

**Minutes of the International Council for Archaeozoology General Meeting**  
**México City, México**  
August 25, 2006

**Secretary's Report – Membership and Election Results (Mindy Zeder for Arturo Morales)**

The results of the elections of the EC officers and of the members of the IC are announced. These can also be found in the latest issue of the Newsletter.

Officers:

Laszlo Bartosiewicz (Hungary) (President)  
Luis Borrero (Argentina) (vice President)  
Pam Crabtree (USA) (Treasurer)  
Umberto Albarella (UK) (Secretary)

IC members (those with asterisks are returning members):

Umberto Albarella (United Kingdom)\*  
Atholl Anderson (New Zealand)\*  
Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales (Mexico)\*  
Guy Bar-Oz (Israel)  
Zbigniew Bochenski (Poland)\*  
Laszlo Bartosiewicz (Hungary)\*  
Luis Borrero (Argentina)\*  
Pam Crabtree (USA)  
Simon Davis (Portugal)\*  
Keith Dobney (United Kingdom)\*  
Jon Driver (Canada)\*  
Jim Enloe (USA)\*  
Don Grayson (USA)\*  
Ana Fabiola Guzman (Mexico)  
Hitomi Hongo (Japan)  
Heather Lapham (USA)  
Roel Lauwerier (The Netherlands)\*  
Christine Lefevre (France)  
Richard Meadow (USA)\*  
Arturo Morales (Spain)\*  
Terry O'Connor (United Kingdom)\*  
Sebastian Payne (United Kingdom)\*  
Ina Plug (South Africa)\*  
Wietske Prummel (The Netherlands)\*  
Richard Redding (USA)  
Elizabeth Reitz (USA)\*  
Jorg Schibler (Switzerland)  
Jean-Denis Vigne (France)\*  
Wim Van Neer (Belgium)\*  
Jing Yuan (China)\*

Melinda Zeder (USA)\*

Richard Meadow, Arturo Morales, Sebastian Payne and Betsy Reitz were elected as additional members of the EC at the last meeting of the IC.

Oscar Polaco, Achilles Gautier, Mindy Zeder, Richard Meadow, Arturo Morales, Francois Poplin, Louis Chaix, Hans-Peter Uerpmann and Nanna Noe-Nygaard were nominated for the Committee of Honour and unanimously elected. A paragraph about the main achievements of the new elected members to the Committee of Honour will be written for the next issue of the Newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report (Richard Meadow)**

We now have over 500 ICAZ members, including those who have registered at this meeting. Many people who became members in Durham have not renewed. Overall the membership is in good shape. Since autumn 2005 there are circa 100 new members. The income from membership is more than 20,000 US dollars. The current balance is circa 30,000 US dollars. This does not include receipts from this conference, but includes all recent expenses.

### **Working Group Reports (Laszlo Bartosiewicz)**

ICAZ affiliated Working Groups are autonomous and the eight active working groups fall into three main functional categories by their approach:

#### *Taxonomic focus:*

Fish Remains Working Group (FRWG)

Bird Working Group (BWG)

Archaeomalacology (AMWG) Working Group

Grupo de Zooarqueología de Camélidos (GZC) Working Group

#### *Geographical focus:*

Archaeozoology of Southwest Asia (ASWA) Working Group

North Atlantic Bioarchaeological Organization Zooarchaeology Working Group (NABO ZWG)

N.B. the high standard of scholarship by national “working groups” is fully recognized by ICAZ, but local groups are not considered the *administrative* realm of an international organization.

#### *Topical focus:*

Worked Bone Research Group (WBRG)

Archaeozoology and Genetics (A&G) Working Group

Animal Paleopathology (APWG) Working Group

#### *Current affairs:*

Fish Remains (FRWG)

Previous meeting: Basel, Switzerland, 2005

proceedings in progress  
Next meeting: Antibes, France, 2007

Bird Working Group (BWG)  
Previous meeting: München, Germany, 2004  
proceedings published  
Next meeting: Groningen, the Netherlands, 2008

Archaeomalacology (AMWG)  
Previous meeting: Gainesville, Florida, 2005  
proceedings in progress: Archaeofauna  
Next meeting: Santander, Spain, 2008

Grupo de Zooarqueología de Camélidos (GZC) Working Group  
Previous meeting: Tilcara, Argentina, 2003  
Proceedings in progress  
Next meeting: Malargüe, Argentina, 2008

Archaeozoology of Southwest Asia (ASWA) Working Group  
Previous meeting: Lyon, France, 2006  
proceedings in progress  
Next meeting: Bruxelles, Belgium, 2008

North Atlantic Bioarchaeological  
Organization Zooarchaeology  
Working Group (NABO ZWG)  
Next meeting: Laval, Canada, 20-24 September 2006

Worked Bone Research Group (WBRG)  
Previous meeting: Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria, 2005  
proceedings in progress  
Next meeting: Nanterre, France, 2007

Animal Paleopathology (APWG)  
Previous meeting: Nitra, Slovakia, 2004  
proceedings edited  
Next meeting: Vilnius, Lithuania, 2008

Archaeozoology and Genetics (A&G) Working Group  
Previous meeting: Cambridge, United Kingdom, 2005  
Next meeting: Tallinn, Estonia, 2008

### **ICAZ 2002 – Publications Reports (Umberto Albarella)**

The fourteen volumes of proceedings of the ICAZ 2002 conference are now all published by Oxbow Books. The books were also on sale at the conference thanks to the effort of Ian Stevens

of the American branch of Oxbow Books and the hospitality provided by the ICAZ 2006 conference organisers. All sessions – with the exception of one - from the ICAZ 2002 conference have now been published. Two sessions were published in *Archaeofauna* and the *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology* and all the others in the Oxbow Book series. This series represents the largest programme of zooarchaeological publications ever undertaken and it is important that it is supported by ICAZ members – for instance by getting their libraries to buy the series – as an indication of the widespread interest existing for our discipline.

### **Newsletter and Webpage Report (Heather Lapham)**

The Newsletter has now increased to 16 pages. Contributions to the Newsletter have increased substantially after the ICAZ 2002 conference in Durham. The website has been redesigned and renewed.

### **BoneCommons Report (Sarah Kansa)**

Sarah explains how BoneCommons is structured and highlights the services that it has already provided, such as all abstracts of the ICAZ 2006 session. So far not many items have been sent to BoneCommons but that is likely to increase as the service becomes better known.

### **ICAZ 2006 Report (Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales)**

Joaquin awards a special prize to the ICAZ people who supported strongly the conference, this includes all the outgoing officers – Mindy Zeder, Arturo Morales and Richard Meadow -, Oscar Polaco for his local support, Sebastian Payne for his work for the poster competition and Sarah Kansa for her help with the publication of the programme on the Web (via BoneCommons).

A special word of thanks and a small gift are given to all volunteers who provided assistance with the organisation of the conference and the running of the ICAZ registration desk. These are:

Ana Fabiola Guzmán Camacho (also now a member of the IC)

Anayeli Bautista González

Angélica Tania Lozano Ramos

Arizbeth Alonso Domínguez

Erika Mendoza Reynosa

Estrella Belén Chávez Galván

Fabiola Montserrat Morales Mejía

Felisa Josefina Aguilar Arellano

Francisco Javier Lucio Zaldivar

Gloria Ángela Tapia Ramírez

Isela Ortiz Sánchez

Iván Alarcón Durán

José Alberto Cruz Silva

María del Carmen Hernández Luis

María del Pilar Melgarejo Damián

Nawa Sugiyama

Tessa Pirnie  
Angelos Hadjikoumis.

Joaquin also provides some statistics concerning the conference, which are detailed below.

There were 215 pre-registration representing 46 countries, of which 27 were physically represented at the conference. One hundred additional delegates registered on site. In total there were 377 presentations, 280 oral and 97 posters, distributed across 25 sessions.

INAH has committed 340,000 Mexican pesos in support of the conference. These include 140,000 pesos for logistic expenses, 100,000 pesos of awards to participants and 100,000 pesos in support of the speakers of the plenary session. ICAZ provided support for the setting up of the Web Page and the conference program (through BoneCommons) and made 10,000 US dollars available for awards to participants and 1,500 US dollars to top up the 500 British sterling donated by Sebastian Payne for the poster prizes.

37 delegates, representing 12 different countries, were given awards. In addition, the 10 Latin American speakers of the plenary session were also provided financial support.

### **Outgoing President's Report (Mindy Zeder)**

As most members know, ICAZ has been around since the 1970s when it was founded as a relatively informal organization dedicated to promoting communication among the growing body of archaeozoologists around the world. ICAZ did this primarily through hosting an International Conference once every four years and serving as the umbrella organization of a number of more focused interest groups – the ICAZ Working Groups.

ICAZ became a dues-paying membership organization in the late 1990s with new by-laws, newly election procedures, and a new mandate to serve its membership. Mindy says that she has been privileged to serve as President of ICAZ over the past 8 years and that it has been a real joy to help this organization through this period of transition.

The new ICAZ remains dedicated to the founding mission of ICAZ – fostering the increase of communication among the world archaeozoological community. Carrying on in the tradition of the old ICAZ, we have hosted two successful meetings – the Durham 2002 conference and the current conference in Mexico City. The venue of the ICAZ 2010 meeting will be announced later in the evening. Also continuing on past ICAZ traditions there are now nine very active ICAZ Working Groups (with three new ones founded since 2000) which have hosted a total of 24 Working Group meetings since 2000.

But ICAZ has also branched out in other ways to meet its mandate. Mindy is especially proud of ICAZ accomplishments in building the membership base. ICAZ now has a solid and devoted core membership and over the past eight years, it has been reaching out to new members well outside its traditional European and North American regional base. This meeting in Mexico City has brought many new members from Latin America that Mindy hopes will stay with ICAZ for the years to come. She is very grateful to the efforts of Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales and Oscar

Polaco, and the rest of the ICAZ 2006 organizers for their many efforts in pulling off this wonderful meeting, under difficult circumstances.

Over the past eight years ICAZ has dedicated countless hours to operationalizing its new charter, trying in particular to broaden the membership's participation. Some of these efforts resulted in amendments to the charter passed at the last ICAZ conference in 2002. As Mindy mentioned in her farewell letter in the last ICAZ Newsletter, she hopes the coming years will see additional changes in the Charter that will build on these earlier efforts at opening up ICAZ to its membership, especially in amending current election procedures for some ICAZ Executive Committee positions.

Our primary vehicles for promoting member participation in ICAZ are clearly our web page and our newsletter. Heather Lapham has been tireless in her efforts at building and improving our web presence and in nurturing the Newsletter through 13 issues. The newsletter has increasingly become an outlet for members to present opinions, report accomplishments, and touch base with fellow members. Mindy is also happy to report that Heather has agreed to stay on as web master and newsletter editor – at least for another few years – so that we will see continued growth in both these avenues for increasing membership involvement in ICAZ.

The new BoneCommons feature, which premiered with the conference website this year, will, Mindy hopes, become an ongoing feature of our webpage. This portal is intended to serve as a virtual forum of discussion and it should become a regular feature of our lives. Mindy sends her thanks go to Sarah Kansa and the Alexandria Archive for creating BoneCommons and the conference website, which hopefully will provide the foundation for future conference web sites for ICAZ and its working groups.

The ICAZ International Committee has taken its role as elected representatives of the membership very seriously and has in setting ICAZ policy and looking to future initiatives that ICAZ might take to better serve its membership. Most recently, the ICAZ Professional Protocols Task force, headed by Betsy Reitz, has made good headway in drafting a statement of general policies and protocols for the profession that will soon be shared with the general membership for discussion and comment. The ICAZ Database working group, headed by Roel Lauwerier, has similarly been working on ways in which ICAZ can help promote wider access to information on archaeozoological collections, comparative collections, and archived archaeozoological data. Through their efforts, ICAZ is currently working with a large consortium of archaeologists based in the US seeking NSF funding for the development of a data sharing system. There is every sign that the new ICAZ IC will continue and expand upon this activist role on behalf of ICAZ.

Mindy has been so impressed with the huge presence ICAZ has had in the publication of archaeozoological research over the past eight years. As Umberto Albarella related earlier, ICAZ 2002 in Durham has resulted in the publication of 14 beautifully edited volumes of conference proceedings. In addition, ICAZ Working Groups have published more than two dozen volumes of proceedings from their meetings over the past eight years. Conference Organizers at this meeting will be publishing Spanish/English versions of the conference plenary session. Mindy encourages symposia organizers to pull together oral and poster presentations from their sessions and pursue publication of these papers as well. There are a number of venues for this kind of

publication these days – including special editions of the many journals dedicated to archaeozoology.

Again, as Mindy mentioned in her last letter in the ICAZ Newsletter, she hopes that ICAZ doesn't get sidetracked in the future by trying to start its own journal. There are a number of great organs for the publication archaeozoological research now. She thinks our efforts would be better spent in continuing to encourage publication of ICAZ conference proceedings and Working Group meetings through these organs, rather than entering this already crowded field with a journal of our own. She also thinks our efforts would be better spent in building our capacity for promoting cyber-communication – through initiatives like BoneCommons and our efforts at improving on-line accessibility to archaeozoological data.

Mindy says that it has been a special pleasure to have served with two very committed Executive Boards over her two terms. These are the people who have dedicated many, many hours to ICAZ over the past eight years and they all have her everlasting gratitude and thanks. In particular, Sebastian Payne, Laszlo Bartosiewicz, Richard Meadow, and Arturo Morales have served on both ECs as either at-large members or officers. These core people have been the heart of the organization and key to whatever successes we've enjoyed. As you have heard tonight, the new EC has a lot of fresh new faces – people with vision and energy and dedication to build on our past accomplishments, as well as correct our past failings. Mindy is thrilled to see ICAZ in such good hands. She really looks forward to her retirement from ICAZ elected office and look forward to serving ICAZ in the future as a committed and faithful member.

### **Incoming President's Remarks (Laszlo Bartosiewicz)**

Laszlo sincerely praises the outgoing EC members and the organizers of the meeting. He also states that in addition to expanding ICAZ, we should build outside connections to be better embedded worldwide in archaeology. He believes that geographic and gender balancing are as fair as they can be with a world-wide organisation. A fuller account of Laszlo's remarks can be found in the autumn issue of the ICAZ Newsletter, presently in preparation.

### **ICAZ 2010 Poster Prize (Sebastian Payne)**

Sebastian announces the results of the poster prize competition and thanks the judges who helped in operating the selection of the best posters. The results are:

#### **OPEN CATEGORY:**

Winner (\$500 prize): Marta Moreno-Garcia / Carlos M Pimenta Osteometric characterisation of Iberian wolf (*Canis lupus signatus*): the first database.

Runner-up (\$250 prize): Masaki Eda / Shozo Mihara / Hiroko Koike Were they wild?: traditional bone observations and ancient DNA and stable isotope analyses for goose (*Anserinae*) archaeological remains from Japan.

Honourable mention: Laura J Miller Secondary products and urban provisioning: regional economies in the Indus Civilisation.

Honourable mention: Luciana Sianto / Marcia Chame / Luiz Fernando Ferreira / Adauto Araújo  
Parasites and climate change.

**STUDENT CATEGORY:**

Winner (\$500 prize): Helena Malmström / Gunilla Holmlund / Anders Götherström / Carles Vila  
No signs of an ancient Scandinavian domestication event in Middle Neolithic dogs.

Runner-up (\$250 prize): Emma Svensson / Maria Vretemark / Anders Götherström  
Molecular vs osteological sex determination in cattle.

Honourable mention: Anna Linderholm  
Can the colour of a horse tell us something about its status and the status of its owner?  
Determining the colour of horses from Bronze Age Siberia to the Viking Age in Northern Europe using SNIPs.

Honourable mention: Eriko Ishimaru / Tetsuya Umino / Minoru Yoneda / Ichiro Tayasu  
Identification of origin of faunal remains: carbon / nitrogen isotope analyses of marine fishes.

Judges: Luis Borrero, Eduardo Corona., Pam Crabtree, Roel Lauwerier, Willie Mengoni,  
Sebastian Payne, Betsy Reitz and Umberto Albarella.

**ICAZ 2010 (Jean Denis-Vigne)**

Laszlo Bartosiewicz announces that the next conference of ICAZ will be held in Paris in 2010. Jean-Denis Vigne illustrates the plan for the conference. It will be organised by the archaeozoologists of the Natural History Museum in Paris, under the responsibility of Christine Lefèvre, Marylène Patou-Mathis and himself. One third (including 19 tenure positions) of the ca. 120 French archaeozoologists are working in the Paris Museum. This museum is an important place for the history of evolution, comparative anatomy, anthropology and prehistory. Very large collections of zoology, anthropology, prehistory and ethnobiology are curated in this museum. It is also one of the rare Natural History Museums in Europe with a substantial component of researchers working in Humanities. The Museum is also in a very central area of Paris, very easy to reach from one of the two main Paris airports. The organisation committee has proposed to focus this conference on: i) Eastern Europe and Asian archaeozoology, ii) Palaeolithic, iii) History of archaeozoology. Consequently, the organisers will try to get grants in order to help as many East European and Asian colleagues as possible to attend the conference. Low cost accommodations will probably be available at less than 20 minutes from the conference venue. The organisers propose several one day excursions during the conference (Upper Palaeolithic of the Paris Basin, archaeological excavations in the King City St Denis, Roman rescue excavations at Chartres, Musée du Louvre, Musée d'Orsay). In addition, they will ask help from the French archaeozoologists based outside Paris to organise pre-conference or post-conference excursions, such as the prehistory and rock art in the Perigord, Pyrenean rock art, ritual animal deposits in the Gallic civilisations, and the Neolithic of the Jura lakes. The conference will probably take place in the second half of August 2010.