Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UASs) or drones have gradually democratized many aspects of archaeological geospatial data collection. However, the often-heard claim that these unmanned motorized platforms are transforming archaeological knowledge gaining is usually exaggerated. Many scholars use drones merely as occasional snapshot devices, too often relying on practice without question and driven by the fear of missing out on current trends in digital humanities.

This Special Issue of *Drones* seeks contributions that explore and illustrate the breadth of avenues for UASs in archaeological practice. Rather than another contribution on 3D surface modelling from a collection of UAS images, authors are encouraged to submit critical and reflective papers that focus on the theoretical and practical integration of UAS data in archaeological knowledge gaining.

In this way, this volume hopes to (re)define the state-of-the-art and pave the way for furthering practice and theory in this nascent field of drone-based archaeological sensing.

*Guest Editor*

*Dr. Geert J. Verhoeven*
Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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