



International Council for Archaeozoology

International Committee meeting 2021

Monday 15th November 2021 @ 1pm Pacific Time, Zoom meeting

Preliminary Minutes

Participants: Umberto Albarella, Joaquin Arroyo-Cabrales, Levent Atici, László Bartosiewicz, Luis Borrero, Virginia Butler, Canan Çakırlar, Pam Crabtree, Sabine Deschler-Erb, Cleia Detry, Kitty Emery, Melanie Fillios (next conference organiser), Erika Gál (Working Groups Liaison Officer), Angelos Hadjikoumis, Hitomi Hongo (Elected EC Member), Salima Ikram, Christian Küchelmann (Elected EC Member), Christine Lefèvre, Lembi Lõugas, Richard Madgwick, Marjan Mashkour, Richard Meadow (Elected EC Member), Mariana Mondini (Elected EC Member), Sebastián Muñoz, Alberico Nogueira de Queiroz, Terry O'Connor (Vice-President), David Orton, Suzanne Pilaar-Birch (Treasurer), Evangelia Piskin (past conference organizer), Richard Thomas, Sarah Witcher Kansa (President; Web Administrator), Lizzie Wright (Secretary)

Apologies from: Kat Szabo, Ariane Burke, Xiaolin Ma, Shaw Badenhorst, Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee, Marta Moreno Garcia, Jean Denis Vigne, and Guy Bar-Oz

Chair: Sarah Witcher Kansa

1. Motion to accept agenda

P. Crabtree proposes a motion to accept the agenda as it wasn't sent out 30 days in advance of the meeting, as required by the statutes. T. O'Connor seconds the motion. ***The motion is unanimously passed.***

2. Stockholm meeting - update from László Bartosiewicz

The delayed International Committee meeting will be held in Stockholm from Wednesday 15th - Sunday 19th June 2022 (n.b. In the meeting the dates discussed were in the previous week (8th-12th June). This has now been changed due to a clash with a Working Group meeting). Obviously there is still an unpredictable travel situation so we will have to monitor things between now and then (although perhaps we can be moderately optimistic that by next summer things will be a bit better). If the meeting cannot happen on these dates then it can't happen because László is retiring at the end of June(!).

Proposed programme

June 15 – Wednesday

Arrival, Registration

June 16 – Thursday

Executive Committee Meeting: 11:00–13:00

International Committee Meeting: 15:00–18:00

June 17 – Friday

Opening Addresses: 09:00–09:30
Oral presentations: Session 1, 10:00–11:00
Oral presentations: Session 2, 11:20–12:00
Oral presentations: Session 3, 14:30–15:50
Oral presentations: Session 4, 16:10–17:30

June 18 – Saturday

Oral presentations: Session 5, 09:20–10:20
Oral presentations: Session 6, 10:40–12:00
Oral presentations: Session 7, 14:30–15:50
Oral presentations: Session 8, 16:10–17:10
Closing Ceremony: 17:20–17:50
Conference dinner: 17:00 (optional)

June 19 – Sunday

Departure, Excursion (optional)

Funding

It would be appreciated if participants could try to revitalise efforts for their travel expenses. The four nights accommodation, as well as food/coffee etc can be covered, but travel is not.

A small amount of money was lost through needing to cancel the hotel reservations for the original meeting, but the remaining budget is still reasonable.

Draft budget

This is in an ideal case, with all expenses considered
predicted no of participants = 44:
37 IC members,
plus 7 local participants

If several people cannot come this will affect the budget and this will need to be considered.

Travel	Participant role	Unit, SEK	Head	Total
Local	Speaker	300	8	2400
Local	Panel member	300	1	300
European	Speaker	2500	7	17500
European	Panel member	2500	10	25000
North America, Africa	Speaker	12000	5	60000
North America, Africa	Panel member	12000	3	36000
Latin America, Asia	Speaker	17000	5	85000
Latin America, Asia	Panel member	17000	5	85000
Total travel			44	311200*

*This will not be covered by the funding

Accommodation	Participant role	Unit, SEK	Head		n Nights	Total
Local (in need of housing)	Speaker	1200	2	2400	4	9600
European	Speaker	1200	7	8400	4	33600
European	Panel member	1200	10	12000	4	48000
North America, Africa	Speaker	1200	5	6000	4	24000

North America, Africa	Panel member	1200	3	3600	4	14400
Latin America, Asia	Speaker	1200	5	6000	4	24000
Latin America, Asia	Panel member	1200	5	6000	4	24000
Total accommodation			37			177600

Lunch	Participant function*	Unit, SEK	Head		n Lunch	
	EC (business meeting included)	100	10	1000	3	3000
	Host	100	8	800	2	1600
	IC	100	26	2600	2	5200
Total lunch			44			9800

*Ten delegates in the Executive Committee (EC) will begin work earlier

Coffee		Unit, SEK	Head		n Coffee	
	EC (business meeting included)	100	10	1000	7	7000
	Host	100	8	800	5	4000
	IC	100	26	2600	6	15600
Total coffee			44			26600
Total meals						36400

Conference materials	paper etc for 44 participants					4400
Reception						13200
Room hire	Wallenberglaboratoriet					0
Indirect costs						

Summary	SEK
Travel	Not granted (311200)
Accommodation	177600
Meals	36400
Materials	4400
Reception	13200
<i>Total direct costs</i>	<i>231600</i>
<i>Indirect costs</i>	
Total	231600

If invitations/confirmations are needed then please get in touch with László and he can sort them for you no problem.

László will be in touch with a survey in order to gauge more clearly how many people can come/who wants to do a presentation etc.

Some information about entry to Sweden can be found at the below link. Of course this is very likely to change over the next few months so we should keep an eye on it:

<https://polisen.se/en/the-swedish-police/the-coronavirus-and-the-swedish-police/travel-to-and-from-sweden/>

Suzie reminded everyone that if they need help with travel costs then that shouldn't be a problem. She and Sarah will get in touch with everyone to remind them to get in touch about this when the time comes.

There is a plan to not serve meat at the conference dinner.

Action points

- László will survey IC members in order to confirm numbers.
- IC members should review their ability to fund their travel to Sweden.
- IC members should get in touch with László if they need an invitation letter or similar.
- Sarah and Suzie will get in touch with IC members to invite anyone who needs help with funding to apply for this.

3. ICAZ Australia 2023 - update from Melanie Fillios

The University of New England (UNE) has now assumed the main sponsorship of the conference, with Melanie Fillios taking over from Pat Faulkner as committee chair. The reason for this is because one institution needed to be the underwriter for the conference, and UNE has agreed to do this. The date (7th-12 August 2023) and venue (Cairns Convention Centre) remain the same.

Australia has now opened its borders so at the moment it's looking positive for travel, but as with the Sweden situation anything could change between now and the conference so let's keep an eye on things.

Insurance is in place and the venues booked. In the new year the committee will be looking into major sponsorships which will help towards funding places for people who need financial help. A particular emphasis will be put on funding places for indigenous colleagues and students. A draft of the logo is ready and the committee will be voting on it shortly.

By June everything will be ready to go: the website will have been launched, first calls for sessions made, and booking information made available.

U. Albarella asked about having sessions on climate change/sustainability etc in the light of COP26 – it was agreed that some emphasis should be placed on this.

L. Wright asked about having a hybrid conference – Melanie said that yes, having a hybrid element is a must. However, it's worth bearing in mind that some of the conference funding (\$85,000) relies on a certain number of participants attending in person so attendance should be encouraged. *n.b. \$80,000 of this funding will still be available if attendee quota is not met.* Time differences will need to be taken into account with hybrid event.

P. Crabtree asked if there is going to be a time in the planning that a decision will be made to go virtual and make it be a good one. Melanie said that this should be a joint decision between the IC and organising committee.

S. Kansa said that now we are all now starting to go back to conferences, so perhaps we can see what our experiences are and then feedback with ideas.

D. Orton suggested option of having more localised "hubs" for people who wouldn't be going anyway (e.g. in Europe/N. America). But don't want this to be a disincentive for people to go to Australia.

S. Pilar Birch mentioned at a recent conference it's more expensive to go virtually compared to attending in person. This could be a way forward. A. Hadjikoumis confirmed that the aim of this was to nudge people back to in person events.

T. O'Connor – mentioned the movement of academics to not travel for conferences these days. ICAZ may be considered a bit differently as it is a full week once every 4 years so perhaps (hopefully?) this will be the one that people will choose in 2023.

Agreed that global diversity of ICAZ is important.

Melanie stressed for people to get in touch if they would like to discuss anything further.

There is an extended letter from the conference organising committee with current updates which will be published in the next newsletter. This letter is also attached to these minutes.

The IC extends its immense gratitude to both László and Melanie (and the organising committees) for ploughing on with the preparations for these conferences.

4. Election cycle issues

a. Previously the whole IC voted "yes" in 2020 on the following proposition: "Do you agree to postpone the election process until a decision is made for the 2022 Conference?" So, we can assume that by agreeing to this, they are agreeing to a longer term? S. Kansa suggests that we should vote on it just to make sure everyone is happy.

A motion was proposed by P. Crabtree – "that we extend our current terms from four years to five" (seconded by D. Orton). ***The motion passes unanimously.***

Discussion around what next in terms of conference/election cycles

U. Albarella mentions that we should think about what next – will the next term be 3 years, or 4?

P. Crabtree suggests just going back to 4 year cycle after this. Might be difficult to plan international conference in 3 years (so the next would be in 2027).

C. Lefevre agrees with the 4 year term. Will anyone want to organise the conference after Australia? How do we encourage people to step up.

M. Fillios says that she thinks it's realistic to do it in 3 years, but the planning would need to start a little earlier.

R. Thomas suggests planning virtual conference in 3 years.

S. Kansa suggest that we all keep thinking about this and don't need to make a decision right now.

b. & c.

These were included as part of point a above.

d. Volunteers for Nominating Committee for next cycle (president and vice-president)

L. Wright asks if anyone would like to volunteer to be on the Nomination Committee for the next president and vice-president cycle. It was agreed that members of the IC need more information

about what exactly this would entail, so she agreed to ask again via e-mail and attach the relevant information.

Action points

- L. Wright will send out invitation to be part of Nominating Committee with some information explaining what the role entails (this will be done in January, as per original timetable).
- The IC should continue to think about how to approach the next term/conference and we can discuss again at a later date.

5. How can we link better with archaeozoology organisations outside of ICAZ e.g. AIAZ?, and next steps for social media

S. Pilaar Birch highlighted need to have some kind of presence on social media, even if just to signpost that we exist. One easy way to deal with it could be to programme a bot that could do most of it for us. (i.e. standard news about conferences and newsletter etc). Mentioned that other groups (e.g. AIAZ, ZIG etc) could be better linked to us – maybe social media is a way to do this, or are there other ways?

S. Kansa suggested having a section of the newsletter dedicated to other related organisations.

S. Pilaar Birch and L. Wright stressed need to have someone coordinating it – maybe someone from the IC as part of a team. Is anyone interested in doing that?

V. Butler suggested putting a stipend towards someone who is engaged with social media and have them linked with the newsletter people in order to make this happen.

U. Albarella stressed the need for ICAZ to be more active on social media. We are in danger of getting a bit left behind and looking out of touch. There are ways of avoiding it becoming toxic. It can just be an information exchange. Agrees that we should pay someone to do this.

S. Kansa encourages people to go to meetings of other groups and encourage people to join ICAZ.

M. Fillios suggests offering stipend to a graduate student.

S. Kansa suggests brainstorming on this further.

C. Küchelmann – suggests collating the details of other groups in order to send to everyone. Would this be useful?

L. Bartosiewicz – agrees that this should be paid for. It's a lot of work to run the social media, so we should try to appoint someone.

T. O'Connor – Could this be an expanded editorial job? Newsletter editors might be best placed to do this on top of what they already do?

M. Mondini – we should decide what kind of media we are interested in, and what kind of information we should be putting out on it.

Action points

- We will follow up with an e-mail to create a subcommittee on the issue of social media, for further brainstorming on this topic.
- We can also talk further about how to reach out to other organisations. May be easier once social media is better set up.

6. Safer Spaces/Code of Conduct - update, how to promote?

S. Kansa wanted to highlight Kat Szabó's work on the Code of Conduct. This was mentioned in the previous newsletter and is also available on the website here:

<https://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaaz/about-policies>. Please send any questions or comments to Kat.

Action points

- Feedback to Kat from the IC on the draft Code of Conduct
- Erika to send out to working groups

7. ICAZ turns 50! Brainstorming ways to celebrate

M. Mondini wanted to ask everyone about what we can do to celebrate. Some suggestions:

- Special issue of newsletter
- Special volume somewhere
- Writing up of short ICAZ history for future generations (although this could be a lot of work)

L. Bartosiewicz is hoping to publish Stockholm proceedings and these could be dedicated to 50 years of ICAZ.

R. Thomas suggested an Open Access reader of most influential papers.

V. Butler likes ideas of combining lots of different ways of celebrating. One option is a virtual memory page where people can post memories/photos etc. Everyone is very positive about this idea.

C. Çakırlar – could consider twitter threads and podcasts featuring interviews/memories.

L. Atici suggested doing a Tweetathon.

P. Crabtree suggested a session at the next conference on the history of ICAZ.

M. Fillios suggested doing a Tweet a day leading up to conference with ICAZ memories.

M. Mondini suggests doing something formal at next conference? A prize, session or round table?

S. Kansa suggested that we start thinking about memory page now, and then we can keep discussing other ideas.

Action points

- More discussion of this to take place via e-mail.
- The memory page will be easy to set up and should be done very soon (S. Kansa to do this?).
- Mariana has agreed to collate all of the different ideas and coordinate this going forward.

8. Social media

Discussion on this was included as part of point 5 above.

9. Other Business as time permits

Support for the Yanomami people

A. Nogueira de Queiroz brought our attention to the situation of the Yanomami people in the Amazon region of Brazil and Venezuela, and proposes a motion “in defense of the Yanomami people”.

This is the kind of thing that we always support – S. Kansa suggests that we write a letter of support, L. Bartosiewicz agrees. U. Albarella also agrees that we should support it and highlights that the situation in Brazil has deteriorated in recent years.

Sarah suggests that we support A. Nogueira de Queiroz’s motion and that she writes a letter. ***This is unanimously passed.***

Thanks to A. Nogueira de Queiroz for raising the issue.

Action points

- Sarah will write a letter of support

ICAZ 2023 Oceans and Coastline – Past, Present and Future

Conference update #2 November 2021

It has certainly been an uncertain few months, but with the re-opening of Australia's international borders, I hope this update finds everyone filled with anticipation for the return of international travel. Planning for the 2023 conference continues, with a slightly re-organized organizing committee. The University of New England (UNE), Australia has assumed main sponsorship of the conference, and while the organizing committee remains the same, I have assumed the role of committee chair. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Pat Faulkner for his dedicated work in this role to date, and I will try my best to match his ability to juggle several things at once.

As you are aware, the difficult decision was made to postpone the conference by one year to August 7-12, 2023 to better mitigate issues with international travel. Despite the chaos of the pandemic, the committee has forged ahead cementing the foundations of the conference. We have confirmed the support of UNE as conference underwriter, have organized insurance, and explored all manner of COVID-related risks in our planning. We are pleased to report this has not stopped us. The venue remains the Cairns Convention Centre, and we look forward to welcoming everyone to Queensland in 2023 www.queensland.com.

For those who missed our last update, our major theme is 'Oceans and Coastline – Past, Present and Future'. The location of the conference on the doorstep of the internationally renowned Great Barrier Reef provides an opportunity to consider the ecological dynamism in which ancient cultures are embedded, and how they shape and are shaped by place. The rising and falling of sea levels, the transformations of coastlines through time and the shifting array of available resources is a context that resonates well beyond the Great Barrier Reef. In various ways this context frames prehistoric narratives throughout the world, as well as directly speaking to contemporary discussions of climate change, so clearly highlighted to the world by COP26. The long-term perspective provided by archaeology permits both environmental change and cultural corollary to be viewed as long-term structures, giving archaeology the unique ability to inform upon current models and projections. This theme speaks to finding our voice in this arena and demonstrating that zooarchaeology has a very real role to play.

Modularised themes:

Dynamic Landscapes, Dynamic Cultures

Landscapes are the result of the long-term interaction between humans, animals, climate and the environment. The zooarchaeological record can play an important role in the interpretation of these landscapes - both prehistoric and historic. Investigations of these interactions including seasonality, taphonomy, migration, colonisation, settlement, domestication and extinction. We aim to highlight new research and encourage dialogue as to how these can be identified and how this informs on human behaviour.

People and Animals in the Social World

Animals and people cohabit the same landscapes and are often reliant upon either other in complex ways. Each contributes to the construction of the lifeworld of the other, highlighting the myriad ways in which humans and animals play a role in constituting each

other's worlds. Such roles can range from the non-prosaic use of faunal raw materials for artefact production, to the intertwined lives of people and domesticates, to the role of animals in social and cosmological life, and the deliberate modification of landscapes to affect responses in animals and other people.

Science and Zooarchaeology

The application of scientific techniques to zooarchaeological analysis has long been a part of specialist research, but ever-increasing advances in technology are rapidly providing new tools to offer greater levels of insight and accuracy. We will examine and explore new scientific techniques, advances in and creative applications of standing techniques, to highlight the role of science in zooarchaeological analysis.

Coastal and Maritime Connections

Coastal and marine environments, and the range of vertebrate and invertebrate resources they contain, are increasingly recognised as having played pivotal roles in human evolution, global dispersals and colonisation, and later behavioural/cultural developments worldwide. Coasts encompass and connect dynamic terrestrial and marine environments, providing a backdrop for complex and variable human social and economic behaviours through time and space. Here we explore the characteristics of coastal and maritime adaptations, and the transformative nature of the connection between coastal, marine and maritime environments on human sociocultural and economic structures.

The next few months will be busy. We will be updating the conference web site with information on registration and accommodation early in the new year and will publish a call for Scientific Session proposals. Until then, updates will be provided on social media (FB ICAZ2023 and Twitter @ICAZ2023). Anyone with the travel bug can view the range of experiences the Cairns region has to at:

<https://www.australia.com/en/places/cairns-and-surrounds/guide-to-cairns.html>

<https://www.cairnsconvention.com.au/location/things-to-do-in-cairns/#experiences>

We look forward to welcoming you all in 2023!

Best wishes,

Melanie Fillios

on behalf of the ICAZ 2023 committee

(Pat Faulkner, Tiina Mane, Gillian Garvey)

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