

SMALL PREY, BIG INSIGHTS:

UNRAVELING THEIR
ROLE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

SPBI PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND SESSIONS



FIRST DAY

(AT THE
UNIVERSITAT
DE VALÈNCIA)

October 29th,
2025

09:00

**Reception for
registration and
collection of the
program**

09:30

**Opening
ceremony**

10:00

**Opening lecture
Karen Lupo**

**Little beasts,
big pay-offs:**
ethnographic
lessons from small-
game exploitation
by women foragers

11:00

COFFEE BREAK

BLOCK 1

**ALL THE
SMALL THINGS:**
MULTI-TAXA
SMALL PREY
ASSEMBLAGES

SESSION CHAIR:
Jonathan Haws

11:45

Real et al.

**It All Started
with a Rabbit:** It
All Started with a
Rabbit: New Paths
to Old Questions

12:00

Brugal et al.

**Mixed origin of a
small vertebrate
assemblage:**
example from the
Middle Pleistocene
cave site of Lunel-
Viel
(Hérault, France)

12:15

**Bartolini-Lucenti
et al.**

**On the trails of
the small hunters:**
new insights from
Quibas
(late Early Pleistocene;
Abanilla, Murcia)

12:30

**Lizama Catalán
et al.**

**Under the shadow
of megafaunal
remains:**
taphonomy as a
tool and theoretical
background to
understand the
relevance of small
faunas in the
subsistence of the
earliest inhabitants
of Tagua Tagua,
central Chile

12:45

Hallett et al.

Small prey from
the Middle and
Later Stone
Age deposits at
Contrebandiers
Cave, Atlantic
Coast, Morocco

13:00

Discussion

13:30

LUNCH



BLOCK 2

ZOOARCHAEO-
LOGICAL AND
TAPHONOMIC
ANALYSIS OF
SMALL PREY:
REPTILES

SESSION CHAIR:
Milena Carvalho

15:30

Moya Ruiz et al.

Freshwater turtles in the Iberian Mesolithic: Contributions and challenges for understanding small prey exploitation

15:45

**Lev &
Makarewicz**

Squamate reptiles as a dietary resource in the Terminal Pleistocene- Early Holocene southern Levant: insights from taphonomy and prey choice

16:00

Messiez-Poche et al.

Ghost in the shell: Tortoise

Exploitation in the Middle Palaeolithic site of Lez Auzières (Southeastern France)

16:15

Boneta

Turning turtle: on chelonian incidence during Palaeolithic in the Iberian Peninsula

16:45

Posters block

A- Pérez et al.

First taphonomic insights into lagomorph accumulations at the Aurignacian levels of Cova Foradada (Xàbia, Spain)

B- Navarro-Gil et al.

Taphonomic signatures in a small mammal assemblage from the Early Pleistocene site of Quibas (southern Iberian Peninsula)

C- García-Escárzaga et al.

Seasonal exploitation patterns of marine molluscs during the Aurignacian in Cova Foradada (Xàbia, Spain)

D- Villalobos et al.
Taphonomic

insights into small prey from Gran Dolina (Atapuerca, Spain): Sublevels TD10.3 and TD10.4

E-Mir-Lápido et al.

The leporids of El Salt - Archaeostratigraphic study on the origin of bone assemblages of the Xb Estratigraphic Unit

F- Llorente-Rodríguez et al.

Fish in the Magdalenian record of the Southeastern Iberian Peninsula: new evidence from Cueva de los Murciélagos (Albuñol, Granada, Spain)

G- Boneta et al.

Eating terrapins: insights from Gravettian level XVIA of the Cova de les Cendres (Alicante, Spain)

H- Boada & Huguet.

The Mustelid Clue: Tracing Hidden Predators in Leporidae record from level TE9d at Sima del Elefante site (Sierra de Atapuerca, Spain)



SECOND DAY

(AT THE
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October 30th,
2025

09:00

Reception

BLOCK 3

LEPORIDS IN THE
ARCHAEOLOGICAL
RECORD

SESSION CHAIR:
Ruth Blasco

09:15

Martínez

Anthropogenic
exploitation of
leporids during the
early Gravettian
at Cova de les
Cendres (*Alicante,*
Spain)

09:30

Sanphasouk et
al.

**Following the
Lynx:** Taphonomic
Insights into

Leporid
Accumulations
from Unit 2 of Cova
del Coll Verdaguer
(*Iberian Peninsula*)

09:45

Stalika et al.

**Lynxes and
leporids in
the Middle
Paleolithic of Cova
Foradada D'Oliva
(Valencia, Spain):**
Archaeozoological
and Taphonomic
Analysis and
Implications for
Neanderthal
Subsistence

10:00

Rodríguez-
Hidalgo et al.

Taphonomic Origin
of Small Game
Remains Across
the Middle-to-
Upper Paleolithic
Sequence of Cova
Foradada (*Calafell,*
NE Iberia)

10:15

Lloveras et al.

Small prey remains
and industrial
activities in
medieval Barcelona

10:30

Discussion

10:45

COFFEE BREAK

BLOCK 4

MULTI-PROXY
APPROACHES TO
THE STUDY OF
FISH AND OTHER
SMALL PREY

SESSION CHAIR:
Laura Llorente

11:30

Alsgaard et al.

Harvesting the
white sea catfish
during the Middle
Stone Age at
Klasies River Main
Site and Blombos
Cave, South Africa

11:45

Blanco-Lapaz et
al.

Humans do not
live solely on large
game. Middle and
Upper Paleolithic
case studies to

fish exploitation in
Southwestern and
Central Europe

12:00

Marchán-
Fernández

**Reading shells,
reconstructing
lifeways:** δ18O
insights from
limpet shells
at Cueva de
Ardines and El
Cierro (*Asturias,
Spain*) during the
Late Glacial

12:15

León-Cristóbal
et al.

**Was Shellfish
Gathering
Influenced by Red
Tides?** A Mesolithic
Case Study from
Portugal

12:30

Seuru et al.

When Less is More:
Insights from an
Agent-Based
Model grounded in
Optimal Foraging
Theory of rabbit
exploitation during
the Last Glacial
Maximum in Iberia

12:45

Goffette et al.

**Raptors as a
resource:** new
insights into
Middle and Upper
Paleolithic bird
use at Walou
Cave (*Belgium*) by
Neanderthals and
Modern humans

13:00

Discussion

13:15

LUNCH

BLOCK 5

EXPERIMENTS
AND
NEOTAPHONOMY

SESSION CHAIR:
Anna Rufà

15:15

Hernández-
Pérez & Real

**Effects of Cooking
Techniques on
the Nutritional
Composition of
Rabbit Meat: An**

Experimental
Approach

15:30

Marginedas et al.

Evaluating the
taphonomic role
of *Erinaceus
europaeus* in the
modification of
rabbit bones

15:45

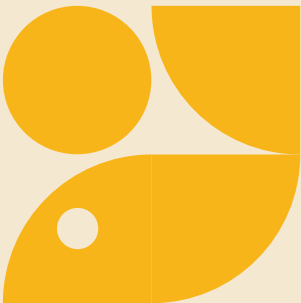
Nabais et al.

Raw vs Roasted:
Reconstructing
Early Human
Butchery Practices
of Terrapins and
Tortoises

16:00

Marqueta et al.

**The feast of the
Eurasian eagle-
owl (*Bubo bubo*):**
Neotaphonomic
analysis of avian
remains from
Muntanya de la
Oliva (*Tarragona,
Spain*)



16:15

Wang et al.

Not only rabbits:
neotaphonomic
insights from
an eagle owl
(*Bubo bubo*)
nest in Riudecols
(*Tarragona, NE*
Iberia)

16:30

Alonso et al.

**Unraveling
Neanderthal Use
of Small Prey:**
Experimental
and Taphonomic
Insights from
Teixoneres Cave
(*Unit IIIb*)

16:45

Discussion

ROUND TABLE

17:15

Rodríguez-
Hidalgo et al

Lines in Question:
A Collaborative
Blind Test on
Bone Surface
Modifications
in Small Game
Taphonomy

17:35

Blind test

18:00

Discussion

20:30

CONGRESS
DINNER
(SUBJECT TO
RESERVATION)



THIRD DAY

(AT THE
MUSEU DE
PREHISTÒRIA)

October 31st,
2025

09:30

Reception

09:45

Opening
presentation

BLOCK 6 (PART 1)

**SMALL
PREY IN THE
ARCHAEOLOGICAL
RECORD: BIRDS,
CARNIVORES AND
MORE**

SESSION CHAIR:
Leopoldo Pérez

10:00

Gala et al.

**Feather, Meat and
Bone:** Small Clues
to Big Questions
in the Paleolithic
Record

10:15

Rodríguez-Hidalgo & Saladié

One Swallow Does Not Make a Summer:

Assessing the Role of Small Game in the Subsistence Strategies of Pre-Neanderthals at Gran Dolina TD10 (*Atapuerca*)

10:30

Garcia-Fermet

Bird exploitation by Neanderthals in the French Pyreneo-Mediterranean area

10:45

COFFEE BREAK

CONTINUE BLOCK 6 (PART 2)

SMALL PREY IN THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD: BIRDS, CARNIVORES AND MORE

SESSION CHAIR:
Alfred Sanchis

11:30

De Lorenzi et al.

The Late Glacial in the Cansiglio Plateau: the exploitation of Alpine marmot at Landro (*Venetian Prealps, Belluno*)

11:45

Fosse et al.

The alpine marmot (*Marmota marmota*):

a taphonomic and zooarchaeological review from Late Pleistocene deposits in France and Spain

12:00

Amos & Makarewicz

What is a Bird?
Reading Prehistoric Birdscapes in the Southern Levant

12:15

Toškan

A shrew and a shrew make a challenging clue:
Accumulation of small mammal remains in an urn from the Early Iron Age cemetery

at Kongresni trg (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

12:30

Morin et al.

Reframing modes of hunting:
Insights from human behavioral ecology and ethnohistory

13:00

Discussion

13:15

Closing of the congress

13:30

LUNCH

15:30

Access to the Museu de Prehistòria de València



