

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

**Present:** Umberto Albarella (incoming Secretary), Joaquin Arroyo (present Conference Organizer), Laszlo Bartosiewicz (incoming President and outgoing vice President), Zbigniew Bochenski, Luis Borrero (incoming vice President), Pam Crabtree (incoming Treasurer), Jon Driver, Jim Enloe, Fabiola Guzman, Hitomi Hongo, Sarah Kansa (BoneCommons manager), Heather Lapham (Newsletters editor), Roel Lauwerier, Richard Meadow (outgoing Treasurer), Terry O'Connor, Sebastian Payne, Oscar Polaco, Wietske Prummel, Richard Redding, Betsy Reitz, Jean-Denis Vigne, Mindy Zeder (outgoing President).

The meeting minutes are taken by Umberto due to the absence of Arturo Morales, the outgoing Secretary, who could not attend because of family problems.

**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.

**Secretary's Report (Mindy Zeder in the absence of 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 last issue of the Newsletter.

Officers:

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

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)\*

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

### **Newsletter and Website 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 and Lapham proposes if the IC elects to move forward with the proposed BoneCommons initiative that ICAZ consolidate all of its web resources with Sarah Kansa and the AAI, including the ICAZ website

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

Although final calculations have not been carried out yet the funding for the conference seems to be about even. If that is the case no money will be returned to ICAZ by the end of the conference. It is discussed and approved that all volunteers from the Mexican organization and two University of Sheffield students who helped at the ICAZ registration desk will receive a token of 50 US dollars. These will be made up of the left overs from the awards and contributions from EC members.

### **Report of ICAZ Database Taskforce (Roel Lauwerier and Sarah Kansa)**

Roel and Sarah circulate a document highlighting the main issues related to the work carried out by this task-force. Roel explains the more general issues associated with the implementation of such databases, whereas Sarah provides some of the technical details. There is some discussion about an integration of the different services that ICAZ can provide (ICAZ web page, email discussion list ZOOARCH, BoneCommons). Umberto Albarella suggests that the introductory statement of ZOOARCH may include a sentence that emphasizes its link with ICAZ. It is unanimously approved that he will discuss with Jacqui Mulville – co-owner of ZOOARCH with Umberto – the possibility that such sentence is included.

### **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.

### **Report of ICAZ Protocols TaskForce (Betsy Reitz)**

Betsy reports on the successful work so far carried out on professional protocols and circulates a document which highlights the main suggestions. Since there are not enough copies for all IC members Betsy will eventually circulate the document by email.

### **Nomination of New EC members and Voting**

The following IC members are nominated for election to the EC (in addition to the officers and the past and present conference organizers): Richard Meadow, Sebastian Payne, Arturo Morales, Joerg Schibler, Betsy Reitz, Zbigniew Bochenski and Jim Enloe. An election is carried out with all IC members specifying on a piece of paper their choice of the four most suitable candidates. Votes that include less than three choices are possible but votes with more than four choices will be invalidated.

It is also suggested and unanimously approved that Heather Lapham and Sarah Kansa will be co-opted members to the EC, due to their work for the Newsletter and Web Page.

### **Selection of ICAZ 2010 Venue**

Jean-Denis Vigne presents his proposal of hosting the ICAZ 2010 conference in Paris This is unanimously approved by the IC.

### **IC 2008 Meeting Venue Discussion**

Laszlo Bartosiewicz volunteers to organize the meeting in Budapest, with Edinburgh as an alternative possibility. The election results of the additional EC members are revealed: Payne, Morales, Reitz and Meadow are elected.