In archaeology the study of animals (Zooarchaeology) is widely considered to provide little information beyond 'what people ate'. This situation is bizarre given that the archaeological record is composed largely of debris from human-animal relationships: be it in the form of animal bones, individual artefacts (e.g. cooking pots, husbandry equipment, figurines, manuscripts) or entire landscapes.

With recent advances in archaeological approaches and scientific techniques (e.g. ancient DNA, stable isotopes and lipid analysis) studies of animal-related evidence are providing exciting information about issue of human migration, trade, behaviour and cultural ideology. This conference, generously supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AH/I026456/1 and AH/L006979/1), celebrates these new findings. It brings together leading researchers in the field who will provide new insights into some of the highest profile issues in mainstream archaeology. The speakers will be joined by younger scholars who will present their research in a poster format, the posters being available to view throughout the day of the conference, and there will be a chance to ask questions after each individual talk.

After the conference on Saturday, we will move to Fishbourne Roman Palace for an evening wine reception to launch the new exhibition 'The Fallow Deer of Fishbourne' in the Collections Discovery Centre. All are welcome to join us.

Animals in Archaeology activities
Fishbourne Roman Palace, Sunday 7 September
On the day after the conference, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a day of 'Animals in Archaeology' activities, which will take place at Fishbourne Roman Palace and include hands-on activities, practical sessions and short talks from a variety of zooarchaeologists. All these events will be free to those who attended the conference.

Booking information
The ticket price includes mid-morning and mid-afternoon tea/coffee, lunch and a delegate booklet. There will be a bookstall to visit during the breaks. Please note that while the conference venue itself is fully accessible, catering will be sited 2 minutes walk away and on another level without full lift access.

Venue: Mitre Lecture Theatre, Chichester University (Bishop Otter campus).
Getting there: there is free parking on site. The campus is a little over a mile from Chichester station, and taxis are available for the short journey.

Non-members are welcome

Further details, including directions, will be sent with confirmation of your booking.

Please direct all conference enquiries to:
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Conference Programme
Saturday 6 September 2014

9.30am  Registration

10.00am  Welcome and Introduction: Thinking Through Animals
Professor Terry O'Connor, President of the International Council of Archaeozoology

10.10am  Ceramics and Cuisine: Extracting Animals from Prehistoric Pots
Dr Oliver Craig, University of York

10.50am  Living with Livestock: Animals and Rural Settlement in Roman Britain
Dr Martyn Allen, University of Reading

11.30am  tea/coffee

11.50am  Animals, Artefacts, Attitudes
Nina Crummy, University of Reading

12.30pm  Manure Matters
Dr Richard Jones, University of Leicester

1.10pm  lunch

2.15pm  Books of Beasts: Ancient Documents, New Discoveries
Professor Matthew Collins, University of York

2.55pm  “So bigge as bigge may be”: Livestock Breeding before the Agricultural Revolution
Dr Richard Thomas, University of Leicester

3.35pm  tea/coffee

3.55pm  ‘Why did the Chicken Cross the Globe?’
Dr Mark Maltby, University of Bournemouth

4.35pm  It started with a Margary Grant. Dama International: Fallow Deer and European Society 6000BC - AD1600
Dr Naomi Sykes, University of Nottingham

5.30pm  End

Followed by a wine reception at Fishbourne Roman Palace to mark the launch of Dama International: The Fallow Deer Project exhibition

Conference Booking Form
The conference fee is £30 per person (students £20) to include a delegate booklet, mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments and lunch.

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Confirmation and registration details will be sent by email.

Please send me ...... ticket(s) @ £30
Please send me ...... ticket(s) @ £20 (student rate*)

*To qualify for the discounted student rate you must be on an award-bearing course and supply the name of the course you are studying & the College below:

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Cheque enclosed for £........ payable to “Sussex Past”.

If you prefer confirmation by post, please include an s.a.e. with your booking form.

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