

**MINUTES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ARCHAEOZOOLOGY
GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday, 25 August 2002
Dunelm House, Durham, England

About 300 members present; Melinda Zeder in the Chair.

1. Selection of Committees for counting election results:

The meeting elected Committees for counting ballots for the presidential and IC elections.

2. President's Report:

Melinda Zeder gave a report on the activities of the past four years, commenting especially on the growth of membership, on the Website and Newsletter, and on the organisation of the Durham Conference. In particular she thanked Heather Lapham for her work on the Website and the organisers of the Conference.

3. Secretary's Report:

Arturo Morales reported that ICAZ now has over 560 members, with a good distribution of age and sex. Introduction of the reduced fees structure appears to have been successful in attracting younger members. Most members are from Europe and North America; the commonest areas of study are Europe and mammals.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Richard Meadow reported that ICAZ finances are healthy. Assets shortly before the Conference stood at about \$11K, after having provided a subvention of \$6K for the Durham Conference. Expenses over the next four years could be roughly estimated at \$19K, and income at \$22K. There was no need at present to consider an increase in subscription.

5. Conference Organisers' Report:

Keith Dobney reported that 465 people had registered, from 30 countries. £17K had been raised to meet requests for financial assistance to attend the conference; 90 people had requested assistance and the organisers had been able to help 60% of them. He thanked all those who had helped.

6. Working Groups:

Melinda Zeder reported that Don Grayson had at the EC's invitation brought together a task force to consider arrangements for ICAZ working groups and had made recommendations that will be discussed by the IC and EC and then put before the IC for a vote.

7. Constitutional Amendments:

More than 300 votes were cast on all five constitutional amendments put before the membership. All amendments were passed by greater than the 2/3rds majority required by the constitution. The amendments call for changes in procedures for setting fees, timing of elections for the President/Vice President and International Committee elections, and nomination procedures for these elections.

8. ICAZ Logo Contest Results:

Melinda Zeder presented the entries. She thanked all those who submitted entries and announced the IC decision to retain the old logo.

9. ICAZ 2006 Venue Announcement:

Melinda Zeder announced that the IC had decided that the next conference will be held at Mexico City in October 2006, organised by Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales with the assistance of Oscar Polaco.

10. Status of Zooarchaeology in South Africa:

Ina Plug described problems in the present state of zooarchaeology in South Africa, and asked for ICAZ support. On a voice vote, the meeting voted that the officers/committees should draft a statement supporting efforts to expand training and employment opportunities for archaeozoology in South Africa.

11. Status of IPA Laboratory in Portugal:

Arturo Morales described threats to the new IPA zooarchaeology laboratory. On a voice vote, the meeting agreed that the officers/committees should draft a statement in support of retention of this important facility.

12. Presidential Election:

After a run-off vote, Melinda Zeder was re-elected as President, and Laszlo Bartosiewicz was elected as Vice-President.

13. IC Election:

Counting took longer than expected. The meeting agreed that the results be announced at the Banquet.

14. New Business:

Conference Publication: Umberto Albarella reported that arrangements had been made for session organisers to edit volumes and for Oxbow to publish them; in view of the possible number of volumes, some merging was desirable.

Arturo Morales raised the issue of standardisation of methodology, and a brief discussion followed.

The meeting ended at 10.20.