Dear friends and colleagues,

As we have announced two weeks ago, it is now clear that the IWAA10 will not take place under normal conditions in 2021 because of the covid-19 crisis. We asked you to answer a questionnaire in order to help us to take a decision (videoconference or to postpone), and we would like to warmly thank the people who replied. The vast majority of you prefer to postpone, arguing that personal contacts between juniors and confirmed researchers are the most important aspects of this meeting and that there are already a lot of videoconferences planned this year. More importantly, we have also to consider that some of you have unsteady and unreliable internet/power. In parallel, we also considered organising a videoconference in order to maintain a scientific activity for our community. After a long discussion among the steering committee, we finally decided to delay the conference.

Our first thought was to postpone to 2022, but we realized that the next IWGP (International Workgroup for Palaeoethnobotany, including a lot of people also interested in IWAA) will take place in 2022, June. We think that the simplest option is to keep our IWAA calendar by postponing to 2024, although 2023 might be also possible if you think it is better.
We are fully aware that this solution of delaying will not be suitable for everyone, be sure that it was not an easy choice to make. Don’t hesitate to send your thought and comments to iwaa10@sciencesconf.org. Of course, we will keep you informed and we hope that we will have the pleasure to see you in Paris under favourable auspices.

Yours sincerely,

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