

ISAP Annual General Meeting

Friday 16 September 2005, CNR, Rome

Minutes

Attendants

Takayuki Ako, Tim Archer, Andrei Belinski, Christophe Benech, Andrew David, Mahmut Drahor, Jörg Fassbinder (Chair), Chris Gaffney, Dean Goodman, Tomasz Herbich, Hiroyuki Kamei, Susanne Kathage, Alette Kattenberg, Dmitry Korobov, Ivan Kuzma, Juerg Leckebusch, Chris Leech, Neil Linford, Paul Linford, Jean-Michel Maillol, Louise Martin, Sergey Merkulov, Cornelius Meyer, Krzysztof Misiewicz, Mohamed Mohamed Ali, Dario Monna, Yasushi Nishimura, Hyun Oh, Michinori Ohshiro, Luciana Orlando, Andrew Payne, Staffan Peterson, Salvatore Piro, Alan Powell, Jacek Przenioslo, Norbert Schleifer, Armin Schmidt, Alain Tabbagh, Julien Thiesson, Ján Tirpák, Assunta Trapanese, Immo Trinks, Robert Vernon, Roger Walker, Meg Watters, David Wilbourn, Benno Zickgraf

(47 out of 149 paid members (11 Sept 05) = 32%, hence quorum reached)

Apologies

Several members had sent their apologies in advance of the meeting.

1. *Minutes of the Previous Meeting (14th December 2004)*

- 1.1 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 1.2 *Matters Arising:*
 - 1.2.1 Fewer reported problems with payment of membership fee were encountered, but still slow response from members.
 - 1.2.2 The Poster Price (£50) was awarded at the EIGG day-meeting in London (15 Dec 2005) to John Dittmer.
 - 1.2.3 No news on online updates for publication database. This will be pursued further. AS
 - 1.2.4 All honorary members have accepted their nomination.
 - 1.2.5 After the last election of the Management Committee (15 Dec 2005), Chris Leech had been nominated as Treasurer and Rob Vernon as Auditor.

2. *Annual Report of the Management Committee*

- 2.1 The Management Committee has held one meeting since the last AGM and discussed issues otherwise on email.
- 2.2 The Committee recommends that the *7th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection* (2007) will be held in Nitra, Slovakia, organised by Ivan Kuzma.
- 2.3 Student bursaries were made available for the attendance of this conference and the Committee had assessed the applications based on an application proforma. Due to the high quality of applicants it was decided that a total of six student bursaries should be awarded at a value of £100 each. The bursaries went to Mohamed Ali (Berlin, Germany), Brooke Berard (Calgary, Canada), Meric Berge (Izmir, Turkey), Staffan Petterson (Indiana, USA), Assunta Trapanese (Bradford, UK) and Meg Watters (Birmingham, UK).
- 2.4 A revision of the Constitution was proposed (see below)

2.5 Workload problems led to delay of the fourth Newsletter so that it had been published just before this conference. A discussion ensued as to whether the newsletters should be made freely available, even to non-members. It was agreed that the newsletter should remain a membership benefit but that older newsletters could be made available, for example after a year. To be considered by the Management Committee. Man
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2.6 Institutional (or Corporate) Membership was now formally introduced at an annual fee of £30 (45 Euros). As a benefit these members will receive a link from the ISAP web page and will be allowed to use the ISAP logo with the title "Institutional Member" or "Corporate Member".

3. *Financial Statement and Audited Accounts*

The Financial Statement was presented by the Treasurer as summarised below. The accounts for the period April 2004 to March 2005 had been audited by the Auditor, Rob Vernon, and were considered to be satisfactory. The period since 31 March 2005 was presented as estimate.

	Sterling	Euros
Opening Balances as of 1 April 2004		
Totals Balances	£270.00	€0.00
Income		
Subscriptions	£1,713.07	€273.00
Bank Interest	£0.90	€0.14
Total Income	£1,713.97	€273.14

Expenditure		
Prizes	£50.00	
Bank Charges	£62.68	€0.03
Other	£10.00	
Total Expenditure	£122.68	€0.03

Surplus for year	£1,591.29	€273.11
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Bank Balances as of 31 March 2005		
Current Account	£303.00	
14 Day Account	£1,145.44	
PayPal Account	£412.85	
Euros Account		€273.11
Totals Balances	£1,861.29	€273.11

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Income		
Net subscriptions	£259.53	€50.50

Expenditure		
Conference bursaries	£600.00	€0.00

Surplus/deficit for period	-£340.47	€50.50
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Bank Balances as of 31 August 2005		
Current Account	£122.44	
14 Day Account	£1,211.89	
PayPal Account	£195.38	
Euros Account		€323.61
Totals Balances	£1,529.71	€323.61

4. *Proposed Changes to the Constitution*

4.1 A number of changes were proposed to the Constitution. Some were of purely linguistic nature and the more substantial ones are:

- General Meetings should normally be held annually but every other year (preferably coinciding with the biennial International Conference) they would have the status of Electing General Meeting to elect the Management Committee (hence a change of term of office for this committee to two years).
- The Editor is explicitly mentioned as an elected member of the Management Committee.

- The time allowed for nominations for the Management Committee in advance of an Electing General Meeting is shortened from 8 to 6 weeks since email communication is rapid enough.

4.2 The changes were provisionally accepted by the meeting and the revised Constitution would be made available for comments on the Society's web site for one month. Any further discussion should then be made by email during this period. Thereafter the changes to the Constitution will be considered accepted by the membership.

5. *Election of Officers for the Management Committee for the Next Term*

Only one nomination was received for the posts of Chair (Armin Schmidt), Vice-Chair (Chris Gaffney), Conference Secretary (Ivan Kuzma) and Conference Vice-Secretary (Salvatore Piro). The meeting accepted these officers as duly elected.

Two nominations each were received for the remaining two posts:

- Honorary Secretary: Jörg Fassbinder and Tomasz Herbich
- Editor: Louise Martin and Immo Trinks.

The meeting elected Jörg Fassbinder as Honorary Secretary and Louise Martin as Editor.

Rob Vernon accepted the nomination as Auditor.

6. *Next AGM*

Probably London, Monday 18 December 2006, on the evening before the EIGG day meeting.

7. *Any other Business*

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| 7.1 | The biennial international conferences should be advertised even more to other areas of archaeology. | Man
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| 7.2 | The organisers of the next biennial international conferences should consider 1min slots for short poster presentations as tasters for the poster sessions. | Kuzma |
| 7.3 | A collection was made for a ring-fenced fund for student bursaries. The members contributed Euro 281, £10 and \$27, which were subsequently paid into the Society's accounts. | |

Armin Schmidt 6 April 06