



International Council for Archaeozoology

International Committee meeting

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Ankara, Turkey

Minutes

IC 2014-2018

Participants:

Umberto Albarella, Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales, Shaw Badenhorst, Guy Bar-Oz, László Bartosiewicz, Luis Borrero (Past Conference Organizer), Ariane Burke, Canan Çakırlar, Sabine Deschler-Erb, Idoia Grau Sologestoa (Invited Newsletter Assistant Editor), Angelos Hadjikoymis, Hitomi Hongo (Elected EC Member), Christian Küchelmann (Elected EC Member), Christine Lefèvre (Secretary), Lembi Lõugas, Xiaolin Ma, Marjan Mashkour, Richard Meadow (Elected EC Member), Mariana Mondini (Elected EC Member), Marta Moreno-Garcia, Alberico Nogueira de Queiroz, Terry O'Connor (President), Evangelia Piskin (Current Conference Organizer), Richard Thomas.

Online Meeting participants:

Virginia Butler, Pam Crabtree (Treasurer), Kitty Emery, Suzanne Pilaar-Birch, Kat Szabo, Sarah Whitcher Kansa (Vice-President; Web Administrator).

Apologies from:

Zbigniew Bochenski (working groups liaison officer), Simon Davis, Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee, Donald Grayson, Heather Lapham, Greg Monks, Sebastián Muñoz, Jan Stora, Jean-Denis Vigne.

IC 2018-2022

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Levent Atici, Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee, Jean-Denis Vigne.

Chair: Terry O'Connor

1 - Secretary report (C. Lefèvre)

C. Lefèvre announces the results of the elections conducted by Survey Monkey from November 6th to December 24th 2017. 253 votes were received but 25 were anonymous, and 26 were from members with expired membership. There are thus 202 valid votes. Sarah Whitcher Kansa (USA) is elected President, and Terry O'Connor (United Kingdom) is elected Vice-President.

The new International Committee (2018-2022) consists of the following members: Umberto Albarella (England), Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales (Mexico), Levent Atici (USA), Shaw Badenhorst (South Africa), Guy Bar-Oz (Israel), László Bartosiewicz (Sweden/Hungary), Luis Borrero (Argentina), Ariane Burke

(Canada), Virginia Butler (USA), Canan Çakırlar (The Netherlands/Turkey), Pam Crabtree (USA), Hans-Christian Küchelmann (Deutschland), Sabine Deschler-Erb (Switzerland), Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee (India), Kitty Emery (USA), Angelos Hadjikoumis (Cyprus), Hitomi Hongo (Japan), Lembi Lõugas (Estonia), Xiaolin Ma (China), Marjan Mashkour (France/Iran), Richard Meadow (USA), Mariana Mondini (Argentina), Marta Moreno-Garcia (Spain), Sebastián Muñoz (Argentina), Alberico Nogueira de Queiroz (Brazil), Terry O'Connor (England), Suzanne Pilaar-Birch (USA), Kat Szabo (Australia), Richard Thomas (England), Jean-Denis Vigne (France), Sarah Whitcher Kansa (USA).

The IC members represent 23 countries.

Are also part of the IC: Christine Lefèvre (France, Secretary), Suzanne Pilaar Birch (USA, Treasurer), Evangelia Piskin (Immediate Past Conference Organizer).

2 – Nominations and election of additional EC members

The current IC members elected to the EC are Hitomi Hongo, Hans Christian Küchelmann, Mariana Mondini and Richard Meadow. All four are ready to stand for re-election. There are no other candidates and all four are unanimously reelected.

3 - Treasurer report (Pam Crabtree / Suzanne Pilaar Birch)

After 10 years of dedicated and tireless service to ICAZ, Pam Crabtree has decided to step down. Her successor, Suzanne Pilaar Birch, was elected in December 2016. To organize the transition of Treasurer's position, Pam hired a student in 2017 to scan many old bank statements and other ICAZ documents. She has initiated the process to close the ICAZ NatWest Bank accounts and all the ICAZ money is now in a single US bank account, the Santander Bank account. She filed the tax forms for fiscal 2017 and will do the same for fiscal 2018. The current bank balance is US\$76,921.41.

ICAZ money is currently in checking accounts. If interest rates rise, we might consider placing a portion of our balance in an interest-bearing account.

Our membership currently stands at 498 people, including lifetime members. All IC and EC members attending working groups meetings are encouraged to remind their colleagues of the importance of joining ICAZ. Faculty should also encourage their students to join. ICAZ needs to develop a new cohort of young members.

4 - Proposition of financial support for meetings (Suzanne Pilaar-Birch / Virginia Butler)

During the last IC meeting in 2016, the question was raised of the use of ICAZ money. One of the suggestions was to support organization of meetings. A sub-committee was constituted with S. Pilaar Birch and V. Butler. They decide to focus on Working Group meeting funding, arguing that these actions are fairly clear (working groups are regularly organizing meetings, the budget is set up and justified), and they propose to allocate US\$5,000 dollars each year, with a total amount of each request not exceeding US\$1,000.

Action: the IC agrees on allocating US\$5,000 dollars each year to enable participation in Working Group activities and would like this funding to be used primarily for supporting students, junior researchers and unfunded people, but recommend to keep it flexible.

The review committee will include the treasurer and two IC members: V. Butler, already involved in the sub-committee, and Erika Gál, as WG liaison officer.

Once the process for financing these meetings is in place, then a broader range of activities could be considered. This may seem like a very slow process but other types of requests will require more time to decide on criteria for prioritizing, and the review process would certainly get harder.

5 - Web page report (Sarah Whitcher Kansa)

Since its "redo" in 2014, the ICAZ website has been stable.

The membership database has been updated with some workflow changes so that people will receive an automated message when their membership is expiring.

The public-facing membership database (to which members must add themselves) now has 375 entries.

The new EC, IC, and CoH pages will be updated at the conclusion of the Ankara meeting, when the 2018-2022 term begins and when CoH members have been elected.

The ICAZ member publications database (database of zooarchaeology-related publications, searchable alphabetically and by specific terms) is functioning properly, after having a few coding issues over the past few months.

Future work includes:

- finalizing the "ICAZ Remembers" page and the "Committee of Honor" page;
- brainstorming what an "Our Community" page would include and how it would be managed and updated;
- adding a directory of zooarchaeological related institutions with their weblinks;
- adding the long list of older ICAZ publications to the publications database.

6 - Newsletter report (Eva Fairnell / Idoia Grau Sologestoa)

The *Newsletter* was redesigned in 2015, from issue 16:1, by Angela Trentacoste. The new design was implemented to match the redesign of the ICAZ website.

An Assistant Editor (Idoia Grau Sologestoa) was appointed in 2016 (from issue 17:1) with responsibility for inputting submitted bibliographic entries into the Zotero database linked to the ICAZ webpage, and supporting the Editor.

A. Trentacoste resigned as *Newsletter* editor and was replaced by Eva Fairnell in September 2017 (from issue 18:2).

The regular content of the *Newsletter* includes: a letter from the president, ICAZ news, forthcoming conferences and events, ICAZ working group reports, wider conference and event reviews, member news and notes, laboratory updates, reflections on ICAZ past and present, publications and new books, obituaries, a calendar of forthcoming events. Ideas for other topics can be sent to the editor mailbox: ICAZnewsletter@gmail.com.

At the hand-over meeting in September 2017, it was decided to move the *Newsletter* deadlines from April and October to May and November, respectively. The hope is that this ties in better with academic schedules.

The call for contributions for issue 18:2 was sent out in October 2017. The resulting 38-page issue was emailed to members in January 2018, incorporating the January election results.

The call for contributions for issue 19:1 was sent out in April 2018. The resulting 21-page issue was emailed to members in July.

The ICAZ webpage* "Zooarchaeology-Related Publications", managed by I. Grau Sologestoa, provides references drawn from a collaborative ICAZ Group Library (currently with 14 members) and the ICAZ Library. There are currently 868 bibliographic entries in total. Bibliographic databases managed by ICAZ working groups could be added to this Group Library. A call will be sent to WG liaisons.

*<http://alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/publications-zooarch> .

7 - Working Group reports (Zbigniew Bochenski / Erika Gál)

After acting as Working Group Liaison (WGL) since 2008, Z. Bochenski has resigned and is replaced by E. Gál.

There are currently 17 working groups and 1 affiliated group. Since the last IC meeting, 3 new working groups have been accepted.

Nine working groups have their own website; the remaining 8 use the ICAZ website. The coordinators are asked to update their page, in particular for past and coming meetings, proceedings of meetings, and contact of coordinator.

Working groups are active, with meetings every two or three years, and most of them publish the proceedings of their meetings.

It is suggested to have a turnover in working group coordinators: this could be a good way to give the young generation some experience in leadership.

It is recalled that the coordinator/liaison of each working group must submit a report to the WGL for the IC meetings. If a working group does not report for two successive IC meetings, it will lose its ICAZ recognition.

8 – ICAZ 2022: conference organizer report (Kat Szabo)

A bid for the next International Conference has been submitted by a consortium of Australian colleagues: Dr. Patrick Faulkner from University of Sydney, Dr. Melanie Fillios from University of New

England, Dr. Tiina Manne from University of Queensland, Dr. Jillian Garvey from La Trobe University, Dr. Brit Asmussen from Queensland Museum, and Dr. Kat Szabó from Monash University.

The venue would be the Convention Centre at Cairns, in tropical north Queensland.

The major theme propose is “Oceans and coastlines: past, present and future”, with a focus on the use of zooarchaeological data in future planning and resource management.

The consortium has already secured AU\$125,000 for funding.

A consultation of the IC members will be launch to narrow down the preferred period for the conference.

Action: the IC unanimously approves the Australia bid.

9 -Current conference organizer report (Evangelia Ioannidou Piskin)

There are 320 registrations of delegates, from 48 countries. A more detailed count will be provided after the conference.

BAR proposed to publish some of the sessions but the decision lies with the session organizers.

For the General Session, E. Piskin will organize the publication.

10 – Potential venue for next IC meeting (2020)

The next IC meeting will take place in 2020.

László Bartosiewicz offers to host the 2020 meeting in Stockholm, at the Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies of the Stockholm University.

Another proposal was made to C. Lefèvre by Levent Atici, who offered to host the meeting in Las Vegas.

Action: C. Lefèvre will ask L. Atici to send a formal bid, will circulate both bids, and will launch a vote.

11 - Nominations for Committee of Honor

The Committee of Honor membership is granted to individuals who have made a major contribution to archaeozoology and/or to ICAZ.

There are three nominations:

Zbigniew Bochenski, who has produced major publications on bird identification keys, and has been acting as Working Group liaison for the last 10 years;

Luis Borrero, who is a prominent figure of Argentiniane archaeozoology, has been ICAZ vice-president from 2006 to 2010 and has co-organized the 2014 International Conference;

Pam Crabtree, who has conducted extensive zooarchaeological research in Europe and the Middle East, and has been the ICAZ Treasurer for the past 10 years.

Action: the three nominations are unanimously approved.

12 - Review of progress of publication of proceedings of the 2014 International ICAZ Conference

Twelve sessions have been published. This represents over 120 papers. The detailed list can be consulted on the ICAZ website, at the rubric Publications: <http://alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/publications-conferences>

13 - Any other business

13 - 1. Proposal submitted by László Bartosiewicz: *Optional travel support for ICAZ officers for participating in biennial IC meetings*

ICAZ has been an organization built on exemplary personal cooperation and trust, and the element of live interaction in the IC cannot be underestimated.

The welcome globalization of ICAZ, however, has made personal access to meetings increasingly difficult. While overall participation will inevitably be complementary between continents by both the membership and the IC at large, it would be of utmost importance that the **president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary** of ICAZ be present at **IC meetings** as frequently as possible.

Therefore, I propose reserving **USD 1000 per annum**, as an **optional travel fund** for the aforementioned four key officers of ICAZ as an ultimate “emergency” solution to reach the IC meeting.

This sum should be set aside by ICAZ, but not granted as an automatic privilege. It would be the *per capita* maximum to which officers **in need** could be re-funded for travel expenses upon presentation of a

ticket/receipt after they have exhausted all other potential sources of financial support. Each case should be approved by a simple majority vote of the IC.

On the long run, this solution is also necessary to guarantee **equal opportunities** to the elected officers who carry out their duties on a purely volunteer basis. “Functional eligibility” should be made available to colleagues who are e. g. self-employed, pensioners or represent financially disadvantaged countries. Finances should not stand in the way of their eligibility and public performance.

Action: the IC unanimously approves this proposal.

13 – 2. Report on Health & Safety Subcommittee by Ariane Burke and Sarah Kansa

The Health & Safety website was mounted in September, 2017, and an announcement made to members via the ZooArch list inviting them to contribute information to the site. Contributions are made via the website using Google Forms, which is linked to a dedicated Gmail account.

Sarah Kansa and Ariane Burke decided that they would collate the responses received after one year and modify the web page accordingly. They received 13 responses with suggestions of URLs to add to the site including links to resources for information relevant for the international community (CITES), Mexico, the USA and Iceland. A. Burke has checked the links (not all were still active) and the changes to the website have been made.

The level of response is less than the response A. Burke got for the online poll conducted in 2016 and is, to be frank, a little disappointing. ICAZ membership is up this year (>500). S. Kansa and A. Burke plan on re-inviting members to contribute further links this fall in the hopes that new contributions will be forthcoming. Suggestions for increasing participation in data collecting activities are most welcome.

As a reminder, the link is: <http://alexandriarchive.org/icaz/about-policies-health-safety>

13 – 3. ICAZ and social media

I. Grau Sologestoa thinks that ICAZ is not very visible on social media and wonders if appointing someone to be active in this would be beneficial for ICAZ. It could keep members informed of news, engage potential new members, and outreach to the general public

13 – 4. U. Albarella suggested that, when difficult or complex decisions need to be made, the meeting could decide to vote on a written motion, or even alternative motions (including potential amendments). This is a system adopted by many organizations to guarantee transparency (there is complete clarity about what is voted for or against) and also to avoid potential impasse in the discussion. Generally, it is accepted that anybody can propose a motion, but this needs to be seconded by at least one committee member. Not necessarily every decision needs to be taken that way, but it is a strategy that could be used when a way forward does not seem to be obvious.

13 – 5. National Museum of Brazil

During the ICAZ conference, a terrible fire consumed part of the National Museum of Brazil in Rio. The IC unanimously approved a motion of support that will be sent to Prof. Alexander Kellner, Director of the Museum.