



International Council for Archaeozoology

ICAZ Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 7th August 2023, Cairns, Australia

James Cook University, CCC-103-HD Video Conf Lecture Room

14.00-15.45

In person attendees: Sarah Kansa, Hitomi Hongo, Melanie Fillios, Vicky Piskin, Mariana Mondini, Suzie Pilaar Birch, Patrick Faulkner

Online attendees: Hans Christian Küchelman, Lizzie Wright

Apologies: Terry O'Connor, Richard Meadow

1. Latest news about 2023 conference (Melanie Fillios)

- Welcome to Pat
- Everything is in place. 254 registered delegates.
- The conference app should be live - there will be a few activities involving the app so that people can get used to it.
- Welcome reception is on Tuesday evening
- Conference goodies: Hats rather than T-shirts, magnets, 50th bday cupcakes at the first morning tea.
- Welcome reception: Conference organisers and Sarah will say something.
- Before first keynote on Weds morning, Melanie will speak and Sarah will follow with 5 minutes of welcome.
- Trying to keep to programme generally even if people have pulled out.
- Dinner on Saturday night - Final count for this will be done on Wednesday. There will be a raffle to win a dinner ticket.
- General meeting on Saturday - only for in-person attendees, just as the whole conference. Discussion around how to make people aware of the changes to the statutes. We will not count the number of attendees but estimate we will have quorum at the general meeting. A decision was made to print them out and have the vote in the general meeting, but this was then overturned in the IC meeting where it was agreed that this should instead be an online vote.
- Support and Prizes: Anyone who got funding will get cash on registration
 - Stine Rossel* - Laszlo and team have this in hand (Melanie confirms that money is in hand already)
 - Poster prize* - organised by conference organisers (Melanie confirms that money is in hand already)
 - Open zooarch* - after the conference (Sarah will deal with this after— funds come from Open Context)
- Handover between Sarah and Mariana to take place in general meeting. Cattle tibia safely made it to Australia in Sarah's luggage!

Action: After the IC meeting, Lizzie will send Sarah the draft Statutes to post on the website. This is no longer required after IC meeting decision.

New Action: Online vote to be arranged after conference

2. Treasurer report (Suzie)

See the IC meeting minutes for full report.

- Finances generally good
- Research fund needs to get sorted
- Website glitch sorted? Doesn't seem to have been issues since May.
- Change title of treasurer to "treasurer and membership" in the statutes? - Add sentence and discuss during IC meeting
- Thank you to Suzie for taking on the treasurer position for 5 years!

Note: After the meeting and consulting the Statutes, it was decided to make an open call. Treasurer election held after the conference. Melanie Fillios was elected in late October and took over the position from 1 November

3. Nominations and elections of at-large EC members

The current at large EC members are C. Küchelmann, H. Hongo, R. Meadow, and M. Mondini. M. Mondini and H. Hongo will now take up the roles of President and Vice-President respectively so this means that at least two spaces will be opening up. Other members will also be asked if they would like to re-stand for election. Interested IC members will be asked to put themselves forward at the IC meeting.

- Pat Faulkner to take on past conference organiser position
- Suzie (as current ex-officio IC member) and Christian (as current elected IC member) would like to stand for at-large positions
- We will see if anyone else puts themselves forward during the IC meeting. Unlike previous times, no IC members were approached in advance.
- (Richard M. confirmed after the conference that he will not stand for re-election.)

4. Bid for 2027 International Conference

- ICAZ should continue to help fund delegates as we did for Cairns (\$10K US)
- Will there be hybrid options? If not, what is the justification? - Does this tie into ICAZ's environmental statement? Since virtual alternative is expensive, could registration be higher for virtual participants?
- Consider the use of a convention center and the hidden fees (after Cairns experience).
- Suggestion to look for affordable accommodation
- Suggestion to resume visiting new venue 18-12 months in advance, all the EC or at least some delegates.

5. Amendments to statutes

Lizzie has made the amendments. Is there anything to discuss on this before we take it forward to the IC meeting?

- Clarify that the Treasurer is also responsible for membership

6. Any other business

Conference funding

All could have asked for up to \$1000.

Out of 78 applications, 53 received the funding (total: 24600 US\$)

Number of applicants who were not offered funding: 4

Funding offered, but either rejected or "no show": 21

- feedback was that \$1000 generally wasn't enough to cover the cost of travel
- Question: give more funding to less people?
- Problem: how to assess people's funding needs and make rules applicable to all. Check out the SAA's form for funding support (Patrick will share this)
- Suggestion to set expectations in advance. E.g., "Students can apply for up to X"
- Make it part of the conference organization next time (they get the \$\$ from ICAZ, but they have to manage the applications, selections, etc.). ICAZ can set up the policy, but pass it along to the conference to share out and manage.
- Announce much sooner.

Lizzie Maternity leave

- Hitomi to take on Secretary role for a year. THANK YOU!