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THE CONFERENCE

**Bronze Age Connections
in a Modern World**

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**International Conference, Dover,
18th–20th October 2013**

21 years after the excavation of the Dover Bronze Age Boat, commercial archaeology on both sides of the channel, complemented by exciting new academic research programmes, has produced a mass of new data and new insights into the maritime connections between communities living in the Transmanche zone during prehistory. This story, highlighting the common cultural heritage of peoples now separated by physical, national and linguistic divisions is not as well known as it deserves. How might this new knowledge be best shared with people young and old so that they may be aware of and engage in the latest research in a meaningful way?

Eighteen eminent speakers from western Europe have agreed to lecture at this international conference on a magnificent programme of specialist topics, which forms part of the European Interreg IVa "Two Seas" project, 'BOAT 1550 BC', and is being organised in collaboration with the Dover Bronze Age Boat Trust. It will take place in Dover on 18th–20th October 2013 on the occasion of the visit of the travelling exhibition 'Beyond the Horizon: Societies of the Channel and North Sea 3,550 Years ago' to UK shores, where it will be open to the public in Dover Museum alongside the original Dover Bronze Age boat, symbol par excellence of these ancient maritime connections.

The conference will commence at 13:00 on Friday 18th October and end at 12:45 on Sunday 20th October and will be held at Dover Harbour Board's magnificent Cruise Terminal 2. The Conference itself will be free of charge; lunch will be available to pre-book at £6.95 per head and there will also be a cash bar available for soft drinks. An optional and informal Conference dinner will take place in the splendid surroundings of the early 13th century Stone Hall at the Maison Dieu on the evening of Friday 18th October at £22.00 per head and there will also be a free drinks reception in the Dover Bronze Age Boat Gallery at the Dover Museum on the evening of Saturday 19th October.

Places for the conference, dinner and reception are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Free admittance to the Dover Bronze Age Boat Gallery and Museum will be available to all delegates throughout the conference weekend. It is very much hoped that if you attend just one conference this year, that it be this one and so we very much look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to Dover later on this year.

To register, please complete the registration form and return to Denise Payne, the 'Yesterday Today' Conference Co-ordinator, as directed.

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