

ICAZ International Committee Meeting 2012 – Minutes
Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
Friday October 5th, 10:00 – 18:00

Participants:

László Bartosiewicz (LBa) (president), Joaquin Arroyo Cabrales (JAC) (vice-president), Zbigniew Bochenski (ZB) (working groups liaison officer), Luis Borrero (LBo) (current conference organiser), Ariane Burke (AB), Canan Çakırlar (CC), Pam Crabtree (PC) (Treasurer), Hitomi Hongo (HH), Sarah Kansa (SK) (EC member, Web Page Master), Hans Christian Küchelmann (HCK) (EC member), Angela Trentacoste (AT) (EC member, Newsletter Editor), Christine Lefèvre (CL) (EC member, past conference organizer), Xiaolin Ma (XM), Mariana Mondini (MM), Marta Moreno García (MMG), Sebastián Muñoz (SM), Elizabeth Reitz (ER), Jean-Denis Vigne (JDV) (past conference organizer), Guy Bar-Oz (GBO), Wietske Prummel (WP)

Apologies from:

Umberto Albarella (Secretary, EC), Melinda Zeder, Donald Grayson, Greg Monks, Terry O'Connor, Sebastian Payne, Richard Meadow (EC), Simon Davis, Heather Lapham, Jörg Schibler, Ina Plug

Welcome (LBa)

Welcome, thanks, and apologies for those who couldn't attend

Membership and the state of the organization (PC)

- We have 545 members currently; 24 are life membership
- A reminder to all lapsed members in late August has generated \$3000
- There was significant flux in membership numbers after Paris from more than 700 to less than 500
- Online system has made keeping track of memberships and payments much easier

Length of subscription and possible changes to it (SK and PC)

- We'd like to encourage 4-year subscriptions-- Gives a better sense of planning.
- Upping the 1-year fee to \$30 would help encourage multi-year memberships.
- **Motion:** Raise the 1-year fee to \$30 (motion by ER; seconded by PC) was approved
- **Action:** Check if we have to change this in the statutes, then implement it before January when PC will need to send the solicitation for membership renewals
- Once ICAZ has 501(c)(3) status, consider adding a "Lifetime Membership" category. This could be a separate fund to invest differently and draw on for scholarship, travel funds, etc. It will require detailed research to decide on the amount to be charged.

Newsletter update (AT)

- Conference packets contain the update on the newsletter
- Now in 13th issue (fall 2012). Newsletter average length has increased by one page (now at 17 pages)
- 307 publications submitted to spring issue-- most ever
- Since 2011, it's been digitally distributed (but there are about 30 people who want print)
- Digital saves \$4000/year

Website update (SK)

- Updates to website are made using newsletter information (so as not to solicit twice)
- Working group updates could be better streamlined—SK will coordinate regular update schedule with ZB
- For future—would like to add publications list to website. HCK mentioned Worked Bone research group database—good model for this. **Action:** HCK, AT, SK, LBa will explore this.
- Note on BoneCommons: over 50K page views in one month

Financial update and the status of our charity tax free application (PC)

- PC will pursue 501(c)(3) paperwork in the coming months
- Non-profit status will help bring in donations- especially the “lifetime” donations-- much more compelling to have it as a tax deduction

Proposal of a specific fund to support participation to IC meetings

- Current ICAZ budget can accommodate \$5000 every 4 years to help IC members attend meetings
- Agreement that it should be seen as an “emergency fund” and used as needed.
- We want IC to be diverse, including younger people and people from all over the world. We need to be able to support people who don’t have the same level of funding that many senior people do.
- Need to make it clear in the IC elections that people should try their best to cover their travel (through institutional or personal funds), but that there are emergency funds available, if needed.
- Though not ideal, it should be possible to bring people in over Skype or video-conferencing software, if they can’t attend in person
- **Action:** PC will earmark \$5000 every 4 years for emergency funds for the IC meeting (whether for member travel or teleconferencing facilities).
- **Action:** Before sending out the solicitation for the IC elections, we will pre-circulate (with the IC) a blurb that clarifies what we discussed today (that the hope is you can attend a meeting every 2 years; that you’ll try to come up with funds; but that there’s some emergency funding to help with this).

ICAZ statutes (MZ presentation, presented by LBa)

- Flexible EC size preferred in view of growth
- Working group liaison should be EC officer
- Newsletter editor and web master should be ex-officio non-voting members (but a close second was that they be official EC members)—This decision will affect the statutes, so we’ll have to make a decision by the next general meeting.
- Term limits: 2 terms, but with an optional extra term. That would help stagger the board.
- We need a permanent US member of the financial team for US non-profit status (Treasurer and back-up EC or IC member with signing power)
- Election of EC officers—need not involve IC
- Composition of IC: May need to increase as we grow; Should aim for geographic diversity, but should not be legislated (we can’t force members to join). Aims of ICAZ: Recommend standardization but not enforce it; aims should be limited to dissemination and guidance; remove standardization from the aims

- Publication of conference proceedings: We currently require it, but that's becoming more difficult as conference participation increases; maybe require publication of abstracts only? Make it electronically available.

The topic came up that ICAZ still has accounts in many countries; we should keep Euro and Sterling accounts, but we may not want to keep the US \$ account in the UK.

Motion: (by ER) to close the UK dollar account; seconded (AB); all agreed

Health and safety in archaeozoology (AB)

- Circulated a Survey Monkey questionnaire on health and safety.
- Over 100 answers
- AB reported on responses, which showed that the vast majority of respondents have health/safety concerns specific to zooarchaeology and that ICAZ should address those issues (with another more detailed survey and by disseminating info on the ICAZ website)
- This information should also be added to ICAZ's Professional Protocols
- **Action:** Add an informational Health & Safety page to the ICAZ website (listing possible concerns and links to external sites for more info)
- **Action:** AB, ER, WP, SK, and AT will form a sub-committee to conduct a new survey, create the webpage, and update the Protocols. This could possibly be three sub-committees.

ICAZ 2014 conference update (LBo)

- Sept 22-27, 2014 in San Rafael, Argentina
- Presentation of logo, t-shirts, venue, sights to see
- Conference website will be ready in a few weeks
- Deadline for session proposals will be in April 2013
- Support for conference preparation work, as an advance from ICAZ to be returned at the conclusion of the conference
- Will possibly want to organize a pre-congress meeting for the Executive Committee in September 2013, coinciding with 3rd National Zooarchaeology Conference
- Have some prospective sponsors, though not as many as Paris 2010
- Suggestion (by JDV) to solicit sponsors for specific sessions, and to attract support from other related disciplines
- It is challenging when WGs plan their meetings at the same time as the conference—too many competing interests. However, the conference may set aside one or many time slots specifically for WG meetings. They may also plan some extra time slots for other meetings that are solicited within the few months before the conference.

ICAZ 2018 discussion of potential venues

- Possibility of China. XM will have a better sense of this next year.
- Need to solicit proposals from others, as well, in order to have some competition for the venue

ICAZ Paris 2010 publications update (CL)

- 5 were published:
 (S4-3). Gaudzinski S. & Kindler, L. 2012. *The evolution of the hominin food resource exploitation in Pleistocene Europe: Recent Studies in Zooarchaeology*. Quaternary International 252. (19 papers).

(S1-1). Jousse, H. & J. Lesur, 2011. *People and Animals in Holocene Africa. Recent advances in archaeozoology*. Reports in African Archaeology, Frankfurt am Main. (9 papers).

(S2-4). Kansa, S., 2011. *Digital Communication and Collaboration: Perspectives from Zooarchaeology*. The SAA Archaeological Record, vol 11 (1). (10 papers).

(S7-1). Marín-Arroyo, A. B., Madgwick R., Brugal J. P., Moreno-García, M., 2011. *New Perspectives on Taphonomy*. International Journal of Osteoarchaeology, Special Issue. (9 papers).

(S5-2) Lefèvre, C., 2012. *Proceedings of the General Session of the 11th International Conference of the International Council for Archaeozoology, Paris, 23-28 August 2010*. British Archaeological Reports. Archaeopress, Oxford. (22 papers).

- More are forthcoming:

(S7-2). Arbogast R.-M. & Lepetz, S., in prep (2013?). *The animal in funerary practices*. *Anthropozoologica*, vol. 48(2)? (± 20 papers?)

(S6-1). Choike, A. & O'Connor, S., in prep (2013?). *Raw and Worked Osseous Materials*. Oxbow Books. (20 papers).

(S5-4). Clark, J. & Speth, J., in prep (2013?). *Variability in human hunting behavior during Oxygen Isotope Stages (OIS) 4/3: implications for understanding modern human origins*. Springer's Vertebrate Paleobiology/Paleoanthropology series.

(S3-4). Dimitrijevic V., Dupont C., Gastéllum L. G., Gulyás S., Serrand N., Szabó K. (eds.), (in prep). *Proceedings of the 11th ICAZ International Conference. Paris - Archaeomalacology Working group, 23-28 August 2010, France*. BAR International volume. (10 papers?).

(S2-7). Friesen, M., (2013). *Circumpolar Zooarchaeology: Arctic Hunter-Gatherers in Context*. *Anthropozoologica*, vol. 48(1). (6 papers).

(S3-3). Gillis, R. & Vigne, J.-D., 2012. *The development and specialisation of dairying practices*. *Anthropozoologica*, vol. 47(2). (5 papers).

(S1-4). Le Mort, F. & Mashkour, M. *Palaeoparasitology: advances and potential*. Submission to International Journal of Paleoparasitology. (8 papers?).

(S2-6). Morris, J. & Worley, F., 2013. *Influencing, supporting and maintaining our profession: past, present and future*. Digital volume published by the Service des Publications Scientifiques du MNHN. (9 papers).

(S1-3). Mashkour, M. & Beech, M. *Old world camelids*. Submission to BAR?

(S3-1). Monks, G., in prep (2013?). *Climate Change and Human Response: a zooarchaeological perspective*. Vertebrate Paleobiology and Paleoanthropology, Springer Verlag

(S2-5). Thomas, R., (2012?) *Animals, and their bones, in the modern world (AD 1750-1950)*. Digital volume published by the Service des Publications Scientifiques du MNHN.

Working group reports (ZB)

- 12 working groups today
- All active in Paris 2010 are still active
- Point H in the *Recommendations of the Task Force on Working Groups*: ZB has to ask for a report for the IC meeting, and if they don't file 2 successive reports, they will lose ICAZ recognition
 - All WGs are in good standing with mandatory requirements
 - African Archaeozoology Working Group (AAWG) and NABO must perform some activities affiliated to the ICAZ before the next IC meeting (2014)
 - ZB needs to hear from African Archaeozoology Working Group (AAWG) and from NABO before the next IC meeting (2014)
- How they communicate: Many WG reports have submitted reports for the ICAZ newsletter, many have their own websites, and nearly all have had meetings in the last two years (except

AAWG and NABO)

ASWA meeting update: (GBO) Next ASWA meeting in Haifa (June 23-28, 2013); website is ready

Zooarchaeology and Stable Isotope Working Group proposal

- The proposal fills all the requirements for a new WG—10 ICAZ members, a name, a proposal, and an organizer.
- **Recommendation 1:** Possibly change name to “Stable isotopes *in* Zooarchaeology” rather than “Isotopes and Zooarchaeology”, in accordance with the definition of archaeozoology in the ICAZ Professional Protocol; write the text of presentation of the WG in accordance to this idea
- **Recommendation 2:** Include more specialists of applications of stable isotope techniques to archaeozoology (and anthropology); they are numerous, most of them are not in the list of interested scientists; without them, it seems difficult to “widely influence current and ongoing research worldwide”.
- **Recommendation 3:** Widen and deepen the reflection on this to broaden the focus.

Archaeozoology and Genetics report (JDV)

- Report will be published in the fall ICAZ newsletter
- Changing name to: “Archaeozoology, Genetics, and Morphometrics”, effective immediately

Parks Canada letter update:

- LBa will write a reply letter to encourage them to continue to work to improve the situation

Establishment of nominating committees for President and VP positions

- Committee volunteers: LBa, PC, JAC
- In 1st circular, ask for people who are willing to run for these positions

IC and EC composition in preparation for election in 2014 (as from points 4.3, 4.4, 8.2 and 8.3 of the statutes)

- IC membership currently stands at 30 members, which represents 5.5% of ICAZ membership not all countries represented
- Should we increase the number because ICAZ is growing?
- Good opportunity to put young/new blood into the committee
- Agreement to try to fill all 35 spots allowed by the ICAZ Statues (currently say 25-35 people)

Nominations for CoH

- Diane Gifford-Gonzales
- Umberto Albarella
- Wietske Prummel

Note: In addition to the three above, Dirk Heinrich was nominated via email in the weeks after the meeting.

Result: The EC held an email vote in April 2013. All four nominees were elected to the CoH by a majority vote.

ICAZ 40 year + commemoration (LBa)

- First meeting (of people who would later form ICAZ) was in Budapest in 1971, with 31 participants, mostly from Eastern Europe (58%). Others were: 6% Asia; 10% North America; 26% Western Europe [Note: the official formation of ICAZ as an organization was at the UISPP meeting in Nice, France, in the summer of 1976]
- By the time of the Paris conference (2010), ICAZ had over 900 members: 41% North America; 36% Western Europe; 6 continents

Other Business

- AT has agreed to serve as acting secretary until a new secretary has been elected (UA has informed the IC unofficially that extenuating circumstances require him to step down from this position.) [Post-meeting note: UA sent his official resignation to the IC by email on October 13, 2012]

Sarah Kansa Oct. 17, 2012