

Agenda of ICAZ General Meeting (GM), held at the Grand Amphithéâtre du Muséum (GAM), Paris on Saturday 28th August, 3-5pm

Chair: László Bartosiewicz

László Bartosiewicz (president) introduces the meeting with special thanks to the conference organizers for what has turned out to be an extremely enjoyable and perfectly organized conference.

Most of the following reports should be read in conjunction with the minutes of the IC meeting, which provide fuller details.

Umberto Albarella (secretary) reminds members of the results of the presidential and International Committee (IC) elections that were held in the year leading up to the conference and have already been published in the spring 2010 ICAZ newsletter. He also informs the membership of the results of the elections of the additional members to the Executive Committee (EC) and of new members of the Committee of Honour (CoH).

Pam Crabtree (treasurer) reports that ICAZ is in a healthy financial state and that currently has 588 members representing 57 countries. The number of members is going to increase as a consequence of the new members who have joined ICAZ at the conference in Paris.

Zbigniew Bochenski (working groups' liaison officer) reports that 11 Working Groups are currently affiliated to ICAZ and they are all active.

Heather Lapham (newsletter editor) reports that after about 10 years of hard work she is going to step down as editor of the newsletter that she has contributed to create and make the great success story that is today. A replacement editor is currently sought.

Sarah Kansa (web page master) reports that the web page is alive and healthy and that a new 'people search' facility is now available.

Melinda Zeder reports for the work force for changes to the statutes, which she chairs. Some rethinking has occurred during the conference, which means that the vote previously held by email consultation is regarded to be void and that a new vote will be held when the task force will have finalized its proposal. A virtual (i.e. by email) ICAZ GM will be called so to hold the vote.

Jean-Denis Vigne provides a full report of the conference that is about to close. This report can be found in the autumn (fall) 2010 ICAZ newsletter.

Luis Borrero announces that the next ICAZ conference is going to be held in San Rafael, Argentina in 2014. The proposal had been approved by the ICAZ IC.

Sebastian Payne reports on the results of the ICAZ 2010 Poster Competition. There were over 350 posters on display – over three times as many as in 2006 at the México City ICAZ Conference. They attracted many visitors, and much interest and discussion. The quality was generally very high, for which all the authors are congratulated. As a result, deciding which posters deserved to be awarded prizes was a very difficult task. The judges finally chose the following winners (500€ prize each):

For the formal presentation of the poster:

Melanie Filios: “Documenting the macabre: Using game cameras to generate taphonomic models of waterhole faunal death assemblages in the Australian semi-arid zone”

For the quality of the research protocols:

Masaki Eda, Shoji Yashima and Yakao Inoué: “Medullary bones in goose remains: a reliable indicator of domestic animals in the temperate zone”

For the originality of the results:

Mike Buckley, Sarah Kansa, Jane Thomas-Oates and Matthew Collins: “Species identification of archaeological bone by collagen fingerprinting”.

The members of the panel of judges were: Hitomi Hongo (Japan), Véronique Laroulandie (France), Lembi Lõugas (Estonia), Jacopo de Grossi Mazzorin (Italy) and Sebastian Payne (UK).

László Bartosiewicz reports on the Stine Rossel prize (\$500), which is awarded as a contribution towards the expenses of a PhD student attending an ICAZ International Conference. The winner for 2010 was Paul Ewonus for the poster "Coastal hunter-fisher-gatherer social archaeozoology: the constitution of Pacific Northwest Coast identities", co-authored with Camilla Speller. In addition to the merits of the contribution, the decision was made on the basis of the candidate's strong CV and two enthusiastic references submitted. The 2010 task force members were László Bartosiewicz, Pam Crabtree, Richard Redding and Guy Bar-Oz – with input by Richard Meadow and Nanna Noe-Nygaard, Stine's mentors.

The conference is closed in a celebratory fashion with a few gifts and many more words of congratulations directed to the organizers and their close collaborators. As Pam Crabtree remarked, the presence of a few small children contributes to make the atmosphere of the GM (and in fact the whole conference) even more joyful and uplifting.

Umberto Albarella 22.10.10