



International Council for Archaeozoology

ICAZ General Meeting

16:00 Saturday 12th August 2023, Cairns Convention Center
Cairns, Australia

This document records minutes of the General Meeting. More detailed reports are available as separate files or links to the ICAZ website, as indicated below.

The General Meeting of ICAZ took place on 12th August 2023, at the end of the International conference. After a warm welcome, a report on the conference was provided by conference organizer Melanie Filios. An introduction to the meeting agenda was then given by President Sarah Kansa. It included the Secretary Report by Lizzie Wright and the election results for the Executive and International Committees (<https://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/executive-committee>, <https://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/international-committee>), the proposal to amend ICAZ statutes (which will be submitted to the general membership soon for approval), and the Treasurer Report by Suzanne Pilaar-Birch. The Working Group Report by Erika Gal, the Newsletter Report by Eva Fairnell, and the Web Page Report by Sarah Whitcher-Kansa can be found in the International Committee meeting minutes, available on the ICAZ website (<https://alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/meetings-committee>). Then the 2027 ICAZ Conference bid for Vancouver, Canada, was presented by Christina Giovas and Iain McKechnie (see below). After that prize winners were announced, both for the Stina Rossel Prize and for the Poster Prize (see below). Finally, outgoing President Sarah Whitcher-Kansa handed over the position to Mariana Mondini, the new President for the 2023-2027 period.

1. Welcome and Report by the Conference Organizer (Melanie Filios)

2. Introduction by the outgoing president (Sarah Kansa)

3. Secretary Report (Lizzie Wright)

Election results

New International Committee members:

Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales (Mexico), Shaw Badenhorst (South Africa), László Bartosiewicz (Sweden), Laura Beovide (Uruguay), Diana Carvajal-Contreras (Colombia), Hossein Davoudi (Iran), Arati DeshpandeMukherjee (India), Cleia Detry (Portugal), Kitty Emery (USA), Erika Gál (Hungary), Christian Gates St-Pierre (Canada), Roz Gillis (Germany/UK), Idoia Grau-Sologestoa (Switzerland/Spain), Angelos Hadjikoumis (Cyprus/UK), Hitomi Hongo (Japan), Hans Christian Küchelmann (Germany), Xiaolin Ma (China), Richard Madgwick (UK), Marjan Mashkour (Iran/France), Hanneke Meijer (Norway), Mariana Mondini (Argentina), Marta Moreno-Garcia (Spain), Sebastian Muñoz (Argentina), Alberico Nogueira de Queiroz (Brazil), David Orton (UK), Evangelia Ioannidou Pişkin (Turkey), Eve Rannamäe (Estonia), Kalangi Rodrigo (Sri Lanka), Lenny Salvagno (UK), Plan Shenjere-Nyabezi (Zimbabwe), Richard Thomas (UK), Angela Trentacoste (Germany/UK), Jean-Denis Vigne (France), Sarah Whitcher Kansa (USA) and Reuven Yeshurun (Israel). Plus four ICAZ officers complete the IC: the Secretary (Lizzie Wright), Treasurer (Suzanne Pilaar Birch), the Immediate Past Conference Organiser (Melanie Fillios) and the Next Conference Organiser (to be confirmed at the International Conference this summer). The results reflect the diversity of ICAZ, with 28 countries across 5 continents represented. This is an increase from the last time, when 23 countries were represented.

New Executive Committee members will be confirmed in the months following the Conference.

They can be found at these links:

New EC (<https://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaaz/executive-committee>)

New IC (<https://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaaz/international-committee>)

Changes to Statutes: These will be circulated to the membership via email in the months after the conference.

4. Treasurer Report (Suzanne Pilaar Birch)

Fiscal Year 2022

- The 2022 fiscal year dated from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. We ended the year with a total of \$76,265 across our two accounts, which are TIAA Bank and PayPal.
- We received \$13,900 in membership fees and donations last fiscal year. We also earned \$101 in interest for a total of about \$14,000 income.

- Our main expenditures were the newsletter and conference support funds. We spent \$8,606.

Fiscal Year 2023 YTD

- At the time of writing this report in August 2023, we have a current balance of about \$70,000.
- In addition to income from membership renewals, our main expenditures have been the newsletter and \$10,000 in support for delegates to attend ICAZ 2023.

Other Matters

- A new treasurer will take over beginning FY 2024 (October 1st). This must be an American citizen with a US social security number and US permanent address which is necessary for the bank account. All banking and tax exemption filing is done online.
- Previous website glitches appear to have been resolved and membership renewals should now be automatic instead of having to be manually approved.
- Annual conference support fund has been going well, usually full amount of \$1000 granted. We have now supported 12 working group meetings over the last five years!
 - 2019: Animal Paleopathology, Fish Remains, and PZAF
 - 2020: Roman Period, Worked Bone
 - 2021: PZAF, Taphonomy
 - 2022: Neotropical Zooarchaeology, Microvertebrates, Medieval
 - 2023: Stable Isotopes, PZAF
- Upcoming research fund-beginning in FY24, an ad hoc committee of 4 people from IC plus Treasurer will review applications. There will be a \$5000 max available per year (up to \$1000 per award). Required to submit report afterwards for newsletter. Annual deadline TBD.
- Expenses, income, and net balance have remained roughly similar over the years.
- There has been an apparent increase in memberships, since combined income from memberships over 2022 (normally a conference year and a lot of 4-year membership renewals) along with 2023 was nearly \$24,000, as compared to \$17,000 prior to Ankara 2018, and this is with no increase in membership fees!
- We encourage people to join and renew with a four year membership! We'd also like to note that some people, upon gaining a permanent position, have recently purchased a

“lifetime” membership using their start-up funding, and so that’s something to keep in mind if people are interested.

We also welcome donations from members who would like to sponsor a “free” membership for others who may not be able to afford one.

5. Working Groups Coordinator Report (Erika Gal)

- No new working groups in the last year
- Each working group should report before the main IC meeting.
- All liaisons are the same except for WBRG, which had a change

Erika Gal shared a detailed report, available with the IC meeting minutes on the ICAZ website: <https://alexandriaarchive.org/icaaz/meetings-committee>

6. Newsletter Report (Eva Fairnell)

Eva Fairnell shared a PDF of the newsletter report, available with the IC meeting minutes on the ICAZ website: <https://alexandriaarchive.org/icaaz/meetings-committee>

7. Web Page Report (Sarah Kansa)

- Website includes the static website AND the ICAZ membership database.
- No major updates this year- some issues still pending from the previous meeting.
- We continue to pay \$20/month for back-end maintenance and \$240 /year for hosting from SiteGround. So, about \$480/year. (Sarah Kansa, as President, has paid for this and has not asked for reimbursement, but this amount should be noted for future ICAZ expenses).

8. Presentation of the 2027 ICAZ Conference (Christina Giovas and Iain McKechnie)

Venue: Vancouver Canada

Giovas and McKechnie showed a presentation of the proposed venue and logistics for the next conference.

9. Prizes

The Stine Rossel Prize: Starting in 2010, a prize of \$500 is awarded every four years in memory of the late Stine Rossel as a contribution towards the expenses of a PhD student attending an ICAZ International Conference. In 2023, two winners were selected for a prize of \$500 each by a panel of judges (Laszlo Bartosiewicz, Pam Crabtree, Canan Çakırlar, Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee, and Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales).

1. Cristian Micó Sanchis (Catalan Institute of Human Paleoecology and Social Evolution) for the dissertation project titled “The use of teeth as high-resolution Proxy in the study of dental microwear and taphonomy”
2. Maria Hermina Carolina (Meriam) van Os (University of Otago) for the dissertation project titled “Application and extension of the commensal model to study human migration and mobility patterns across Remote Oceania”

Poster Prize: The ICAZ Poster Prize encourages and rewards the presentation of interesting and well-designed posters. The top two posters at the ICAZ 2023 conference were determined based on criteria around presentation, scientific rigour, and clarity by a panel of judges (Richard Madgwick, Roz Gillis, and Lenny Salvagno). Two \$500 prizes were awarded to the following individuals.

1. Sofia Samper Carro (Australian National University) for the poster titled “Exploitation of Small Vertebrates at Abric Pizarro (Lleida, Spain), a 65,000 BP Neanderthal Site in the South-Eastern Pre-Pyrenees”

Erin Mein (The University of Queensland) for the poster titled “Ozboneviz and Fishboneviz: A Virtual 3D Database of Australian and Pacific Vertebrate Fauna Skeletons”

10. President Handover

Sarah Kansa handed the “presidential baton” (a cow tibia) to Mariana Mondini. Mariana invited Hitomi Hongo (the new Vice-President) to the podium to celebrate the new leadership.