



Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ICAZ Members and Friends,

I am delighted to introduce the first ICAZ Newsletter under the newly reorganized International Council for Archaeozoology. As it has from its inception over 20 years ago, ICAZ remains committed to four founding goals:

- To develop and stimulate archaeozoological research,
- To strengthen cooperation among archaeozoologists,
- To foster cooperation with archaeologists and scientists working in related fields, and
- To promote high ethical and scientific standards for archaeozoological work.

Some of the ways in which we plan to accomplish these goals may be familiar to you. We continue to sponsor major international conferences every four years, and encourage the publication of the proceedings of these conferences. The next ICAZ International Conference will be held in 2002 at a location to be decided this June.

Every two years the International Council, now a representative body elected by the membership, holds smaller more focused symposiums and workshops about archaeozoology and conducts business meetings aimed at helping steer the course of the organization. The next International Council meeting will be held this June in Madrid (see announcement on page 6).

We continue to sponsor and promote ICAZ Working Groups that focus on specific areas of archaeozoological study and interest. These groups generally meet every two years and sponsor websites and publication series of their own.

We also distribute this newsletter, now twice a year, to keep members up-to date with developments in our field.

In addition we have just posted the new ICAZ Website (www.nmnh.si.edu/icaz)! Check out the announcement of the website in this issue of the Newsletter. Better yet log on and check out the website!

The future is ripe with new challenges and opportunities for ICAZ, as well as for the discipline as a whole. Recognition of archaeozoology

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ICAZ MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Central to the success of ICAZ in promoting communication within the archaeozoological community is building a strong membership that represents the tremendous diversity of our profession. Researchers around the world are actively pursuing the study of human interaction with animals in universities, museums, foundations, private firms, and in their homes. People come to our discipline from a wide variety of backgrounds - zoology, anthropology, paleontology, archaeology, veterinary medicine and more.

Our membership must reflect this diversity in nation, perspective, expertise, and research context. This is why the newly launched ICAZ membership drive is so important to the future of ICAZ.

Our current membership roles boast 286 members from 39 countries. This is a good start, but we would like to expand our membership to make sure we reach all the different segments of

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Help ICAZ create a new look for the organization, enter the Logo Contest! See page 5 for details, or check out the logo contest entry rules on our new web site: www.nmnh.si.edu/icaz.

THE NEW ICAZ NEWSLETTER

This introductory newsletter provides information on the new structure of the organization, the ICAZ membership drive, and other features of the new ICAZ. On the back it has a calendar of upcoming events of interest to the archaeozoological community. An ICAZ membership application serves as the center page of this issue. This special introductory issue is being distributed to a large, (ca. 2000) person list of current and potential ICAZ members.

In the future the ICAZ Newsletter will be distributed twice a year (spring and fall) to ICAZ members only. The Newsletter will contain lists of recent archaeozoology publications, reviews, a guide to journals that regularly publish archaeozoological research, letters to the editor, job postings, and more. Please send any announcements of new publications, events, positions offered, suggestions, letters and other information to ICAZ Secretary Arturo Morales-Muñiz (see address on page 6). 



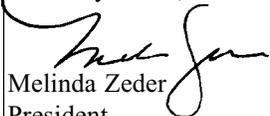
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as a major avenue for understanding human interaction with the natural world has brought the discipline to the forefront of archaeology and paleoecology. Archaeozoologists can now be found in museums, universities, and other research institutions around the world. New technologies and methods of analysis make it possible to ask and answer an ever expanding array of questions about human/animal relationships of the past, from the earliest origins of humans up through the present day.

ICAZ stands committed to its founding goals of promoting communication within the diverse archaeozoological community, and to creating an on-going dialogue with archaeologists, biologists, and others interested in the rich history of human/animal interaction. Through our membership program, our website, our newsletters, our working groups, conferences, and publications we believe we can meet this goal better than ever before.

Please join us by filling out the enclosed membership application today.

Sincerely Yours,



Melinda Zeder
President
International Council for
Archaeozoology 

CHECK OUT THE ICAZ WEBSITE!

The ICAZ Executive Committee is delighted to announce the birth of the new ICAZ Website (www.nmnh.si.edu/icaz). Right now the website has lots of information about ICAZ, its aims, its structure, its history, its membership, links to other sites, as well as more general information about archaeozoology for the non-specialist. There is even a place on the site that tells you how to enter our new logo contest! Once the membership drive is completed we will initiate a section of the website exclusively for ICAZ members. This For Members section will include features like a membership directory that includes addresses and research interests of ICAZ members, job postings, a bulletin board/chat room, and more. 

RECENT CHANGES TO ICAZ

As many of you may know the origin of ICAZ can be traced back to 1971, where, at a conference on animal domestication held in Budapest, a group of archaeozoologists came together and decided to form an organization dedicated to promoting communication among the growing community of researchers interested in the history of human interaction with animals. The first official statutes of the organization were adopted in 1976. At that time ICAZ consisted of an International Council, whose members were nominated and elected by standing council members, and a non-dues paying corresponding membership, open to anyone interested in receiving the yearly ICAZ newsletter and attending ICAZ International Conferences held every four years.

Over the next two decades, archaeozoology as a discipline experienced explosive growth in the number of its practitioners and the breadth of their science. During this time ICAZ has come to serve as an umbrella organization for the diverse approaches and interests of practicing archaeozoologists world-wide. At the 1990 ICAZ meeting in Washington DC a movement began to respond to the growing stature and impact of our field by transforming ICAZ into a true professional organization. New ICAZ statutes were drafted with this goal in mind and they were officially adopted in 1997. A copy of the new ICAZ constitution can be found on the ICAZ Website (www.nmnh.si.edu/icaz).

Changes in the structure of ICAZ mandated in the new constitution are the following:

A dues-paying general membership was created. This body is eligible to receive specific membership benefits, to elect the ICAZ International Council and the Vice-President and President of the ICAZ Executive Committee, and to meet at a general business meeting at the ICAZ International Conference to discuss the future course of the organization.

The International Council was reconstituted as a body elected by the general membership (of no more than 35 members) to serve as a representative steering committee charged with ensuring that the aims of ICAZ are met

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PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES

The yearly dues for ICAZ membership is \$US15. In order to keep down administrative costs we are collecting dues in multiple year segments set by the quadri-annual ICAZ International Meeting schedule. So if you are joining in 2000 you will be joining ICAZ for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 and you will owe us US\$45. If you join next year in 2001 you will be joining for two years and you need to send us US\$30. If you join in 2002, your fees will cover only this conference year and will be US\$15. The four year cycle begins again in 2003-2006.

Some of you have already paid for a year's membership in ICAZ. If this is the case, these dues will cover your year 2000 fees and you will owe us an additional US\$30 to keep your membership viable up to 2002. Those who have already paid for this first year of membership will receive an insert in this packet of materials notifying you of your membership status. If you have any questions about your membership status please contact Melinda Zeder at the address given in this newsletter (address listed on page 6, under Logo Contest).

At the moment we can only take checks and money orders in US dollars or British pound sterling. We plan to accept dues in Euros as soon as this currency is available for everyday commerce. At this point in ICAZ's early days as a dues paying membership, we are unable to support the costs of credit card fees.

We are also not in a position to pay currency conversion charges. In order to save on the cost of conversion, you may want to pool your fees with colleagues in your country. Just let us know who is included in the pooled dues payment by filling out a membership application form for each member included in the payment.

Finally, we are also encouraging members to help colleagues who can't afford to join ICAZ by sponsoring an ICAZ member. This might include students, colleagues without regular stipends, or colleagues from developing countries. Sponsoring another member might also be a way of covering currency conversion costs (i.e., the colleague reimburses you in local currency for your payment of ICAZ dues in dollars or pounds). You'll find the sponsorship form on the back of the membership application.

As we grow and as the Euro becomes a common currency, we will be working to make payment of ICAZ dues as easy as possible. For now we apologize if limiting payment to these two currencies presents any difficulties. We hope that you will persevere and join this growing organization. 

LOGO CONTEST

The current ICAZ logo of auroch horns was designed by Caroline Grigson in 1979. The logo has served the organization well, but ICAZ now needs a new logo to go along with its new form and expanded mission. As our old logo did so ably, the new ICAZ logo will come to be a clear visual symbol of our organization. The logo will be used throughout our website, in the ICAZ Newsletter, on all announcements of ICAZ activities, and in all ICAZ stationary.

We know we have a multi-talented membership, people with bright ideas and artistic gifts. And so we turn to you to suggest a new ICAZ logo. Let your imagination go and send us your ideas!

The contest is open to all current members of ICAZ. Entries, black and white or color, can be sent by mail (see page 6 for address) or in electronic form (tiff formats preferred). A specially designated ICAZ Logo Committee will review all entries, evaluating them for visual appeal, content, and suitability to the different formats where the logo will be used. Entries should be submitted by July 1, 2000. The new logo will be selected by September 1, 2000 and the winning logo posted on the ICAZ Website at that time. The contest winner will receive a free four year membership in ICAZ (2003-2006). 

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this lively community of scholars.

We have currently compiled a list of almost 2,000 names of practicing archaeozoologists around the world. If you received this newsletter through the mail, you are one of the researchers whom we hope will become a member of ICAZ. If you didn't receive this mailing directly from us, it means that somehow we missed you in our effort to build a comprehensive mailing list. If you've read this far, you are definitely ICAZ material, and we want you to join.

The center section of this inaugural newsletter is our membership application. Please take a few minutes to fill out this form and return it to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

The yearly subscription fee for ICAZ membership is only US\$15. To keep administrative costs down we are collecting this sum in multiple year segments, the number of which is determined by the date of the next annual meeting (2002). Once ICAZ is up and running we hope to have four year membership terms, on a schedule set by our International Conference cycle.

The application form has instructions that will help you determine where in the membership cycle we are now. Also see the companion article in this newsletter for information about methods of payment and our sponsor a member program for students, self-employed researchers, and archaeozoologists in developing countries.

The benefits you receive through ICAZ membership include: receipt of this biannual newsletter, access to the "For Members" part of our website, reduced registration fees at meetings and the right to present papers and posters at ICAZ meetings, voting rights in electing the International Council, Vice-President, and President of ICAZ. You will also be helping support this reinvigorated effort to keep channels of communication open among this internationally and intellectually diverse community of researchers.

So don't delay. Join us today!



