With this first circular we would like to inform you that the 4th International Conference on Late Roman Coarse Ware, Cooking Ware and Amphorae in the Mediterranean: Archaeology and Archaeometry (LRCW 4) will be organized in Thessaloniki (7-10 April 2011) by the Aristotle University and in collaboration with the N.C.S.R. Demokritos.

The 1st International Conference (LRCW 1) was successfully organized in Barcelona in 2002 (14-16 March) and the publication of the proceedings had been enthusiastically received by the scientific community. Afterwards the International Standing Committee of the LRCW conference decided to organize this conference every three years in a different Mediterranean country. The LRCW 2 and the LRCW 3 Conferences were held in France (Aix-en-Provence-Marseille-Arles, 13-16 April 2005) and Italy (Parma – Pisa, 25-30 March 2008) respectively.

The aim of the LRCW Conference series is the presentation and publication of Late Roman pottery (3rd century AD to the end of antiquity) deriving from the Mediterranean region. The primary aim is to exchange ideas and communicate the results of current archaeological and archaeometric research in this field.

The LRCW 4 conference comprises oral and poster presentations. During the conference the participants will have the opportunity to visit several archaeological sites, observe Late Roman pottery in situ and examine thin sections of ceramics from different parts of the Aegean. Further activities are planned, offering the delegates the opportunity to become acquainted with the pottery production of the Late Roman and Early Byzantine Period in Northern Greece.

The languages of the conference are Greek and English.

Those interested in participating in the conference can communicate with the organizing committee of the LRCW 4 to the following address: lrcw4-congress@hist.auth.gr.

Further information will be provided in the second circular.