Dear ICAZ Members,

About a month ago I received a note from Anneke Clason (the doyenne of ICAZ) informing me that ICAZ just had a milestone anniversary - its 25th birthday! It is only fitting, then, that I devote this column to reflecting on ICAZ’s first quarter century, looking at the role it has played in our profession, and the challenges that await ICAZ as it moves into the next 25 years.

The origin of ICAZ can be traced back 30 years to a symposium hosted by the late Sandor Bökényi in Budapest, Hungary, in 1971. At this meeting (the 1st ICAZ conference), a core group of archaeozoologists decided that there was a need for an organization to help promote regular meetings of the growing archaeozoological community. The drafting of the first ICAZ statutes began at the 2nd ICAZ conference, organized by Anneke Clason in Groningen, The Netherlands, in 1974.

The organization formally came into being when these statutes were ratified in 1976 at the IXth Conference of the Union Internationale Scientifique Pré- et Protohistorique (UISPP) in Nice. At that meeting Clason called for the formation of an organization founded on three goals: 1) to develop and stimulate archaeozoological research, 2) to strengthen cooperation among archaeozoologists, and 3) to foster cooperation with archaeologists and other scientists working in archaeology. Twenty five years later these are still the central goals of ICAZ.

At the time ICAZ consisted of an Executive Committee of 7-9 members, an International Council of 40 members, a Committee of Honor (for retired members of the IC and EC), Working Groups, and a large body of Corresponding Members. Little formal organization existed beyond this, and no attempt was made to make ICAZ a dues paying organization, in part because of the difficult financial and political climate for eastern Europeans at the time.

There were seven original ICAZ Working Groups almost all of which dealt with standards of analysis and publications. None are active today, though many did produce a number of influential articles on archaeozoological methods and practice in the 1970s and 80s.


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Since the 2nd ICAZ conference in Groningen, there have been eight subsequent ICAZ conferences (one every four years): Szczecin, Poland (1978); London, England (1982); Bordeaux, France (1986); Washington D.C., USA (1990); Constance, Germany (1994); and Victoria, Canada (1998). Proceedings of many of these conferences have been published.

Over the years the International Council has met 41 times, most recently in Madrid in June 2000. The Executive Committee has been even more active. During the 1970s, 80s, and into the 1990s Anneke Clason produced a yearly ICAZ newsletter mailed to a large number of corresponding ICAZ members.

By the 6th ICAZ International Conference in Washington D.C. in 1990, it became clear that changes in ICAZ were in order to reflect the needs of the rapidly expanding international body of archaeozoologists. A committee convened to explore the possibility of transforming ICAZ into a membership-based professional organization. New statutes, drafted in Cambridge, England, in July of 1995, were adopted by the International Committee of ICAZ in August 1997.

These statutes created a dues paying general membership, transformed the International Committee into a representative body elected by the ICAZ membership, and regularized the composition and election procedures for the ICAZ Executive Committee.

The IC elected the new ICAZ Secretary (Morales) and Treasurer (Meadow) in Victoria in 1998, and the general membership completed the election process for the President (Zeder) and Vice-President (Payne), and new International Council in 1999.

Since the fall of 1999 an aggressive membership drive has increased our rolls to more than 300. We have created an ICAZ Website (with a “For Members” section ready for member use in June), re-vamped the ICAZ Newsletter (now appearing twice yearly), and have begun active planning for the next ICAZ conference in Durham England in 2002.

In addition, conference organizers hope to host other sessions including:

- The Zooarchaeology of Identity and Status
- Trade and Exchange
- Craft Working and Industrial Process
- Broad Spectrum Revolution or Evolution
- The Development of ‘Fisher-gatherer’ Societies
- The Value and Meaning of Metrical Analysis in Zooarchaeology

We encourage colleagues to offer papers and posters that contribute to the proposed sessions. But, rest assured that papers (and posters) dealing with other topics can also be accommodated. Including additional theme sessions may also be possible. Available space is limited, however, so please submit your ideas to the conference organizers quickly.

While the conference itself will be well worth the trip to England, its venue is also most appealing. The University of Durham is the third oldest in the country. Durham City, a small medieval town with numerous attractive old buildings that line cobbled streets, is set amongst the stunning beauty of the Pennines and Northumberland hills and a rolling lowland agricultural landscape. The town features the Cathedral and Castle (both World Heritage sites), pleasant riverside walks and boat trips, as well as highly urban and industrialized areas nearby which bring the advantages of an active nightlife, shopping facilities, and good communications. Local museums include the Oriental (primarily anthropology and art), Fulling Mill (archaeology) and Durham Light Infantry (military). These attractions are within a 15 minute walk of conference accommodations.

Access to Durham is excellent. Two international airports service Durham—Newcastle (45 minutes from Durham, good rail service), and Teesside (30 minutes drive from Durham). The Great North Eastern Railway also offers hourly service to Durham from London (3 hours journey time) and Edinburgh (2 hours journey time). One can travel to Durham by road along highway A1 (the main north–south route in Britain since Neolithic times). International ferries from Scandinavia, northern Germany, and the Low Countries offer access to Newcastle by sea.

Accommodations will be at one or more of the University Colleges. Conference organizers are investigating lower cost housing for students. Breakfast and lunches/dinners will be provided by the Colleges. Local restaurants in Durham
Recent Publications

With the spring issue of the ICAZ Newsletter we are introducing a new feature - a list of new publications in archaeozoology. This list was largely compiled from member submissions solicited in March. Due to space considerations we have limited the publications listed here to those appearing in 1998 or later. We could not include publications in press, papers presented at professional meetings, or abstracts of presented papers. We are delighted with the great response rate we received from members to our call for publications. We hope that this list will be of use to our readers. We plan to feature Recent Publications in each spring newsletter, alternating with News and Notes from the Membership in the fall.


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As of May 1 the membership of ICAZ stands at 310 members. Of these members, 178 are new to the organization (57%), while 130 are previous members who have renewed their membership through the 2002 conference year. There are two institutional members. A concerted appeal to old members has resulted in a 21% increase in membership renewals (up to 46% from the 25% resubscription rate reported in the ICAZ Newsletter last November). Regrettably, we have yet to hear from 92 old paying members whose membership in ICAZ expired at the end of 2000. However, we are receiving new and renewal memberships daily and anticipate that our numbers will grow even higher with an upcoming mass Institutional membership mailing and with the promotion of the ICAZ 2002 meeting. Many thanks to all of you who have put your faith (and your money) into ICAZ. We are working hard to earn your continued allegiance.

Members of the ICAZ Executive Committee held their annual meeting in Durham, England, this past January 12th. EC members attending the meeting included Laszlo Bartosiewicz, Richard Meadow, Arturo Morales, Nanna Noe-Nygard, Sebastian Payne, Peter Rowley-Conwy, and Melinda Zeder. The committee met at Durham University, with local arrangements made by ICAZ 2002 conference organizers Rowley-Conwy, Keith Dobney, Umberto Albarella, and Jacqui Huntley.

The morning session of the meeting was also attended by ICAZ 2002 conference organizers Keith Dobney, Umberto Albarella, who with Rowley-Conwy presented a comprehensive report on their organizing activities to date. Topics covered included the schedule of conference activities, the suggested themes to be featured at the conference, the structure of sessions, the plenary session, banquet and receptions, excursions, accommodations, announcements and mailings, the conference budget and fund raising activities, and plans for publication.

The afternoon session of the EC meeting was dedicated to a number of general issues relating to ICAZ. Zeder gave a report on the status of the membership drive (see page 5), and Meadow gave a treasurer’s report (page 6). Zeder also summarized recent additions to the ICAZ Website made over the past months (page 6).

The EC also discussed the need to expand the range of ICAZ ties to relevant journals. ICAZ members currently enjoy a discounted subscription rate to Archaeofauna (page 6). Similar arrangements with other journals will be pursued.

Payne presented a summary of the activities of the Fees Task Force (consisting of Payne, Bartosiewicz, Wim Van Neer, and Oscar Polaco) formed in Madrid last spring with the charge of exploring possible changes in the ICAZ fee structure. In particular, they were asked to consider a flexible fee structure responsive to the financial circumstances of students, retired and unemployed researchers, and researchers from developing countries. The EC decided to poll the International Council on several procedural matters that needed to be resolved before moving forward.

The issue of membership cycles was also discussed at some length. The EC resolved that a four year dues collection cycle timed to coincide with the conference cycle (i.e., beginning in the year of a conference and ending the year before the next conference) was optimal. However, until there is more general discussion among the membership and unless some amendments of the ICAZ Constitution are made, this payment system can only be strongly encouraged, and not mandated. Nor can special inducements for multi-year payment be put into place at this time. Such changes will be explored in advance of the 2002 meeting.

The discussion of possible constitutional amendments centered on the need for adjustments to accommodate a more flexible fee structure and voting procedures for the President and Vice-President positions. Proposed amended wording on the fee structure will be considered by the Fee Structure Task Force, while a new task force will be established to examine issues relating to procedures for electing these two officer positions.

Charles A. Reed (1912-2000)

The passing of a Legend in Archaeozoology

Charles A. Reed, zoologist and pioneer in American archaeozoology, passed away last year after a long illness. He was 88 years old. Reed grew up on a farm near the Hood river in Oregon under the shadow of the Cascade Mountains, a context that may have played an important role in his later research on agricultural origins in the hilly flanks of the Zagros Mountains of Iran and Iraq. He attended the University of Oregon and received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. In his early career he held teaching posts at Reed College and the University of Arizona, before joining the faculty of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois in Chicago in 1948 to teach invertebrate zoology, anatomy, and histology. There he began his life-long friendship with Bill and Priscilla Turnbull of the Field Museum of Natural History and with Robert Braidwood of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. Reed joined Braidwood’s interdisciplinary team of scientists in a series of expeditions to Iran and Iraq focusing on the origins of agriculture. In the early 1960s, Reed took a post at Yale University during which time he participated in salvage work in Egypt in advance of the completion of the Aswan Dam project. Returning to Chicago in the mid-60s, Reed assumed the position of anthropologist/archaeozoologist at University of Illinois at Chicago and Research Associate at the Field Museum. He continued to travel and do research through the Middle, South and Far East and Europe. His work in helping organize a session on the origins of agriculture for the Ninth International Congress of Anthropology and Ethnological Sciences resulted in the edited volume The Origins of Agriculture in 1977. Reed wrote widely on the origins of animal domestication, the zoogeography and phylogeny of sheep and goats, and on more philosophical issues dealing with evolutionary theory. He remained active in his research well into his late 80s. He made a considerable mark on archaeozoology and his legacy will continue for many decades to come.
ICAZ MEMBERS TAKE NOTE

Your membership in ICAZ entitles you to a reduced subscription rate to the journal *Archaeofauna* (from 40 euros for non-ICAZ members to 30 euros for ICAZ members, about US$36 to US$27). Write or email: Arturo Morales Muñiz, Laboratorio de Arqueoacústica, Depto. Biología, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 28049 Madrid, España, E-mail: arturo.morales@uam.es.

ANNOUNCING THE SEASONALITY HOMEPAGE

The Seasonality Homepage has been established at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Texas at Arlington, USA, to provide a central resource for researchers and students in support of archaeological seasonality studies. The website features World Wide Web links, bibliographic citations, and other resources of value to the research community. The site is continually updated and its value depends on your contributions and suggestions. If you know of relevant Web sites, bibliographic citations or laboratory suppliers, please visit us at www.uta.edu/anthropology/seasonality or e-mail us at seasonality@uta.edu.

Treasurer’s Report

January 12, 2001

**US Dollar Account**

- Membership dues collected in Victoria $ 2,614.69
- Membership fees collected since Victoria $ 8,163.00
- Bank Charges (1, 2) $- 184.62
- Printing Costs for Newsletter $ -484.00
- **Total (1, 2)** $10,109.07

**UK Pound Sterling Account**

- Membership fees collected since Victoria £ 495.26
- **Total** £ 495.26

**Euro Account**

- Membership fees collected since Victoria 55.00 EUR
- Bank Charges (1) 0.00 EUR
- **Total (1)** 55.00 EUR

Notes to the above:

1. not reflecting bank charges deducted from new deposits.
2. some bank charges are awaiting clarification.


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Additional information is available online for the following journals and publishers:

1African Archaeological Review (www.wkap.nl/kaph.html.htm).
2Archaeolingua (www.archaeolingua.eu).
3Archaeological Research and Consultancy (www.arcvb.nl).
4British Archaeological Reports (www.archaeopress.com).
6Verlag Marie Leidorf GmbH. (www.vml.de)
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Arizona State Museum is seeking to hire an Assistant Curator of Zooarchaeology. The position will hold a secondary faculty job title. Duties include managing a comparative zooarchaeology laboratory, developing innovative research, facilitating student and faculty investigations, reviewing Arizona Antiquities permits for paleontological investigations, and advising museum personnel on the treatment of paleontological and faunal remains. Duties also include teaching a minimum of one course a year in the Department of Anthropology that complements existing theoretical orientations, areal expertise, and course offerings in zooarchaeology and taphonomy. Requirements: Ph.D. in Anthropology with emphasis on zooarchaeology, research experience in zooarchaeology and field experience in vertebrate paleontology and/or archaeology, demonstrated research capability through publication, and university teaching experience. For information see www.hr.arizona.edu. Salary competitive with experience, plus UA benefits. To apply send cover letter, a resume, and names/contact information for 3 references to: Paul Fish, Chair, Zooarchaeology Search Committee, Arizona State Museum, PO Box 210026, Tucson, AZ 85731-0026. Review of materials will begin September 4, 2001, and will continue until the position is filled.

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OCTOBER 16-20, 2001
The 1st International Congress, “La Terra degli Elefanti - The World of Elephants”, will be held in Rome, Italy. The aim of the congress is to investigate, in time and space, the changing relationships between humans and elephants and between elephants and their environment. The focus of the meeting is on environmental reconstruction and archaeology, but due importance will be given to the origin and evolution of Proboscideans, allowing for the organization of specialized workshops. For information, contact: Organising Secretariat, ABACO-M.A.C. Sri, c/e Gramsci 47, 47100, Forli, Italy; Tel: 0039 0543 404405, E-mail: info@elephants2001.org, Web:www.Elephants2001.org

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN 2002

AUGUST 23-28, 2002
The 2002 ICAZ International Meeting will be held at the University of Durham, Durham, UK. See article on page 1 of this newsletter for more information.

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1, 2002
The 6th ICAZ Archaeozoologists of Southwest Asia (ASWA) Working Group Meeting will be held at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, London, UK following the ICAZ International Meeting in Durham. For more information, contact: Louise Martin, Institute of Archaeology, University College London, 31-34 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PY, UK, E-mail: louise.martin@ucl.ac.uk.

The Institute of Archaeology of Turkey has planned a meeting around the theme “Identifying Changes: From Bronze to Iron Ages in Anatolia and Neighboring Regions” to be held in 2002 (dates to be decided) in Istanbul, Turkey. For details, contact: Bettina Fisher (bettinaf12@hotmail.com), Hermann Genz (hegenz@hotmail.com), Eric Jean (ejean@altern.org).

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN 2003

A 2-3 day conference, entitled “Pigs and Humans: The Archaeology and History of the Pig”, will be held in 2003 (dates to be confirmed) at the University of Durham, UK. This announcement is a call to colleagues to contact the organisers (Keith Dobney, Peter Rowley-Conwy, and Umberto Albarella) if they are interested in participating in this event. For more information, contact: Keith Dobney, Department of Archaeology, University of Durham, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LE, UK, Tel: +191 374 1139, Fax: +191 374 3619, E-mail: k.m.dobney@durham.ac.uk.

To announce an upcoming meeting or event in the ICAZ newsletter, send submission to Arturo Morales via E-mail: arturo.morales@uam.es, Fax: 34-91-397 83 44, or Snail-mail: Universidad Autoņoma de Madrid, Laboratorio de Arqueo-zooología, Depto. Biología, E-28049, Madrid, SPAIN. Submission deadlines for the biannual ICAZ Newsletter are April 15 (Spring) and October 15 (Fall).

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(continued) as well as the famous ruined Abbeys and Priories of Whitby, Rivaux, Jervaux, Bolton, Kirkham, Mount Grace and Fountains. Visits to rare breed farms, including Chillingham Park (home of the famous white cattle), may be organized.

Longer trips could include a visit to the medieval city of York with its Minster, defensive walls, many standing medieval buildings, visible Roman remains, and, of course, the Jorvik Viking Centre (50 minutes from Durham by train, 1 hour and 20 minutes by coach or car). For delegates with their own or hired cars, the Pennines, the Durham and Northumberland coasts, and the Yorkshire Dales are within a one hour drive. Masham, a small town that boasts numerous micro-breweries, is only 1.5 hours away.

With the full and diverse program, the attraction of Durham, and the surrounding countryside, ICAZ 2002 promises to be a wonderful conference. We urge all ICAZ members to participate and to spread the word about the conference widely among colleagues and friends.

Full details (including on-line registration) will be available by June 2001 on the conference website: www.dur.ac.uk/icaz2002. For more information, write to: ICAZ 2002, Department of Archaeology, University of Durham, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LE, UK, Tel: +191 374 1139, Fax: +191 374 3619 or E-mail: icaz2002@durham.ac.uk.
SEPTEMBER 12, 2001-to be confirmed
The 3rd Animal Palaeopathology
Working Group Meeting will be held
at the Hunterian Museum, Royal College
of Surgeons, in London, in association
with the Pathology Museums Group.
The day will include a series of discus-
sions on comparative pathology followed
by an opportunity to take a tour of the
museums and have “hands-on” access to
some material in the collections.
For further details, contact: Richard Thomas,
E-mail: r.m.thomas@bham.ac.uk or Jes-
sica Davies, E-mail: j.j.davies@sheffield.ac.uk or visit our website at
www.bham.ac.uk/bzl/palpath.html.

SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2001
The 49th Symposium of Vertebrate
Paleontology and Comparative
Anatomy will be held in York, UK. The
meeting covers vertebrate palaeontology
of all periods, including the Pleistocene
and Holocene. For additional details,
contact: Jane B. Clarke, 65 Oakmount
Road, Chandler’s Ford, Hampshire,
SO53 2LJ, UK, E-mail: jane@geoden.
demon.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 4-9, 2001
The 3rd ICAZ Worked Bone Research
Group Meeting will be held in Basel,
Switzerland. For more information, con-
tact: Joerg Schibler via E-mail (Joerg.Schibler@unibas.ch) or check out
the conference website at www.unibas.
ch/arch/Bonetool.

SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2001
The workshop, “Osteons: Their Use in
Age Determination, Species Identifi-
cation, and Differential Diagnosis”,
will be held at the Institut für
Anthropologie, Universität Göttingen,
Germany. The program, intended as a
hands-on workshop (beginners wel-
come), aims to further information on
Haversian canals, share data and meth-
ods, and identify research needs. For
details, contact: Birgit Großkopf, Institut
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uni-goettingen.de, or Kim Dammers,
Schiefer Weg 5, 37073, Göttingen, Ger-
many, E-mail: kdammers@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2001
The 4th ICAZ Bird Working Group
Meeting will be held in Krakow, Poland.
The conference considers all aspects of
bird remains in archaeology: the exploi-
tation of wild and domestic birds, changes
in bird distributions in the pre-
historic period, problems of identifica-
tion and bone survival, and depictions
of birds in ancient arts. Papers and post-
ers are invited. Deadline for abstract
submission is June 30, 2001. For addi-
tional details, contact: Zbigniew M.
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Web: www.isez.pan.krakow.pl.

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2001
The 9th International Conference on
Human-Animal Interactions will be
held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The
conference theme is “People and Animals:
A Global Perspective for the 21st
Century”. For more information, contact:
Conference Secretariat, AFIRAC, 32 rue
de Trévise, 75009, Paris, France, Tel:
+33 1 56 03 12 00, Fax: +33 1 56 03 13
60, E-mail: rio2001@i-et.e-fr, Web:
rio2001_uk.htm.

SEPTEMBER 20-23, 2001
The conference, “Neolithic Revolution:
New Perspectives on South-West
Asia in Light of Recent Discoveries on
Cyprus”, will be held in Droushia Vil-
lage, Cyprus. Early evidence of Neolithic
communities has recently emerged on
Cyprus in the form of the so-called
Cypro-PPNB of the later 10th millennium
b.p. (uncalibrated). Artifacts from some
sites have hinted at close affinities with
the Levantine-PPNB communities of the
adjacent mainland over a millennium
earlier than previously assumed. This
evidence has far-reaching implications
for long-standing explanations and inter-
pretations, which may need to be re-
considered, of the transition from hunt-
ning and gathering to food production in
the Levant. For more information, con-
tact: Assistant Director, CBRL, P.O. Box
519, Juba, Amman 11941, Jordan,
Tel: 00962 6 5341317, Fax: 00962 6
5337197, E-mail: ad_cbrl@nets.com.jo.

OCTOBER 8-15, 2001
The ICAZ Fish Remains Working
Group Meeting will be held in Palhia,
New Zealand. For more information,
contact: Foss Leach, Archaeozoology
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