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## VIRTUAL FAUNA: BUILDING A 3D SKELETAL COMPARATIVE COLLECTION<sup>1</sup>

Because comparative animal skeletons are not always available to zooarchaeologists for use in identifying archaeological faunal remains, the Department of Human Evolution at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, is currently building a virtual comparative skeletal collection using the Breuckmann triTOS-HE structured light scanner. These high resolution 3D images can be transported on a laptop computer for use in the field or laboratory. Although such images will never replace genuine comparative skeletons for identifying archaeological animal remains, they will suffice for basic identifications in remote field locations.

The structured light scanner creates surface-only 3D models of fossils and artifacts. Scan data can be converted into a variety of formats for viewing such as simple JPEG images or, more importantly, PDF images that can be viewed in Adobe Acrobat Reader 8 or higher which has 3D capabilities. This freely available software allows users to adjust the magnification of the image and rotate it so that it can be viewed from any angle, which is a significant advantage over static line drawings and photographs. Scans can also be printed in 3D to produce life-sized prototypes of the scanned skeletal part.

Our current goal is to focus on those species commonly found in Late Pleistocene faunas from Africa and Europe and, thus far, we have completed scans of horse, reindeer, and gazelle skeletons. We plan to expand this to include species that are rare both in archaeological assemblages and comparative collections, such as large carnivores. One advantage of the method is that it facilitates access to specimens that are difficult to find as comparative material, including rare and extinct taxa and juvenile animals. We are aiming to make these images available to other researchers and educators by means of the internet in the near future. For a more detailed technical description of the equipment used in this project, please visit the project website at [http://www.eva.mpg.de/evolution/files/faunal\\_comparative\\_collection.htm](http://www.eva.mpg.de/evolution/files/faunal_comparative_collection.htm).

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## BIOARCH: A NEW RESEARCH NETWORK<sup>1</sup>

European archaeozoologists and botanists researching biodiversity dynamics and sustainable development during the Holocene period are steadily increasing in number. As this research focus grows, important multi-institutional collaborations are being established. Owing to European networking programs and funding from the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in France, eight bioarchaeology laboratories have signed an agreement to increase research collaborations through a formalized network. Collaborations amongst institutions include laboratories in Brussels (Belgium), Lyon, Montpellier, and Paris (France), Munich (Germany), Barcelona (Spain), Basel (Switzerland), and Durham (UK). This official collaboration will exist initially for four years, January 2008–2011. The network, known as BIOARCH, comprises nearly 100 scientists who are focusing their collective research towards three major research themes: 1) human impact and climate change during the Holocene, 2) Neolithization, and 3) historic times, which includes the Bronze and Iron Ages, Classical antiquity, and the birth of the modern world.

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## ICAZ ELECTIONS<sup>1</sup>

In October 2009, ICAZ members will elect a new President, Vice-President, and International Committee. For a detailed discussion of the duties, responsibilities, and election procedures for all ICAZ Executive Committee and International Committee positions please visit the ICAZ Website at <http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz> and review the organization's statutes, which can be found within the About ICAZ section.

The timeline for these various elections and how ICAZ members can contribute to this important process are spelled out in the Fall 2008 *ICAZ Newsletter* 9(2):2, but we wish to remind you again that we are still actively soliciting nominations from the membership for individuals who wish to run for the offices of ICAZ President, Vice-President, and for members of the International Committee. The nomination for these positions must adhere to the following guidelines: 1) they must be endorsed by two additional individual members; 2) the individual nominated must be a member in good standing; 3) they must agree to serve in one of these positions if elected; 4) the nomination must be received at least 12 months (i.e., by August 23, 2009) before the term of the current President and Vice-President are due to expire; 5) nominations from members should be sent directly to ICAZ Secretary, Umberto

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## MEMBERSHIP

To join ICAZ or renew your membership, visit the Membership section of the ICAZ Website at <http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz>. Dues may be paid online or via post. Questions and inquiries may be e-mailed to the Treasurer, Pam Crabtree, at [icaztreasurer@comcast.net](mailto:icaztreasurer@comcast.net).

## NEWSLETTER

ICAZ welcomes submissions to its bi-annual newsletter. E-mail submissions to the editor, Heather Lapham, at [hlapham@siu.edu](mailto:hlapham@siu.edu). The deadlines are April 15 for the spring issue and October 15 for the fall issue, annually. Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Publications section of the ICAZ Website (see address below). Southern Illinois University Carbondale, USA, generously supports the mailing of this newsletter.

## ICAZ WEBSITE

Visit the official ICAZ Website at <http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz> to stay up to date on all the latest information, including recent news, publications, ICAZ International Conferences and Working Group meetings.

## BONECOMMONS

BoneCommons (<http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/bonecommons>) is an ICAZ-sponsored project, developed by the Alexandria Archive Institute, to facilitate discussions between zooarchaeologists worldwide by offering forums where papers, ideas, images, questions, and comments can be posted.

## WORKING GROUPS

ICAZ Working Groups (WG) are autonomous groups formed around common interest themes. For more information, visit the ICAZ Website or contact WG Liaison, Zbigniew Bochenski, at [bochenski@isez.pan.krakow.pl](mailto:bochenski@isez.pan.krakow.pl).

## CONTACT ICAZ

The names and e-mail addresses of the ICAZ Executive Committee members and officers are listed on the back of this newsletter.

## ICAZ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE<sup>1</sup>

The organization of the 11<sup>th</sup> ICAZ International Conference (ICAZ 2010) is progressing nicely. The conference, to be held at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle and Pierre et Marie Curie University in Paris, France, will take place between August 23–28, 2010. The first call for sessions was circulated in December 2008 (see <http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/ICAZ2010/ICAZ%202010%20-%20home%20page.htm>).

The conference organizing committee, consisting of Sandrine Grouard, Christine Lefèvre, Joséphine Lesur-Gébremeriam, Marylène Patou-Mathis, Stéphane Péan, Anne Tresset, Carole Vercoutère, and Jean-Denis Vigne, proposed ten topics for potential symposia in the first call for sessions. These proposed sessions included the following: 1) The Acquisition and Management of Osseous Raw Material, 2) Animal Domestication in Central and Eastern Asia, 3) Animals and New Worlds: From Exotic Trade to Biological Invasion, 4) Archaeozoology of Holocene Africa, 5) Mammoth Extinction: Environmental Versus Anthropogenic Factors, 6) Palaeolithic Subsistence Behavior in Central and Eastern Europe, 7) Past and Future of Archaeozoology, 8) The Middle to Upper Palaeolithic Transition: The Contribution of Zooarchaeology, 9) The Origin of Milk Exploitation, and 10) Ancient World Camelids. All ten sessions have already found organizers. Thirteen other sessions have also been proposed as of late March 2009. In addition, the conference organizing committee will coordinate three more sessions, including a symposium on the archaeozoology of Central and Eastern Europe, a poster session, and a general, non-thematic session for papers which do not fit in the proposed sessions.

An international scientific committee will help the conference organizing committee to sort through and expand upon the proposed sessions. This advising committee consists of the following scientists: Adrian Balasescu (Romania), László Bartosiewicz (Hungary), Didier Binder (France), Luíis Borrero (Argentina), Joachim Burger (Germany), Philippe Descola (France), Donald K. Grayson (USA), Richard Meadow (USA), Konrad Duhem (France), Mietge Germonpre (Belgium), Li Liu (Australia), Adam Nadachowski (Poland), Joris Peters (Germany), Leonid J. Rekovets (Poland), Jörg Schibler (Switzerland), Bruce Smith (USA), and Wim Van Neer (Belgium). The deadline for submitting session proposals ended in April. This month, in May, with help from the scientific committee, the conference organizing committee will formulate the final list of sessions. In the upcoming months, in June or early July, a second circular will be e-mailed and will include a list of the sessions, a call for papers, and pre-registration information.

The decision to publish individual sessions will be left up to the session organizer(s). The conference organizing committee will try to offer its assistance for online publication, if possible. For those wishing to publish in print rather than online, the organizing committee will help to find scientific publishers (such as *Anthropozoologica*, Errance, ERAUL, British Archaeological Reports, Oxbow Books, etc.) to support this mission. Session organizers who want to publish the proceedings of their sessions are asked to find grants to help defer publishing costs.

There will be a break during the middle of the ICAZ 2010 International Conference (on Thursday, August 26), to give participants a day to explore museums and sites in and around Paris. Six official group excursions have already been confirmed, including two trips to museums where special exhibitions will be organized for ICAZ 2010, one on Medieval bone artifacts at Saint Denis and the other on archaeozoology and contemporary art at the Musée de la Chasse.


Four pre- or post-conference excursions, ranging between 2-3 days in length, have also been confirmed, including visits to Holocene sites along the France-Germany-Switzerland boundaries, Tittleberg and Iron Age sites in Luxembourg, Dordogne Palaeolithic art and nearby museums, and historical archaeozoology tours that include architecture and wine in Chartres and Tours (including the opening of a new exhibition entitled “Why did I eat my dog?”). Several other pre- and post-conference excursions are also being discussed. For more information about the ICAZ 2010 International Conference, please send an e-mail to [icaz2010@mnhn.fr](mailto:icaz2010@mnhn.fr).

<sup>1</sup>Contributed by the ICAZ 2010 Organizing Committee (Sandrine Grouard, Christine Lefèvre, Joséphine Lesur-Gébremeriam, Marylène Patou-Mathis, Stéphane Péan, Anne Tresset, Carole Vercoutère, and Jean-Denis Vigne).

**Zlatozar Boev** has recently examined the avian remains from several Neolithic and Chalcolithic settlements in Bulgaria, including Hotnitsa, Slatina, Yabalkovo, and Burgas. Discussion of these materials has been submitted to the journal, *Acta Zoologica Bulgarica*, and is awaiting publication.


**Haskel Greenfield** has received a three year (2009-2011) research grant from the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council for \$127,300 CDN to study non-elite Early Bronze Age urban household subsistence and taphonomy in the southern Levant through the analysis of zooarchaeological remains from Tel es-Safi, Israel. Safi is ancient Gath, the hometown of the famous Philistine warrior named Goliath.

**The Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists (ACZ)** will be co-sponsoring the Alaska Anthropology Association meetings in Anchorage, Alaska, between March 25–27, 2010. On March 24, the day before the conference, the ACZ will conduct their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop. This workshop will cover Pleistocene Mammals. There will also be two ACZ-sponsored symposia, one on coastal zooarchaeology and another on inland zooarchaeology. For more information about the conference, workshop, and symposia please visit the ACZ Website at <http://www.akzooarch.org>.

**The Anthropology Laboratories at the University of Manitoba** are closed for the next several months due to a fire and subsequent water damage on the floors above the laboratory. The collections and research materials are largely intact, but smoke, soot, and water have permeated the entire facility. The laboratory, including collections, books, papers, and other items, will be cleaned over the summer and all computers replaced. It is anticipated that all facilities will be open in time for the fall semester. 

## ICAZ WORKING GROUP UPDATES

**The ICAZ Fish Remains Working Group (FRWG)** reports that the organization of its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting is well under way. The conference, entitled “Fishes–Culture–Environment through Archaeoichthyology, Ethnography and History,” will be held between September 3-9, 2009, in Poznan and Torun, Poland. The principal organizer, Daniel Makowiecki, has secured support for the conference from a number of prestigious local institutions. The second circular and registration form have been sent to more than 300 addresses, in addition to the 183 addresses listed on the FishNet Website. (Please note: Beginning in 2008, FRWG e-mail addresses have been published online at <http://www.archeozoo.org/en-article340.html>. These addresses were updated in March 2009 by the founder of FishNet, Foss Leach). As of early April, 2008, about 30 persons have registered for the conference, which is already comparable to many previous FRWG meetings’ attendance numbers. The registration deadline is May 30 so more participants are expected to register between now and then. The deadline for abstracts (papers and posters) is June 15, 2009. For more information, please contact Daniel Makowiecki (E-mail: [makdan@umk.pl](mailto:makdan@umk.pl), Tel.: +48-56-6112349; Fax: +48-56-6113971). FRWG update contributed by László Bartosiewicz (FRWG Liaison), Department of Archaeometry, Institute of Archaeological Sciences, Loránd Eötvös University, Hungary, E-mail: [bartwicz@yahoo.com](mailto:bartwicz@yahoo.com).

**The ICAZ Worked Bone Research Group (WBRG)** reports that its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hosted by the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Wroclaw in Poland between September 7-11, 2009. Justyna Baron (E-mail: [justyna.baron@gmail.com](mailto:justyna.baron@gmail.com)), Bernadeta Kufel (E-mail: [bernadeta.kufel@gmail.com](mailto:bernadeta.kufel@gmail.com)), and Marcin Diakowski (E-mail: [m.diakowski@gmail.com](mailto:m.diakowski@gmail.com)) are organizing the conference. To date, the conference organizers have received more than 60 contributions, including 48 papers and 16 posters. For more information about the WBRG please visit our website at <http://www.wbrg.net>. The WBRG has grown considerably since its first meeting in 1997 in London, UK, hosted by Ian Riddler. I am pleased to note that a number of fruitful, collaborative projects have grown out of these meetings. I have also observed that a consensus is developing within the WBRG regarding appropriate methodologies for tackling the wide variety of questions that can be asked about ancient worked osseous materials. WBRG update contributed by Alice Choyke (WBRG Liaison), Aquincum Museum and the Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, E-mail: [h13017cho@helka.iif.hu](mailto:h13017cho@helka.iif.hu). 

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ICAZ Members,

The Recent Publications section of the ICAZ Newsletter has become a popular spring feature. The publications that appear in this section are diverse, ranging from informative site reports to glossy articles popularizing our discipline, and deserve our attention. It can be a complex issue to adhere to the ICAZ Professional Protocols’ principle of “publishing the results... in a timely way that meets the project goals and the highest professional standards.” Project goals often depend upon whether one works in a natural science or arts and humanities setting. The pseudo-dilemma between archaeozoology and zooarchaeology should not be reiterated here, however, in spite of recent convergence between the two fundamental approaches to our discipline, expectations of research output will differ depending upon the official bodies who rate our achievements as employees or grant applicants.

Holding a degree in animal science, but having always worked in an arts and humanities setting (archaeology is regarded as a branch of historical studies in most European institutions), I have recently sensed shock waves during the planning of criteria for the so-called “Research Excellence Framework” at British universities. The “M-word” (for scientometry) has emerged again. The ensuing debate has been vivid, and has yet to be concluded. Historians, advancing their careers by writing voluminous books, are understandably upset that in a rigid metric system their oeuvres are neglected. Archaeologists, who write volumes based on decades of field work, would appear to produce works similarly irrelevant (and even writing a bad book can take years of hard work). In contrast to professional journals, the lengthy and potentially costly pre-publication peer review is not a standard practice for books in Europe; therefore not even the illusion of objectivity can be maintained in rating books.

This is not the first time I have encountered this problem. I have always enjoyed a certain edge among archaeologists, having published a few papers in

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scientific journals that had Impact Factors (IF). Natural sciences have a well established ranking system that, despite its contradictions and fallacies, has been useful as a gross standard against which individual papers can be measured. I have taken a look at an arbitrary selection of the top 35 journals for science-based and anthropological archaeology ranked by IF (see Figure 1 below; Data from the ISI Web of Knowledge, <http://apps.isiknowledge.com>). Of these top IF journals, there are several that serve as potential venues for archaeozoological studies. The first two flagship journals, *Nature* and *Science*, are evidently natural science oriented. In addition to being

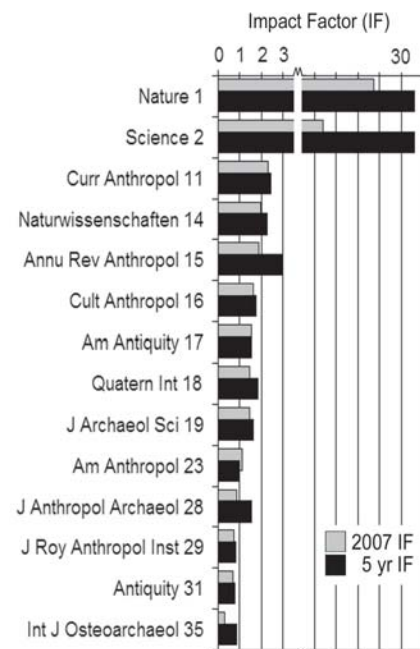


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competitive, they publish multi-disciplinary papers with testable scientific results, such as the ground breaking paper on horse milking (Outram et al. 2009; see pg. 12 of the Recent Publications section), that is at the outcome of many years of teamwork and decades of agonizing debates about early horse domestication. Some journals show that archaeozoology may benefit from the closer link between archaeology and general anthropological studies, especially in the Americas. *American Antiquity*, the *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*, and *Antiquity* seem to be the only three to exclu-

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## ARCHAEOZOOLOGY AT TRANSVAAL MUSEUM<sup>1</sup>

It gives me great pleasure to announce that a full-time, archaeozoological research position has again been created at the Transvaal Museum in Pretoria, South Africa. The Department of Archaeozoology had been dormant since 2004 due to financial constraints.

The Department of Archaeozoology was established in the mid-1970s, in no small part due to the efforts of Dr. C. K. ("Bob") Brain, then director of the Transvaal Museum. The Department was first headed by Mrs. E. A. ("Liz") Voigt, and later, by Dr. Ina Plug. The Department houses a comprehensive skeletal collection of animals, mainly from southern Africa. Archaeofaunas from South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Malawi were analyzed in the laboratory over the years. The animal remains date from Early Pleistocene times (the emergence of human ancestors), the Middle Stone Age (when modern human behavior developed), the Later Stone Age (hunter-gatherers and pastoralists), the Iron Age (spread of farmers to the region), and the historic period (European settlement). They also include non-human samples such as assemblages accumulated by vultures and carnivores.

A number of individuals and organizations had a direct influence in reestablishing a permanent research position in the Department of Archaeozoology at the Transvaal Museum in 2008. These include, in particular, Mrs. Liz Voigt and Dr. Ina Plug (former archaeozoology researchers), Dr. Francis Thackeray (former Director, Transvaal Museum), the Council of the Northern Flagship Institution (the administrative body of the Transvaal Museum), Mr. Makgolo Makgolo (CEO of the Northern Flagship Institution), the Association for Southern African Professional Archaeologists, and last, but not least, individual members and the Executive Committee of ICAZ. Without the interest of these people and organizations, reestablishing archaeozoology at the Transvaal Museum, and southern Africa, would not have been possible.

The Department's immediate challenge is obtaining journals, articles, monographs and books. Unfortunately, an unfavorable exchange rate makes it difficult to procure the latest research of colleagues in other parts of the world. Colleagues are requested to please send reprints (electronically or hard copies) and any unwanted monographs and books either to me or to the Transvaal Museum librarian, Tersia Perregil (E-mail: [perregil@nfi.museum](mailto:perregil@nfi.museum)).

It is hoped that the Department of Archaeozoology will continue to play a central role in faunal studies in southern Africa, building on the firm foundations laid by Drs. C. K. Brain, Ina Plug, Mrs. Liz Voigt, and other faunal specialists working in southern Africa.

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Introducing a new publication venue for zooarchaeology and related research...

### ARCHAEOBIOLOGY

Research at the ancient interface of the natural and social worlds

Bannerstone Press announces a new series dedicated to archaeobiology, the study of biological remains from archaeological sites. Contributions are invited from all archaeological sub-disciplines that deal with the interpretation and analysis of human interaction with plants and animals throughout history and prehistory. While the series focuses on all aspects of zooarchaeology and paleoethnobotany, it may draw also on such fields as human osteology, interaction with the landscape, ancient textiles and archaeogenetics. The geographic scope of the series is global and cross-disciplinary topics are especially encouraged. The series also plans to offer a searchable repository of digital materials to supplement and enrich the printed publications.

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## NEW BOOKS

*Animals and People: Archaeozoological Papers in Honour of Ina Plug* edited by Shaw Badenhorst, Peter Mitchell, and Jonathan C. Driver (2008). British Archaeological Reports 1849. Archaeopress, Oxford. [ISBN 978-1-4073-0336-9. vi+228 pages, illustrated throughout]. The book costs GB £36.00 plus shipping and can be ordered through the publisher's website at <http://www.archaeopress.com>.



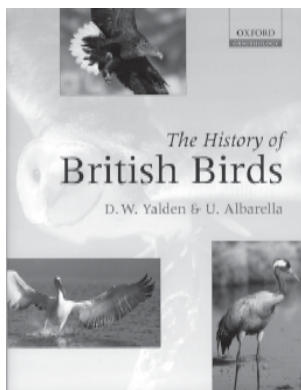
*Arqueología del Humedal del Paraná Inferior (Bajíos Ribereños Meridionales)* (Archaeology of Lower Paraná Wetland) por Daniel Loponte (2008). Instituto Nacional de Antropología y Pensamiento Latinoamericano, Buenos Aires. [ISSN 1851-961X. 479 páginas]. El libro (en rústica) cuesta US \$35.00 más los gastos de envío y pueden solicitarse por correo electrónico desde [acosta@mail.retina.ar](mailto:acosta@mail.retina.ar).

*Current Research in Animal Palaeopathology: Proceedings of the Second ICAZ Animal Palaeopathology Working Group Conference* edited by Zora Miklíková and Richard Thomas (2008). British Archaeological Reports International Series 1844. Archaeopress, Oxford. [ISBN 978-1-4073-0331-4. vii+98 page, illustrated throughout]. The book costs GB £26.00

plus shipping and can be ordered through the publisher's website at <http://www.archaeopress.com>.

*Entre la Tierra y el Agua: Arqueología de Humedales de Sudamérica* (Between Earth and Water: Archaeology of South American Wetlands) editado por Daniel Loponte y Alejandro Acosta (2008). Instituto Nacional de Antropología y Pensamiento Latinoamericano—Libros del Riel, Buenos Aires. [ISBN 978-987-05-4518-7. 213 páginas]. En español y portugués. El libro (en rústica) cuesta US \$25.00 más los gastos de envío y pueden solicitarse por correo electrónico al autor en [acosta@mail.retina.ar](mailto:acosta@mail.retina.ar).


*Evolutionary Ecology and Archaeology: Applications to Problems in Human Evolution and Prehistory* edited by Jack M. Broughton and Michael D. Cannon (2009). University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City. [ISBN: 978-0-87480-935-0. 304 pages, 156 figures]. The book costs US \$50.00 plus shipping and can be ordered through the publisher's website at <http://www.uofupress.com/store/product369.html>.



*The History of British Birds* by Derek Yalden and Umberto Albarella (2008). Oxford University Press, Oxford. [ISBN: 978-0-19-921751-9. 288 pages, 40 illustrations]. The book (hardcover) costs GB £55.00 plus shipping and can be ordered through the publisher's website at <http://www.oup.com/uk/catalogue/?ci=9780199217519>.

*Prácticas Alimentarias en el Mundo Ibérico: El Ejemplo de la Fosa FS362 de Mas Castellarde Pontós (Empordà-España)* editado por Enriqueta Pons Brun and Lluís Garcia Petit (2008). [ISBN 978-1-40730-192-1. 218 páginas]. British Archaeological Reports International Series 1753. Archaeopress, Oxford. En español con resumen en inglés. El libro cuesta GB £35.00 más gastos de envío y

puede ser ordenado desde <http://www.archaeopress.com>.

*Zoarqueología Hoy: Encuentros Hispano-Argentinos* edited by Juan Carlos Díez Fernández-Loman (2008). Universidad de Burgos, Spain. [ISBN: 978-84-96394-77-3. 192 páginas]. Más información en [http://www.ubu.es/ubu/cm/ubu/tkContent?pgseed=121688821716&idContent=96352&locale=es\\_ES&textOnly=false](http://www.ubu.es/ubu/cm/ubu/tkContent?pgseed=121688821716&idContent=96352&locale=es_ES&textOnly=false). 

**The Institute for Prehistory and Archaeological Science (IPAS) at Basel University** publishes numerous articles and books each year. A list of the 2008 publications as well as previous years can be found online at <http://pages.unibas.ch/arch/archbiol/biblioaz.htm>. Most publications are written in German, but English and French articles are also available. Many smaller articles are available for download free of charge. The more lengthy books can be ordered following the instructions on the website.

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sively archaeological journals among the first 35 that also serve as media for zooarchaeological studies sufficiently “archaeological” in nature. Probably the two most popular venues for archaeozoological papers in this list are the *Journal of Archaeological Science* and *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology* that regularly publish high-quality articles by the archaeozoological community.

Somewhere between books and journals, the black hole of edited volumes exists. These are typically conference proceedings and festschrifts containing an admixture of various papers, and they include some excellent research. I first faced this problem as volume editor for the 1996 ICAZ Archaeozoology of Southwest Asia (ASWA) Working Group (WG) meeting in Budapest, Hungary. A number of participants shied away from the idea of submitting their contributions to the proposed Volume III of the Archaeozoology of the Near East series because it was not peer reviewed, not to mention the lack of an impact factor. In the end, everyone agreed that the contents were worth keeping together in a single volume thereby maintaining continuity in the publication of papers presented at the ASWA WG meetings, but I became aware that for many this decision was an important act of solidarity, rather than a purely rational, career-oriented decision. Younger scholars are especially hard pressed not to “waste” precious time and data in forums that cannot be officially accounted for.

A recent positive example is also at hand. *Quaternary International* dedicated its March 2008 issue to presentations from the Neotropical Zooarchaeology and Taphonomy Symposium held at the 10<sup>th</sup> ICAZ International Conference in México City, México. You may note that this journal is at the prestigious 18<sup>th</sup> place, in the middle of the range of the 35 journals represented in Figure 1. It is to the credit of editors (both of the special issue and the journal itself) that they managed to hit two birds with one bola, to maintain the integrity of the symposium and guarantee a properly accredited quality of the contributions.

While maintaining that a high professional standard should be a prerequisite of publication, I would be the last to

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The following list of recent publications in archaeozoology contains more than 225 unique references that have not appeared in previous newsletters. Due to the large number of submissions by ICAZ members, we have omitted from the following list: in-press publications, presented papers, abstracts from conference proceedings, and publications prior to 2007. Many thanks to all the ICAZ members who contributed to this section.

- ADAMS, B.J., and P.J. CRABTREE (2008). *Comparative Skeletal Anatomy: A Photographic Atlas for Medical Examiners, Coroners, Forensic Anthropologists, and Archeologists*. Humana Press, Totowa.
- ALBARELLA, U., C. JOHNSTONE, and K. VICKERS (2008). The Development of Animal Husbandry from the Late Iron Age to the End of the Roman Period: A Case Study from South-east Britain. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 35:1828-1848.
- ARBUCKLE, B.S. (2008). Revisiting Neolithic Caprine Exploitation at Suberde, Turkey. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 32(2):219-236. Electronic Document, <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/71078.pdf>.
- AVERY, G., D. HALKETT, J. ORTON, T.E. STEELE, M. TUSENIUS, and R.G. KLEIN (2008). The Ysterfontein 1 Middle Stone Age Rockshelter and the Evolution of Coastal Foraging. *South African Archaeological Society Goodwin Series* 10:66-89.
- BADENHORST, S. (2008). Subsistence Change among Farming Communities in Southern Africa during the Last Two Millennia: A Search for Potential Causes. In *Animals and People*, S. Badenhorst et al. (eds.), pp. 215-228. British Archaeological Reports International Series 1849. Archaeopress, Oxford.
- BADENHORST, S., P. MITCHELL, and J.C. DRIVER, eds. (2008). *Animals and People: Archaeozoological Papers in Honour of Ina Plug*. British Archaeological Reports International Series 1849. Archaeopress, Oxford.
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## NEW JOURNAL ISSUE

The *Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology* announces a special thematic issue entitled "Island Zooarchaeology" (Vol. 4, Issue 2, 2009). Christina M. Giovas and Michelle J. LeFebvre are the guest editors for this special issue, which explores the range of prehistoric human-animal interactions in island and coastal environments. Contents: The Zooarchaeology of Islands: Towards Synergy and Synthesis by M.J. LeFebvre and C.M. Giovas • The Commensal Model for Human Settlement of the Pacific 10 years on—What Can We Say and Where to Now? by E. Matisoo-Smith • Zooarchaeological Research in New Zealand: Studying the Effects of Anthropogenic Environmental Change by L. Nagaoka and M.S. Allen • Examining Causes and Trends in Marine Trophic Level Change: 1500 Years of Fish Exploitation at Fatu-mafuti, Tutuila Island, American Samoa by A.E. Morrison and D.J. Addison • Comparing Faunal Remains and Subsistence Technology at CA-SMI-507: A 9000 Year Old Shell Midden on San Miguel Island by J.M. Erlandson, T.J. Braje, and T.C. Rick • Side by Side: Faunal Exploitation at Two Villages from Different Time Periods on the Lower Río Tanamá in Northwest Puerto Rico by L.A. Carlson and D.W. Steadman • Kodiak Island's Prehistoric Fisheries: Human Dietary Response to Climate Change and Resource Availability by C. Foster West • The Synergism of Biology and Culture by W.F. Keegan. 

## FELLOWSHIPS

### DIENJE KENYON FELLOWSHIP

A fellowship in honor of the late Dienje M. E. Kenyon is offered to support the research of women archaeologists in the early stages of their graduate training. An award of \$500 will be made to a student pursuing research in zooarchaeology, which was Kenyon's specialty. To qualify for the award, applicants must be enrolled in a graduate degree program focusing on archaeology with the intention of receiving either the M.A. or Ph.D. on a topic related to zooarchaeology, and must be in the first two years of graduate studies. The application consists of the following: 1) a statement of proposed research related to zooarchaeology, toward the conduct of which the award would be applied, of no more than 1,500 words, including a brief statement indicating how the award would be spent in support of that research; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) two letters of support from individuals familiar with the applicant's work and research potential. One of these letters must be from the student's primary advisor, and must indicate the year in which the applicant began graduate studies. Strong preference will be given to students working with faculty members with zooarchaeological expertise. The statement and curriculum vitae should be sent as an e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word. Letters of support should be e-mailed separately by the people providing them. Applications are due no later than January 5, 2010. For additional information, contact: Dr. Renee B. Walker, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, SUNY College at Oneonta, Oneonta, NY 13820, Tel: 607-436-3346, E-mail: walkerr@oneonta.edu. Applicants will be notified via email that their applications have been received. 

## Mark Your Calendars!


11<sup>th</sup> ICAZ  
International Conference

Paris, France  
August 23–28, 2010

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The collaborative research network BIOARCH will pool increasingly expensive and specialized scientific facilities employed by its researchers, such as databases, reference collections, morphometrics and imaging facilities, mass spectrometers, aDNA facilities, and thermoluminescence dating facilities. In addition, this Groupement de Recherche Européen (GDRE) funded project also intends to increase the profile of the bioarchaeological research community in Europe as well as at the international level. BIOARCH will complete its goals through specialized workshops, general meetings, and hosting visiting scientists in network laboratories. The first general meeting was hosted by the Departament de Prehistòria, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, in December 2008. About 70 scientists associated with the BIOARCH collaborative research network discussed their current research projects and possible future collaborations. Three workshops are being organized for 2009 around the topics of databases, romanization, and palaeoparasitology. In 2010, BIOARCH will contribute to the organization and activities of the 11<sup>th</sup> ICAZ International Conference in Paris, France.

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Albarella, by e-mail ([u.albarella@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:u.albarella@sheffield.ac.uk)) or by post (Department of Archaeology, University of Sheffield, Northgate House, West Street, Sheffield S1 4ET, UK); 6) names and correct e-mail addresses for candidates and the two members forwarding the nomination must be included in the nomination.



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proselytize the exclusive validity of impact factors. Looking at the proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> ICAZ International Conference in Durham, UK, published by Oxbow Books (and similar volumes expected from the 11<sup>th</sup> ICAZ International Conference in Paris, France) it would be evidently unfair to discount the papers included as irrelevant in the absence of impact factors. What lies behind these volumes is usually careful peer reviewing by other authors in the same volume. While many may justifiably argue that this means the inclusion of inexperienced reviewers and that the resulting volumes will suffer from "inbreeding," I strongly prefer this form to having no quality control whatsoever. Firstly, even junior colleagues must learn reviewing, and paired with some more experienced reviewers they may benefit from the exercise. Secondly, contributors to highly specialized volumes are likely to be specialists themselves, thus having direct insights into the topic of the volume. Finally, each contributor is directly interested in having her/his paper published in a volume that has professional credibility and will therefore exercise scrutiny as a reviewer and accept constructive criticism as an author. Naturally, no system is perfect (and no human being is perfect either), but in my mind the only problem with this procedure is that it is not officially registered and properly accredited.

Other reasons for publishing papers in venues that lack Impact Factor (IF) may represent various local interests. This could include the promotion of work in a national academic setting, directly related to funding or developing archaeozoology more broadly. Among the first 35 IF journals listed in Figure 1 only *Naturwissenschaften* and *L'Anthropologie* are non-English titles, while ICAZ as an international organization has an interest in promoting archaeozoology through every channel available. This does not contradict English being recognized as the lingua franca of the academic community.

Sincerely,

  
László Bartosiewicz  
ICAZ President 

## CALENDAR<sup>1</sup>

MAY 31–JUNE 6, 2009

**The 28<sup>th</sup> International Commission on the Anthropology of Food (ICAF) conference, entitled “Fish and Seafood: Anthropological and Nutritional Perspectives”** will take place in Kamilari, Crete, Greece. For more information, check out the conference website at <http://utopia.duth.gr/~xirot/28thICAF/ICAF.html>.

JUNE 18–19, 2009

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Whaling and History symposium** will take place at the Whaling Museum in Sandefjord, Norway. Additional details and the program are available online at [http://www.knochenarbeit.de/allgemeine\\_dokumente/Symposium Whaling & History.pdf](http://www.knochenarbeit.de/allgemeine_dokumente/Symposium_Whaling_&_History.pdf)

JULY 13–18, 2009

**The 2009 International Academic and Community Conference on Animals and Society, entitled “Minding Animals,”** will be held at Civic Precinct, Newcastle, Australia. Delegates may choose to attend a diverse range of concurrent sessions, panel presentations, and seminars as well as a public lecture being held Friday, July 17. For more information, contact Rod Bennison (E-mail: [Rod.Bennison@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Rod.Bennison@newcastle.edu.au)) or visit <http://www.mindinganimals.com>.

JULY 27–AUGUST 3, 2009

**The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Stanley J. Olsen Memorial, Eagle Lake Zooarchaeology Conference** will be held at Eagle Lake Field Station in north-eastern California, USA. The main sessions, which will address the theme of “Human Paleoecology: A Zooarchaeological Perspective,” will be held on the weekend of July 25–26. Opportunities to continue dialogue, discuss research, and attend field trips will continue throughout the week of July 27–August 3. For more information, contact the guest organizers: Deanna Grimstead (E-mail: [dng@email.arizona.edu](mailto:dng@email.arizona.edu)) or Kelly Beck (E-mail: [raymond.beck@anthro.utah.edu](mailto:raymond.beck@anthro.utah.edu)) or check out the conference website at <http://www.csuchico.edu/~fbayham/zooarch.htm>.

SEPTEMBER 3–9, 2009

**The 15<sup>th</sup> ICAZ Fish Remains Working Group (FRWG) meeting, entitled “Fishes–Culture–Environment through Archaeo-ichthyology, Ethnography, and History”** will

be held in Poznan and Torun, Poland. Papers are welcomed on a variety of archaeoichthyology-related topics. The submission deadline for abstracts (papers and posters) is June 15, 2009. If you are interested in participating in this conference, please contact Daniel Makowiecki (E-mail: [makdan@umk.pl](mailto:makdan@umk.pl)).

SEPTEMBER 7–11, 2009

**The 7<sup>th</sup> ICAZ Worked Bone Research Group (WBRG) meeting** will take place in Wroclaw, Poland. For more information, contact Bernadeta Kufel (E-mail: [bernadeta.kufel@gmail.com](mailto:bernadeta.kufel@gmail.com)) or visit <http://www.wbrg-wroclaw.com>.

SEPTEMBER 15–20, 2009

**A session entitled “Animal Ritual Killing and Burial: European Perspectives”** will be held at the 15<sup>th</sup> European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Meeting in Riva del Garda, Italy. Papers are welcomed on any aspect of the ritual killing and deposition of animals, from any part of Europe and from any time period, however presentations should move beyond individual case studies to consider broader questions that will further our understanding of the topic. If you are interested in participating in this session, please contact the session organizer Aleks Pluskowski (E-mail: [a.g.pluskowski@reading.ac.uk](mailto:a.g.pluskowski@reading.ac.uk)). General conference information may be found on the EAA Website at <http://www.e-a-a.org>.

OCTOBER 1–2, 2009

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Latin American Zooarchaeology Meeting** will take place during the 13<sup>th</sup> Anthropology Congress, held at the Universidad De Los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. This meeting aims to identify goals in Latin American zooarchaeology, to reflect upon different perspectives and challenges

regarding research, theory, and methodology, and to facilitate better academic bonds among Latin American zooarcheologists. For more information, contact the meeting coordinator Elizabeth Ramos Roca (E-mail: [eramosroca@uniandes.edu.co](mailto:eramosroca@uniandes.edu.co)).

OCTOBER 21–23, 2009

**The Stine Rossel Memorial Conference, entitled “Climate and Ancient Societies: Causes and Human Responses,”** will be held at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Climate, and human responses to it, plays an integral part in the formation of society. This conference, held under the umbrella of the University of Copenhagen’s Climate and Sustainability initiative (<http://climate.ku.dk>), is held in memory of Stine Rossel, archaeozoologist and member of the Department of Cross Cultural and Regional Studies, who had a keen research interest in climate and past societies. For additional details, visit [http://climate.ku.dk/calender/ancient\\_societies/](http://climate.ku.dk/calender/ancient_societies/).

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES IN 2010

AUGUST 23–28, 2010

**The ICAZ 2010 International Conference** will be held at the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle and Pierre et Marie Curie University in Paris, France. The conference will focus on three main themes—Archaeozoology in Central and Eastern Europe, Palaeolithic Archaeozoology, and the History of Archaeozoology—but papers and posters on other topics are also welcome. An update on the conference appears on page 2 of this newsletter. For more information, e-mail the organizing committee at [icaz2010@mnhn.fr](mailto:icaz2010@mnhn.fr).

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