

**MINUTES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ARCHAEOZOOLOGY
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

Durham, England

Agenda

1. Presentation of Election Results
2. Election of At-large Executive Committee Members
3. Task Force on Working Groups
4. Proposal for New ICAZ Working Groups
5. Discussion of Venue for 2004 IC Meeting
6. New Business

Present: Melinda Zeder (President), Richard Meadow (Treasurer), László Bartosiewicz (Vice-president), Juliet Clutton-Brock, Eitan Tchernov, Elizabeth Reitz, Peter Rowley-Conwy, Zbigniew Bochenski, Umberto Albarella, Joaquín Arroyo, Oscar Polaco, Wim Van Neer, Roel Lauwerier, Jean-Denis Vigne, Louis Chaix, Jonathan Driver, Cornelia Becker, Nanna Noe-Nygaard, Luis Borrero, Terry O'Connor, Akira Matsui, Ina Plug, Anneke Clason (Committee of Honour) and Arturo Morales (Secretary)

Meeting started at 20:30

1. Presentation of Election Results

Melinda Zeder announced the results of the elections finalized at the General Meeting which elected Melinda Zeder as President and László Bartosiewicz as Vice President. She also announced the results of the IC election. IC members for the 2002-2005 cycle are: Akira Matsui (NM, Japan), Arturo Morales (RM, Spain), Atholl Anderson (RM, Australia), Cornelia Becker (RM, Germany), Dianne Gifford-Gonzalez (NM, USA), Donald Grayson (RM, USA), Eitan Tchernov (RM, Israel), Elizabeth Reitz (RM, USA), Elizabeth Wing (NM, USA), Hans-Peter Uerpmann (RM, Germany), Ina Plug (RM, South African Republic), Jean-Denis Vigne (NM, France), Jing Yuan (RM, China), Jonathan Driver (RM, Canada), Juliet Clutton-Brock (RM, UK), Keith Dobney (NM, UK), László Bartosiewicz (RM, Hungary), Louis Chaix (RM, Switzerland), Luis Borrero (RM, Argentina), Melinda Zeder (RM, USA), Nanna Noe-Nygaard (RM, Denmark), Oscar Polaco (RM, Mexico), Richard Meadow (RM, USA), Roel Lauwerier (NM, The Netherlands), Sebastian Payne (RM, UK), Simon Davis (NM, Portugal), Terry O'Connor (NM, UK), Umberto Albarella (NM, Italy), Wim Van Neer (RM, Belgium) and Zbigniew Bochenski (NM, Poland); (NM=New Member; RM=Returning Member).

2. Election of At-large Executive Committee Members

Melinda Zeder explained the regulations concerning the election of at-large Executive Committee members and put forward the following names: Elizabeth Reitz, Cornelia Becker, Sebastian Payne and Jonathan

Driver. Arturo Morales put forward the name of Jean-Denis Vigne but Vigne declined to stand for election at this time. The four nominees were unanimously elected at-large EC members.

3. Task Force on Working Groups

Melinda Zeder asked Don Grayson to briefly review the basics of the Working Group proposal presented at the previous IC meeting of August 24 to inform new IC members about the activities of this group. Changes in the policy guidelines drafted after the August 24 meeting were introduced. Zeder suggested that these guidelines could be adopted as official ICAZ policy without requiring changes to the Constitution.

The issue of Working Group membership in ICAZ was raised again. In particular the difficulty in identifying Working Group participants in order to discern whether the 10 ICAZ member requirement was being met was discussed. The consensus of the IC was that this should not in reality be a difficulty and that the requirement that the Working Group show evidence of recent activity to retain ICAZ sponsorship was not onerous.

Melinda Zeder suggested that she will try to re-phrase some of the regulations taking into account all these suggestions and submit the new text to all EC members before sending it to the IC for final vote.

4. Proposal for New ICAZ Working Groups

Discussion then turned to the proposal for the establishment of a new Working Group, Archaeozoology and Genetics. Jean-Denis Vigne presented the proposal sponsored by himself, Daniel Bradley, and Melinda Zeder on the aims of the Archaeozoology and Genetics Working Group. The first meeting of this group will take place in Paris in 2003 and will include, among other tasks, the building up of a database and protocols to be put in ICAZ's website, as well as the promoting of collaboration with geneticists and institutional bodies such as UISPP. Melinda Zeder stated that, as of today, there are 18 people that already belong to this WG. She also stated that the purpose of the Working Group was to incorporate evolutionary issues and classification into the body of archaeozoological knowledge. At the initial organizational meeting of the group held in Durham there had been some sentiment for the addition of a wider array of molecular techniques within the Working Group. However, the organizers felt that the focus on the group was better placed on genetic and evolutionary issues, rather than on the level of molecular techniques in archaeozoology. Melinda Zeder asked for a (hand) vote on the endorsement of the new group as an official ICAZ Working Group. The AZ & Genetics Working Group was formally approved.

Another possible new Working Group is that concerning the analysis of shells. Cornelia Becker explained the needs and goals of the Shell Working Group, which at this moment includes 16 members. An earlier effort to initiate such a group had been proposed by Rick McGovern-Wilson at the last ICAZ International Conference. Daniella Bar-Yosef was instrumental in the resurrection of the idea to establish such a working group. Søren Andersen and Irvy Quitmyer have proposed to hold the first meeting in Gainesville, Florida, in November 2004. Once the group submits a formal proposal, it will be submitted to the IC for endorsement.

5. Discussion of Venue for 2004 IC Meeting

Nanna Noe-Nygaard informed the IC about the new facilities set up at her institution in Copenhagen and also of her willingness to host this meeting. The date will probably be in August 2004 due to (presumably) favourable conditions and housing. Melinda Zeder asked for a (hand) vote: all were in favour.

6. New Business

Richard Meadow briefly reported on the financial aspects of the 2002 Meeting: 216 members have paid fees (average amount per person was US\$ 30) for a total intake of US\$ 7260 and the (tentative) total expenses as of this moment amount to US\$ 615 leaving a net sum of US\$ 6645.

Melinda Zeder reported that the Smithsonian Institution will keep on paying ICAZ's postage as well as that of the Newsletter and this will mean an additional US\$ 4200 that ICAZ will not have to pay.

In answer to a question from Oscar Polaco, Melinda Zeder explained that the full EC at present is composed of ten people namely the four officials (i.e., herself, László Bartosiewicz, Richard Meadow, and Arturo Morales), the four at-large EC members just elected (see section 2), the past conference organizer (Peter Rowley-Conwy) and the next conference organizer (Joaquín Arroyo). This group will meet on Wednesday August 27, at lunch time, the main issues being helping Joaquín Arroyo with the forthcoming ICAZ 2006 and the membership renewal drive that Richard Meadow and Arturo Morales will be conducting later this year.

Juliet Clutton-Brock suggested that the position of the Committee of Honor be clarified, also for the benefit of the general membership, possibly by being printed in the Newsletter.

Umberto Albarella remarked that a very useful tool is to have an e-mail list of members to which Melinda Zeder replied that Arturo now needs to update the one ICAZ maintains. This may take few months.

Joaquín Arroyo remarked that he will need a formal letter, on the part of ICAZ, stating the decision to have Mexico host the 2006 Conference. Laszlo Bartosiewicz remarked that, in addition to the letter of support that ICAZ will address to the South African authorities, the Council might offer people to teach archaeozoology in that country. Ina Plug remarked that this problem is not one of archaeologists but one of university officials that systematically refuse to raise money for a chair in archaeozoology, thus it is the universities that have to be pushed into taking action. Joaquín Arroyo announced that he and Fiona Marshall will start to put together a list of African archaeozoologists.

With no further matters to deal with the session adjourned at 21:40.