences, and panels, but that we are also thinking about some new ways to communicate our research and discuss our common interests around paleopathology. Our contact email is now available: [paminsa\\_viii@usp.br](mailto:paminsa_viii@usp.br) for questions, suggestions, and information. Soon the site of the event will be active.

In addition to the activities of the PAMINSA VIII, we are preparing pre-congress activities. Two alternatives "Bioarchaeological Trips" are planned between August 10 and 12, one to visit the site of Lapo do Santo in the region of Lagoa Santa, Minas Gerais and another to visit the Sambaquis in Joinville, Santa Catarina. On August 13, mini-courses will be scheduled at the University of São Paulo (topics still being defined). The Lapa do Santo archaeological site is located in the heart of the karst area of Lagoa Santa, the region of Peter Lund's research, and skeletons dating back to 10,000 years were excavated, including the oldest recorded beheading. The Sambaquis of Joinville are



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monumental, reaching 12 meters high and hundreds of square meters of area. Completely and intentionally constructed with shells of mollusks and bones of animals (especially fish) they constitute an impressive record of the human groups that occupied the coast of Brazil between 7000 and 1000 years BP and buried their dead to hundreds in these shell mounds.

Before we say goodbye, for now, we want to talk a little about São Paulo, the city that will receive the PAMINSA in 2019. The largest Brazilian metropolis, contemporary and cosmopolitan, offers those who visit it innumerable options for accommodation, all styles and budgets, and a gastronomic experience that caters to all tastes. Food options go from haute cuisine to the best "comfort food". Traditional and post-modern at the same time, connecting past and present, innovation and permanence, people of varied origins in their diversity, São Paulo stay in movement 24 hours 7 days a week providing numerous opportunities to appreciate art, music, architecture, history, sports, and shopping.

We are waiting for you in São Paulo, in August 2019, for PAMinSA VIII when connected in our diversity; we will make this opportunity an enriching experience for all of us!

Greetings everyone,

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