

## Preface

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During a workshop on Arctic lithic technology in Copenhagen in February 2001, it was decided to welcome Saint-Pierre et Miquelon into the realm of Arctic prehistory research by holding the next meeting in Saint-Pierre. Indeed, the discovery of Palaeoeskimo remains at the l'Anse à Henry site makes Saint-Pierre et Miquelon the southernmost Arctic site ever known and the only one on French territory. Not only would such a symposium represent an exceptional occasion to establish scientific collaboration between France, specifically Saint-Pierre et Miquelon, and Canada, it also offered the opportunity for international diffusion of research results.

Thus, a committee composed of Sylvie LeBlanc (University of Alberta), Murielle Nagy (*Études/Inuit/Studies*) and Rosiane de Lizaraga (L'Arche, Musée-Archives de Saint-Pierre et Miquelon) collaborated to organize a symposium in Saint-Pierre et Miquelon which took place from September 1 to 5, 2002. The theme of the symposium was *Palaeoeskimo Architecture: State of Knowledge*. It brought together over twenty specialists in Arctic prehistory from Canada, Denmark (including Greenland), the United States, Norway, Sweden and Russia.

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