

ISAP Annual General Meeting 2006

Tuesday 19th December 2006, Burlington House, London

Minutes

Meeting opened 17.50hrs with AS in the chair.

Attendants

Tim Archer, Paul Cheetham, Michel Dabas, Andrew David, Michiel Dekker, Chris Gaffney, John Gater, Samuel Harrison, Tomasz Herbich, Alette Kattenberg, Chris Leech, Robert Legg, Neil Linford, Paul Linford, James Lyall, Louise Martin, Andrew Payne, Anne Roseveare, Martin Roseveare, Wolfgang Rösler, Bronwen Russell, Armin Schmidt (Chair), Anna Stocks, Assunta Trapanese, Lieven Verdonck, Roger Walker

(26 out of 230 paid members (18 Dec 06) = 11.3%, hence quorum not reached)

Apologies

S. Piro and I. Kuzma

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Friday 16 September 2005, Rome)

1.1 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

1.2 *Matters Arising*: No matters arising

2. Annual Report of the Management Committee

2.1 The Management Committee Report was presented by the Chairman.

2.2 At the start of December 2006 the society had 230 paid members.

2.3 Letter to CEPT Committee (Msr. E. Faussurier) expressing concern of the user community about licensing issues for GPR. Some progress has been made under the EuroGPR trade association, but a licensing regime for European directives still under negotiation.

2.4 Sponsorship of Dec 06 EIGG conference through student bursaries (conference fee) and poster prize (£50) was noted.

2.5 Decision to sponsor GPR2008 (June, Birmingham) through one student bursary had been made by the Management Committee. The value is to be determined in consultation with conference organisers and will be in line with other sponsors.

2.6 Decision to sponsor 7th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection 2007 (September, Nitra) through student bursaries, which should cover conference fee. Number of bursaries to be determined based on conference fee, so negotiations will be required with the conference organisers. Note that £201.03 was raised at the Rome conference for 2007 bursaries and that this figure has been 'ring-fenced' in the ISAP accounts (see below).

2.7 The meeting discussed the Access Grid Seminar Series on 'Remote Sensing and Visualisation' which is funded by AHRC and endorsed by ISAP. Information about this series will be circulated in the Newsletter and on the email forum. It is hoped that this link could be a testbed for future online collaborations for ISAP.

2.8 The decision was announced to hold 8th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection in Paris. A very strong application for the 2011 conference has been received already, but the decision on the venue will not be taken until summer 2007.

2.9 The Chairman described a series of emails between himself and Wileys, the publishers of the journal *Archaeological Prospection*. The publishers are keen to have a more formal link to ISAP. There are a number of options available to the membership, including making the journal *Archaeological Prospection* a membership journal after increasing the membership fee – the Management Committee suggested that we formally consider this link at the next AGM where there will be a greater number of members present. The Chair will write to Wileys explaining the meetings view and the Vice-Chair will canvass opinion on the low take-up of the reduced subscription rate open to ISAP members.

2.10 The Chair noted that subscription payments are still taking up too much of his time. More stringent arrangements will be put in place in the next few months. Those who do not pay the society's subscriptions will be denied access to the members-only part of the website, membership benefits and the society's newsletter.

2.11 The Management Committee suggested that the society should fund a few days research into how the citation database generated by Joerg Fassbinder and hosted by AARG could be successfully used by our membership. It was agreed that the Chairman would organise this via the email forum.

2.12 The ISAP Newsletter has been very successful and informative in the last year. The Editor, Louise Martin, was thanked for her hard work.

2.13 That, as a trial, the 'moderation' would be switched off for the isap-all email list to generate faster and greater exchange of messages.

3. Financial Statement and Audited Accounts

3.1 The Financial Statement was presented by the Treasurer (see the tabled Management Committee Report). The current balance was £3,352.28 and €588.20. The accounts had been audited by the Auditor, Rob Vernon, and were considered to be satisfactory.

ISAP financial summary 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006		
Opening bank balance:	Sterling	Euros
Sterling	£1,861.29	
Euros		€273.11
Receipts		
Subscriptions	£1,235.70	€180.00
Donations	£201.03	
Bank interest	£12.82	€1.38
Other (bank refund)	£10.00	
Total receipts	£1,459.55	€181.38
Payments:		
Student Bursaries	£621.00	€0.00
Net surplus/deficit	£838.55	€181.38
Reserved for bursaries	£201.03	
Closing bank balances	£2,699.84	€454.49

ISAP financial summary 1 April 2006 to 1 December 2006		
Opening bank balance:	Sterling	Euros
Sterling	£2,699.84	
Euros		€454.49
Receipts		
Subscriptions	£541.53	€130.00
Donations		
Bank interest	£10.91	€3.71
Other (Advertising)	£100.00	
Total receipts	£652.44	€133.71
Payments:		
Student Bursaries	£0.00	€0.00
Other		
Net surplus/(deficit)	£652.44	€133.71
Reserved for bursaries	£201.03	
Closing bank balances	£3,352.28	€588.20

4. Next AGM

4.1 Nitra, September, 2007

5. Any other Business

5.1 None

Meeting closed by AS at 18.25hrs.

CG 15th January 2006