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Positions :

01.10.2019 – 30.09.2020 : part-time (10%) invited professor at the University of Ghent
01.10.2018 – 31.01.2019 : part-time (20%) invited professor at the University of Ghent
01.10.2017 - : Head (acting) Central Library at the Royal Museum for Central Africa, RMCA, Tervuren, Belgium
01.01.2014 - : Head of the unit Heritage Studies at the Royal Museum for Central Africa,
01.10.2008 - : Head of Department (acting) at the Royal Museum for Central Africa, Departments of History and Cultural Anthropology, Tervuren, Belgium, including coordination of the unit Archives and Collection Management since 01.04.2015
01.08.2004 – 31.12.2013 : Head of the unit Prehistory and Archaeology at the Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren, Belgium
17.11.1998 - : full-time senior researcher at the Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren, Belgium
Acting Head of Section Prehistory and Archaeology 22.11.1996-01.06.1997 and 01.01.2003-31.07.2004
01.01.1990-28.01.1998: affiliated researcher at the Royal Museum for Central Africa at the Section of Prehistory and Archaeology in various capacities and contracts
28.08 - 31.12.1989: Field assistant at the Department of Anthropology and Prehistory of the Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences
01.10.1984 - 30.09.1988: Ph.D. fellowship *Nationaal Fonds voor Wetenschappelijke Onderzoek*, Section of Prehistory and Archaeology, Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren
01.10.1983 – 01.10. 1984 : field assistant, Laboratory for Prehistory at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Education

Ph.D. (18.05.1989) in Letteren & Wijsbegeerte, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Kunstgeschiedenis & Archeologie – Literature and Philosophy, Art History and Archaeology, Dissertation title "De mogelijkheid van de Kapthurin Formatie (Baringo, Kenia) voor een etnografische benadering van het 'Laat-Acheuleaan'
Licentie (09.07.1983) in de Kunstgeschiedenis & Archeologie, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Prehistorie) - "Studie van pijlpunten & pijlsneden in de provincies Brabant & Limburg (België)"

Research interests

Broad interests are in Stone Age and flaked and polished stone in general in Central Africa; particular interest lies in the Middle Stone Age Lupemban industry, Late Stone Age quartz industries and recent stone-use; archaeological survey in tropical forests, promoting and facilitating field work in DR Congo for problem oriented academic research, opportunity driven field work in the equatorial forest; increase awareness for archaeological heritage through editing the archaeological map of the DR Congo based on museum collections and enhanced through fieldwork, also interested in feasibility of museums in DR Congo through collaboration programs, joint fieldwork, field schools, and internships.

Research and museum projects

• Archaeological projects in Eastern, Western and Central Africa

- 2019-2023: team member of the ERC starters grant PI Birgit Ricquier, BANTURIVERS (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- 2015-2019 : cooperation partner for the lithic component of *Iron Age human subsistence, environment, and climate in the Inner Congo Basin (Democratic Republic of the Congo)*” PI: K. Neumann (U. Frankfurt am Main) and H.-P. Wotzka. DFG, <http://araf.studiumdigitale.uni-frankfurt.de/index.php/de/forschung/projekte/121> . The project investigates the Inner Congo Basin’s economic and environmental history in the course of the past two and a half millennia.
- 2013: Field work DR Congo, on the Lindi-river 22.01-22.02, institutional collaboration with the *Université de Kisangani* and the *Institut des Musées nationaux du Congo*
- 2010: Field work as part of the Expedition *Boyekoli Ebale Congo 2010* on the Congo River, 29.04 – 19.05.2010, institutional collaboration between Royal Museum for Central Africa, Belgian Royal Institute for Natural Sciences, the National Botanical Garden, the *Université de Kisangani* and with support of the *Institut des Musées nationaux du Congo*.
- 2010: Excavations Batalimo, Central African Republic, 13.01 - 19.02.2010, in collaboration with J.-P. Ndanga of the Centre Universitaire de Recherche et de Documentation en Histoire et Archéologie Centrafricaines (CURDHACA), Université de Bangui and former affiliated researcher R. Lanfranchi
- 2006 – 2010: P.I. project *Crossing Borders. An Integrated Archaeological and Linguistic Approach to Population Dynamics in southern Central Africa* , Belspo Action 1, onderzoekprogramma's & –acties in de federale wetenschappelijke instellingen onderworpen aan het gezag van de Minister van Wetenschapsbeleid
- 2003 : survey in rock shelters in southern Gabon, in collaboration with A. Assoko Ndong (Université Omar Bongo, Libreville), 12-24.12.2003
- 1999: analysis of Katanda sites (DRC) at the *Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C.* (19.09 - 22.10).
- 1995-1999: at the invitation of P.I. Dr. S. McBrearty, *University of Connecticut* (VS), participation at *National Science Foundation* project *Landscape archaeology in the Middle Kapthurin Formation Baringo, Kenya* (06.02 - 02.03.1995, 07.07-06.08.1996, 23.01-11.04.1997 analysis at the *National Museums of Kenya* (14.06 -15.07.1999).
- 1991-1994: coordination of field work and excavations at the site of Shum Laka (Northwestern Province, Kameroen), Project *Wide Bantu Homeland project* collaboration between Dr. P. de Maret, Université Libre de Bruxelles and Fonds national de la Recherche scientifique, Dr. R. Asombang, Université de Yaoundé I (Cameroun), and the Section of Prehistory and Archaeology of the Royal Museum for Central Africa. Field seasons from 15.12.1991 to 28.02.1992 and from 06.12.1993 to 28.02.1994.
- 1990: participation excavations at the site of Katanda 9, Project *Early Fishing communities in the Semliki-Valley, Zaïre*, P.I. Dr.A. Brooks (*Smithsonian Insitute / George Washington University, USA*).
- 1984-1987 : various field seasons as part of the *Baringo* project (Kenya) P.I. Dr. F.Van Noten (15.04 - 15.08. 1984; 21.01 – 12.07.1985; 05.02 – 21.03. 1986; 17.08.1986- 17.02.1987) and museum studies at the National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi.

• Field work in Belgium:

- 1989: Field assistant at the Linear Bandkeramik sites of Haspengouw (B), P.I.’s Dr. D. Cahen (Koninklijk Belgisch Instituut voor Natuurwetenschappen, Brussel) and Dr. L. Keeley (University of Illinois, Chicago, VS), 29.08-18.11.1989.
- 1983: Field assistant at the Middle Palaeolithic site of Kesselt (B), supervision of Dr. P. M. Vermeersch (Laboratorium voor Prehistorie, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) 01.09-30.09.1983.

• Supervising and coordinating Museum & Exhibition projects :

- 2014-2018 : coordination for the RMCA of the SWICH project www.swich-project.eu

- 2007-2013: President of the steering committee for the development of the story line of the new reference exhibition at the Royal Museum for Central Africa until 2011 and between 2011 and 2013 in various other capacities
- 2003-2010: coordinator and scientific supervisor of the exhibition *Congo. Nature & Culture* on the cultural, biological and geophysical diversity of the DR Congo originally in support of a fund raising conference organized by UNESCO for the national parks in the DR Congo, Paris, UNESCO sept. 2004, scientific supervision and of the adaptation of the scenography for the RMCA at Tervuren from 23.11.2004 until 31.08.2006, from 2005 supervisor of adaptation to the collections and demands at Lubumbashi (exploratory mission with scenographer and technical assistant 15-21.01.2006), and of the exportation of the exhibition and its mounting at the National Museum of Lubumbashi, opening on 12.04.2007, follow-up of the contents of the workshops organized by the Educational Departments at the RMCA and of the MNL for the CNC exhibition; at the demand of *Commissariat général du Cinquantenaire* of DR Congo supervision of adaptation and exportation of the exhibit to the *Foire internationale de Kinshasa* (01.07 – 30.09.2010) after which it was mounted at the *Institut des Musées nationaux du Congo* at the Mont Ngaliema in Kinshasa since 01.11.2010.
- 2000-2004: co-coordination of the project F.2.8. *Technologies africaines*, African Technologies part of the partnership between the RMCA and the Belgian Development Cooperation, local partner *Direction du Patrimoine culturel à Abidjan*, administrative and scientific coordination between the various participants and for field work in Ivory Coast on documenting ancient traditions of iron metallurgy in the North and of aluminum recycling metallurgy in urban context, here in Abidjan, including supervision of individual internships at the RMCA, contribution to the temporary exhibition 'Words and sounds' at the RMCA (07.05.2003 – 11.02.2004).
- 2003: 01-09.07 short term mission on feasibility of collaboration program between RMCA & the National Museum of Rwanda on development of site museums at various genocide sites.
- 1999-2004 : supervising and coordinating project F.4.1. *Relance de la coopération avec le Musée National de Lubumbashi*- restarting the collaboration with the National Museum of Lubumbashi, part of the partnership between the RMCA and the Belgian Development Cooperation, and the local partner *Institut des musées nationaux du Congo*, various missions to Lubumbashi, supervising internships of Congolese partners at the RMCA, organizing short term missions of various experts, development of strategies for scientific and physical collection management, for renewing the permanent exhibitions, developing local and international strategies for raising cultural heritage awareness and museum policies, post-project supporting of educational activities especially contents for workshops for schools.

• **Partner in digitizing projects :**

2003 – 2008 : MARS *Multimedia Archaeological Research System*, (*Meerjarig ondersteuningsprogramma voor de uitbouw van de informatiemaatschappij*), aiming at creating a virtual collection of archaeological collections physically dispersed over several institutes.

Teaching

- Invited Professor at the UGent, 2018-2020 for MA- A005330 *African Archaeology* and part time (1/3) BA-A005315 *Geografie en Archeologie van Afrika* (R. Goossens)
- Occasional invited guest speaker; 1 lecture *Inleiding tot de Wereldarcheologie*, Bachelor of Arts in Archeology (Roald Docter 2009-2012, J. Bretschneider 2016-2019 at the Ugent), seminar at Musée du Quai Branly organized by Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, 2008-2013, Ugent Wereldarcheologie, 2016-2017, Invited guest lecturer Universität zu Köln 21.04.2015, *Early Prehistory in the Democratic Republic of Congo. An archaeological record in the making*
- Field school at the *Institut des Musées nationaux du Congo*, Kinshasa 2011
- 2007-2010 *Module lithique HAAR-B-357 - Introduction à l'analyse des vestiges archéologiques*, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 6 h, titulaires : O. Gosselain, E. Warmenbol & P. Eeckhout

- Supervising individual scientific internships & *stages* at the Royal Museum for Central Africa, Accord Cadre – Raamakkoord DGD & Université Libre de Bruxelles

Publications

1. Scientific publications

1.1. Peer reviewed journals

- Livingstone Smith, A., E. Cornelissen, C. de Francquen, N. Nikis, F. Mees, J. Tshibamba Mukendi, H. Beeckman, N. Bourland & W. Hubau, 2017. Forests and rivers: Archaeology of the North Eastern Congo. *Quaternary International* 448: 95-116.
- Crevecoeur I., Brooks, A., Ribot, I. Cornelissen E. & Semal, P. 2016. Late Stone Age human remains from Ishango (Democratic Republic of Congo). New insights on Late Pleistocene modern human diversity in Africa, *Journal of Human Evolution*, 96: 35-57.
- Cornelissen, E. & Livingstone-Smith, A., 2015. De archeologie van Congo in kaart gebracht. *De geschiedenis van 130 jaar veldwerk. Monumenten, Landschappen en Archeologie*, 34 (4), pp. 4-27.
- Crevecoeur, I., Skinner, M. M., Bailey, S. E., Gunz, Ph., Silvia Bortoluzzi, S., Alison S. Brooks, A. S., Christian Burlet, C., Cornelissen, E., Clerck, N., Maureille, B., Patrick Semal, P., Vanbrabant, Y., Wood, B., 2014. First Early Hominin from Central Africa (Ishango, Democratic Republic of Congo), *PLOS ONE*, January 10, 2014, DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0084652
- Cornelissen, E., 2003. Microlithic quartz industries at the end of the Pleistocene in Central Africa: the evidence from Shum Laka. *African Archaeological Review*, 20.1, pp. 1-24.
- Cornelissen, E., 2002. Human responses to changing environments in Central Africa between 40,000 and 12,000 BP. *Journal of World Prehistory*, 16 (3): 197-235.
- Lavachery, Ph. & Cornelissen E., 2000. Natural and Cultural Spatial Patterning in the Late Holocene Deposits of Shum Laka Rock Shelter, Cameroon. *Journal of Field Archaeology*, 27 (2): 153-168.
- Lavachery, Ph., Cornelissen, E., Moeyersons, J. & de Maret, P., 1997. 30.000 ans d'occupation, 6 mois de fouilles: Shum Laka, un site exceptionnel & Afrique Centrale, *Anthropologie et Préhistoire*, 107: 197-211.
- Moeyersons, J., Cornelissen, E., Lavachery, Ph. & Doutrelepont, H., 1996. L'abri sous roche de Shum Laka (Cameroun occidental) Données climatologiques et occupation humaine depuis 30.000 ans, *Geo-Eco-Trop*, 20 (1-4): 39-60.
- Yellen, J., Brooks, A.S., Cornelissen, E., Mehlmann, M. & Stewart, K., 1995. A Middle Stone Age Worked Bone Industry from Katanda, Upper Semliki Valley, Zaire, *Science*, 268, 28 april: 553-557.
- Cornelissen, E., 1995. Indications du post-Acheuléen (Sangoen) dans la Formation Kapthurin, Baringo, Kenya. *L'Anthropologie*, 99: 55-73.
- Cornelissen, E., Boven, A., Dabi, A., Hus, J., Ju-Yong, K., Keppens, E., Langohr, R., Moeyersons, J., Pasteels, P., Pieters, M., Uytterschaut, H., Van Noten, F. & Workineh, H., 1990. The Kapthurin Formation (Baringo, Kenya) Revisited, *African Archaeological Review*, 8: 23-75.

1.2. Chapters in Peer reviewed books

- Cornelissen, E. 2016. The Later Pleistocene in the northeastern Central African Rain Forest, in S. Jones & B. Stewart (eds.), *Africa from MIS 6-2: Population Dynamics and Paleoenvironments*, Springer's Vertebrate Paleobiology and Paleontology Series, 301-319.
- Cornelissen, E., 2012. Archaeology in the Democratic Republic of Congo: old and current strategies for ancient issues. In: Van der Linde, S.J., M.H. van de Dries, N. Schlanger & C.G. Slappendel (eds) *European Archaeology Abroad: Global Settings, Comparative Perspectives*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, pp.205-222.

1.3. Non peer reviewed journals & books

- Cornelissen, E. & Nikis, N. 2019. Een archeologisch perspectief op oude handelsnetwerken in Centraal Afrika, *Hermes*, 23, 25-29.

- Cornelissen, E. 2018. L'industrie en quartz de l'Holocène ancien au Bas-Congo. In : Bernard Clist, Pierre de Maret & Koen Bostoen (eds.), *Une archéologie des provinces septentrionales du royaume Kongo*, Archaeopress Archaeology. Oxford : Archaeopress Publishing Ltd, pp. 31-44. ISBN: 978 178 4919 72 6 - 978 178 4919 73 3 (e-Pdf)
- Livingstone-Smith, A., Cornelissen, E., Gosselain, P. & MacEachern, Sc., 2017. *The Field Manual for African Archaeology*, Online series 'Documents on Social Sciences and Humanities', Royal Museum for Central Africa, 318 pp.
- Livingstone-Smith, A., Cornelissen, E., Gosselain, P. & MacEachern, Sc., 2017. *Manuel de terrain en archéologie africaine*, Collection digitale « Documents de Sciences humaines et sociales, Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren, 318 pp.
- Cornelissen, E., de Maret, P. & Wright, D., 2017. *C14 Interpréter une date à titre d'exemple, - By means of example: Interpreting C14 dates*. E. Cornelissen, P. de Maret & D. K. Wright, p.236
- Cornelissen, E. 2017. *Introduction* pp.204-205
- Cornelissen, E. 2017. Étude de cas : analyse lithique de Shum Laka, Province Nord-Ouest, Cameroun, : 168-172 / A case study: analyzing lithics from Shum Laka, NW province, Cameroon. E. Cornelissen, 168-173
- Champion, L., Arazi, N., Mambu, C., Luna Lumumbwa, O., Cornelissen, E. & Livingstone-Smith, A. 2017. Histoire et Archéologie du Maniema (RDC) : Mission dans la région de Kindu et Kasongo. *Nyame Akuma*, 87 : 18-22.
- Cornelissen, E., 2015. Archaeological Research in the Equatorial Forest in the Democratic Republic of Congo, *Mededelingen van de zittingen van de Koninklijke Academie voor Overzeese Wetenschappen*, 61 (2-) : 269-298.
- Cornelissen, E., 2013. Hunting and gathering in Africa's tropical forests at the end of the Pleistocene and Early Holocene, in P. Mitchell and P. Lane (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of African Archaeology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 403-417.
- Cornelissen, E., Lihanzu Eboosso, O. & Mambu Nsangathi, C., 2013. Prospections sur la Lindi (Province Orientale, République démocratique du Congo), *Nyame Akuma*, 79 : 74-82.
- Livingstone Smith, A., E. Cornelissen, W. Hubau & V. Eboosso, 2011. Prospections et Fouilles Archéologiques de la Mission « Boyekoli Ebale Congo 2010 » (RDC). *Nyame Akuma* 75:11-16.
- Livingstone Smith, Assoko Ndong, A. & Cornelissen, E., 2007. Prospection archéologique dans le sud du Gabon, *Nyame Akuma*, 67 : 26-35.
- Semal, P., Cornelissen, E. & Cauwe, N. 2004. 'MARS : Multimedia Archaeological Research System'. Groupe de contact FNRS Préhistoire / NFWO contactgroep prehistorie (ed), *Notae Praehistoricae* 24: 203-208.
- Cornelissen, E., 1997. Central African Transitional Cultures, In: VOGEL, J.O. (Uitg.), *Encyclopedia of Precolonial Africa*, Altamira Press: 312-320.
- Cornelissen, E., 1996. Shum Laka rock shelter (North-western Cameroon): Pleistocene deposits. In: Pwiti, G. & Soper, R. (Eds.), *Aspects of African Archaeology*. University of Zimbabwe Publications: 257-264.
- de Maret, P., Asombang, R., Cornelissen, E., Lavachery, Ph. & Moeyersons, J., 1995. Continuing Research at Shum Laka rock shelter, Cameroon (1993-1994 field season), *Nyame Akuma*, 43: 2-3.
- de Maret, P., Asombang, R., Cornelissen, E., Lavachery, Ph., Moeyersons, J. & Van Neer, W., 1993. Preliminary Results of the 1991-1992 Field Season at Shum Laka, Northwestern Province, Cameroon, *Nyame Akuma*, 39: 13-15.
- Cornelissen, E., 1992. *Site GnJb-17 and its implications for the Archaeology of the Middle Kapthurin Formation, Baringo, Kenya* (Annales du Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Sciences humaines, 133), Tervuren.
- Cahen, D., Keeley, L., Cornelissen, E., Deramaix, I., Gratia, H., Trocki, P. & Jadin, I., 1989. Découvertes récentes aux limites occidentales du Rubané de Hesbaye: Oleye, Waremme-Longchamps, Hollogne-sur-Geer et Vieux-Waleffe, *Notae Praehistoricae*, 9: 73-75.
- Cornelissen, E., 1988. Flint arrowheads of the provinces of Brabant and Limburg (Belgium), *Helinium*, 28 (2): 192-222.
- Van Noten, F., E. Cornelissen, J. Gysels, J. Moeyersons & H. Uytterschaut, 1987. The Kapthurin Project Baringo: The 1985 season, *Nyame Akuma*, 29 : 36-41.

Van Noten, F., E. Cornelissen, J. Gysels, J. Moeyersons, K. Nijs & H. Uytterschaut, 1987. The Kapthurin Project Baringo: The 1984 season, *Nyame Akuma*, 28 : 20-27.

1.4. Book reviews

- Cornelissen, E. 2016. Kariya Wuro. A Late Stone Age site in northern Nigeria, *Azania: Archaeological Research in Africa*, DOI: 10.1080/0067270X.2016.1156299
- Cornelissen, E., 2012. Elena A. A. Garcea (ed.), South-Eastern Mediterranean Peoples Between 130,000 and 10,000 Years Ago, *African Archaeological Review*, 29 (1), 67-69.
- Cornelissen, E., 1991. Peter Robertshaw, A History of African Archaeology. *American Anthropologist*, 93 (4), 991-992 DOI: 10.1525/aa.1991.93.4.02a00550

2. Other publications

- Cornelissen, E., 2009. Renovatie in & van het Koninklijk Museum voor Midden-Afrika, *Forum* (Nieuwsbrief BVA-ABA), 30, pp. 21-24.
- Cornelissen E., Jadin I. and Semal P., 2008. Ishango, a history of discoveries in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in Belgium. In Dirk Huylebrouck (ed.), *Ishango, 22000 And 50 Years Later : The Cradle Of Mathematics*, Koninklijke Vlaamse Academie van België voor Wetenschappen en Kunsten, Brussels: pp. 23-38.
- Cornelissen, E., 2004. Fouiller le sol à la recherche du passé congolais. In: J.-L. Vellut (éd.), *La mémoire du Congo. Le temps colonial*. E. Snoeck/Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren, pp.58-60.
- Bastin, Y., Beeckman, H., Cornelissen, E., Fernandez-Alonso, M., Gansemans, J., Huysmans, C., Janssens, B., Kennes, E., Lavreau, J., Louette, M., Maniacky, J., Omasombo, J., Tack, L., TRéfois, Ph., Van Bockahven, V., Van Schuylenbergh, P. & Vanhee, H., 2004. Inleiding - Introduction. In *Natuur & Cultuur in de Democratische Republiek Congo. Nature et Culture & République démocratique du Congo. Nature and Culture in the Democratic Republic of Congo*. Tervuren: KMMA/MRAC/RMCA, pp.16-29.
- Cornelissen, E., 2002. Avant les Maasai : 2 millions d'années & un clin d'œil. In: X. Van der Stappen (ed.), *Les Maasaï*, La Renaissance du Livre, Tournai, pp. 52-57.
- Cornelissen, E., 2001. " Les Australopithèques, ombres des temps lointains/ De Australopitheken: schimmen uit een ver verleden" & "Avant les Maasai : 2 millions d'années & un clin d'oeil / Vóór de Maasai: 2 miljoen jaar in een notedop", CD ROM Maasaï, Cultures & Communications.
- Cornelissen, E., 1998. Onderzoek aan de Afdeling Prehistorie & Archeologie/ La recherche à la section d'Archéologie et Préhistoire. In: *Africa Museum Tervuren, 1898-1998*, o.r.v. D. Thys Van den Audenaerde, pp. 99-103.
- Cornelissen, E., Moeyersons, J. & de Maret, P., 1995. Fouilles archéologiques à Shum Laka, *Nouvelles de la Sciences et des Technologies*, 13 2/3/4, pp. 319-322.
- Cornelissen, E. & Gosselain, O., 1994. Archeologie, in: *Musea Nostra Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale*, Tervuren o.r.v. D. Thys van den Audenaerde, Gemeentekrediet, pp. 64-67.
- Cornelissen, E. & Doutrelepon, H., 1991. Description d'une collection d'artefacts lithiques de la Côte d'Ivoire (Prospections P. Raymaekers, 1987-1990), *Les cahiers Ngonge*, 25, 10 pp.

Papers presented at international conferences and workshops:

- Cornelissen, E., *The Big Dry in Central Africa : un dossier archéologique encore en devenir*, *Dynamiques culturelles et Transformation des paysages dans un continent en mutation : Du Big Dry à l'Holocène dans l'Est africain*, Université de Toulouse Jean-Jaurès, France, 25-28.09.2019. Invited speaker
- Cornelissen, E., Johannes Preuss & Hans-Peter Wotzka, *Holocene human presence around Lac Tumba (DRC) and raw material procurement in the forested Inner Congo Basin*, Session *The archaeology of human adaptation to shoreline setting*, org. Amanuel Beyin, 24th Biannual Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Toronto, Canada, 18-21.06.2018, paper presentation.
- Cornelissen, E. *The impact of distance on participatory conservation practices at the RMCA*, Panel: The participatory museum and practices of conservation, SWICH Workshop Including Voices from Afar, Linden Museum – Stuttgart 4-6.12.2017, paper presentation

- Cornelissen, E., *Stone Age Hunter-gatherers in rainforests: a perspective from the Congo-basin, Pantropica: an investigation of geographical and temporal diversity in human 'rainforest prehistories'*, organised by Patrick Roberts, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena, Germany, 03 – 07.10.2016, invited speaker
- Cornelissen, E., *On the microlithic nature of Holocene quartz-assemblages from Bas-Congo (DRC)*, pre-conference workshop *Defining and identifying microliths in the African Stone Age record* organized by Justin Pargeter, Clément Menard and Marina Redondo, 26.06, invited speaker
- Livingstone-Smith, A., Riquier, B. & Cornelissen, E., *Pottery making on the banks of the Congo River: New perspectives on the peopling of the Central African Rainforest*, Session 29 African pottery: Experimental and ethno-archaeological references for interpretation, chairs, Anne Mayor, Jessie Cauliez, Alexander Livingstone-Smith, 8:15-12:45, 30.06.
- Cornelissen, E. *Lithic Technological Approaches to the Late Pleistocene Later Stone Age pre-conference workshop, The 14th Congress of the Pan African Archaeological Association for Prehistory and Related Studies and The 22nd Biennial Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists*, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South-Africa, 14-18.07.2014
- Cornelissen, E. & Livingstone-Smith, A. 2014. *Le transfert d'expertise archéologique par un réseau muséal, Atelier Archéologie et histoire de l'Afrique ancienne : actualité de recherches et formations en réseau, 3e Rencontres des Études africaines en France*, Université de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, 30.06-03.07.2014.
- Cornelissen, E. & Livingstone Smith, A., 2012. *Pottery producing stone knappers or stone using potters?*, Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Toronto, 19-24.06.2012.
- Ndanga J.P., Cornelissen E. & Lanfranchi R., 2010. *Quel lien entre les ateliers de taille de Ngo Tchororo et la céramique de Batalimo (RCA) ? / Stone knappers at Ngo Tchororo and pottery makers at Batalimo (CRA), did they meet ?* Paper presented at the 13ème Congrès de l'Association Archéologique Panafricaine de Préhistoire et Disciplines associées (PANAF) – Society of Africanist Archaeologists 20th Biennial Conference, Dakar Sénégal, 1-7 November 2010.
- Livingstone Smith A., Hubau, W., Cornelissen E., 2010, *Ebale Congo 2010 » (RDC) : Archaeological Survey along the Congo River, 13ème Congrès de l'Association Archéologique Panafricaine de Préhistoire et Disciplines associées (PANAF) – Society of Africanist Archaeologists 20th Biennial Conference*, Dakar Sénégal, 1-7 November 2010.
- Livingstone Smith A., Hubau W., Cornelissen E., 2010. *Time depth: Archaeology, Palaeobotany, Archaeozoology, Pedology*. International workshop Congo 2010 expedition, Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences, Brussels, 20.01.2010.
- Crevecoeur, I., Semal, P., Cornelissen, E. & Brooks, A., 2010. *The Late Stone Age human remains from Ishango (Democratic Republic of Congo). Contribution to the study of the African Late Pleistocene modern human diversity*. 79th annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 14-17 2010.
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