PREFATORY NOTE:

There is reason to hope that the publication of this the first issue of the newsletter of the fishgroup is the beginning of a viable tradition facilitating the communication between members of the group together with anyone else interested in the subject. However, the viability is highly dependent on the contributions from the members i.e. short papers, notices etc., hopefully to be received at an even flow. Evidently the newsletter has not reached its final form with this issue, presumably the successive editors will all influence and improve the letter according to each one’s ideas and intentions. One of the ideas originating at the fish-meeting in London during the ICAZ conference in April 1982 was that the editorship is to be undertaken by the members of the group in rotation thereby making it possible both that the newsletter can constantly undergo stimulating changes and that no editor will get tired of the job.

It is hoped that this first attempt will be received indulgently, and yet at the same time taken so seriously that this will not be both the first and the last issue.

Knud Rosenlund
MEETINGS IN THE GROUP:


The 4th International Conference of ICAZ pronded the opportunity for an informal meeting of archaeozoologists with a special interest in fish remains. 24 conference delegates attended and several more people expressed an interest although they were unable to be present. Australia, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Holland, Hungary, Spain, Sweden, U.K. and U.S.A. were all represented.

Everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief outline of their research interests. A list of addresses was drawn up and circulated during the rest of the ICAZ conference.

A suggestion was made to set up a formal fish group within ICAZ and A. T. Clason, who attended the meeting, agreed to present this proposal to the ICAZ committee. It was agreed to circulate a newsletter to all members of the fish group. Editorship of the newsletter would change each year so that no single individual or institute should have to take on a long-term commitment. Knud Rosenlund, Copenhagen, agreed to edit the newsletter for the first year, after which Dick Brinkhuizen, Groningen, would take over.

Following the success of the fish osteoarchaeology meeting held in Copenhagen in 1981 it was suggested that another such meeting should be held. Jean Desse, Sophia Antipolis, proposed this could be held in Sophia Antipolis, Valbonne, France, where there are suitable conference facilities. Jean Desse agreed to investigate the possibility of holding such a meeting in autumn 1983.

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2nd Fish-Osteoarchaeology Meeting/2ème Rencontre d’Archéo-Ichthyologie.

In August 1981, the "1st Fish-Osteoarchaeology Meeting", organised by I. Bødker Enghoff, J. Richter and K. Rosenlund, was held in Copenhagen.

During the 4th International Conference in Archaeozoology (ICAZ, London, 1982) it was decided that the second Fish Osteoarchaeology Meeting should be organised at Sophia Antipolis (nearby Antibes, France) in the "Centre de Recherches Archéologiques du C.N.R.S."

The meeting's dates should be: 14th-16th of October 1983.

The provisional scientific program covers the widest range of archaeozoological research on fish bones (identifications techniques, microchronology, reconstitution of fishing methods...), but the problems of the methodological harmonisation, specially in osteometry, will be particularly discussed.

For any information concerning the meeting, please, write as soon as possible to the following address:

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OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE GROUP:

IIInd Workshop on Iberian Ichthyology.

The Second Workshop on Iberian Ichthyology, Barcelona 23rd-28th May 1983, will deal with general ichthyology, with special reference to that of the Iberian Peninsula.

Programme:
1. Systematics. Genetics of fish populations. Phylogeny and evolution
   Zoogeography. Morphology. Eggs and development.
2. Biology and physiology.
4. Pathology and contamination.
For more information, contact:

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VARIA:

Do you recognize this bone?

Due to lack of comparative material it has not been possible to identify this suboperculum. It derives from an excavation of a 13th Century site in Skive, Jutland. Bones of Clupea harengus, Coregonus lavaretus, Cyprinidae, Rutilus rutilus, Anguilla anguilla, Gadidae and Perca fluviatilis have been found in the material. The growth rings have been slightly exaggerated.

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The Association for Environmental Archaeology.

The Association for Environmental Archaeology was formed in 1979 as a result of an increasing desire for greater communication between workers examining soils, and animal and plant remains from archaeological sites. The membership currently stands at about 150 U.K. members and 20 overseas members. They include archaeologists, entomologists, malacologists, pathologists and osteologists), botanists and pedologists. Membership is open to all actively engaged in some branch of the subject, be they students, full-time workers or amateurs. Interested individuals are invited to complete the following form:

Membership Form


I wish to become a member of/renew my subscription to* the Association for Environmental Archaeology.

I enclose a cheque/international money order for two pounds Sterling,* being the annual subscription to the Association. (Bankers' Order forms, directing the subscription to be debited from Bank accounts annually on the 1st January, may be obtained from Nick Balaam.)

*delete where applicable.

Name and Title:
Address:
Research Interests:
The next number of the newsletter.

The next number of the newsletter is scheduled for publication at the end of this year or the beginning of the next year. It is planned to contain a number of short papers in which the members of the fish-group present themselves and describe their actual projects, research and problems. Accordingly, all members are urgently requested to submit a short account of their own or of their working-group's present or recently finished research. The deadline is the 15th of December and contributions should be sent to:

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