

ISAP Annual General Meeting 2011

Friday 23 September 2011, Izmir, Turkey

Minutes

In Attendance

Babak Aminpour, Kate Armstrong, Andrei Asandulesei, Christophe Benech, Meriç Berge, James Bonsall, Norbert Buthmann, Philippe De Smedt, Mahmut Drahor, Ercan Erkul, Jörg Fassbinder, Robert Fry, Chris Gaffney, Heather Gimson, Tomasz Herbich, Guillaume Hulin, Hiroyuki Kamei, Roman Krivánek, Roland Linck, Neil Linford, Paul Linford, Klaus Löcker, Cornelius Meyer, Krzysztof Misiewicz, Yasushi Nishimura, Caner Öztürk, Nikos Papadopoulos, Andrew Parkyn, Andrew Payne, Salvatore Piro, Ekhine Garcia (for SOT), Apostolos Sarris, Armin Schmidt, Steven Sheriff, François-Xavier Simon, Thomas Sparrow, Alain Tabbagh, Julien Thiesson, Gregory Tsokas, Lieven Verdonck, David Wilbourn.

(41 out of 193 paid members (15 Nov 11) = 21%, hence a quorum was reached)

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- | 1. | <i>Apologies</i> | <u>Actions</u> |
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| | Several apologies were received and noted. | |
| 2. | <i>Minutes of the Previous Meeting (15 December 2010)</i> | |
| | The minutes had been made available on the web and were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. | |
| | <i>Matters arising</i> | |
| | The Management Committee discussed the matters that arose at the last meeting and decided not to combine conference fee and membership subscription as the conference organisation is undertaken separately from ISAP. Also it was not deemed appropriate to post members' email addresses on the web site. The 10 th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection will be held in Vienna (see below). Ben Urmston had not been able to make special arrangements for non-magnetic footwear yet but will be asked to look into this again. | |
| 3. | <i>Financial Statement and Audited Accounts</i> | |
| | The Financial Statement was presented as summarised below. The accounts for the period April 2010 to March 2011 had been audited by the Auditor, Dr Rob Vernon, and were considered to be satisfactory. Since 31 March 2011 expenses were as follows: Studentships Euro 1,200; Posterprize £85. The Society therefore has a positive balance of approximately £9,000. The support for students at ISAP conferences will be continued and suggestions are being sought for further worthwhile ways of spending this surplus. One suggestion from the AGM was to support ISAP students who want to attend other, related, conferences (e.g. CAA, Geoarchaeology). Students would have to be paid members for at least one year, in line with similar grant regulations by the Quaternary Research Association. | |

ISAP financial summary		
1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011		
Opening bank balance:	Sterling	Euros
Sterling	£7,451.40	
Euros		€ 1,150.76
Receipts:		
Subscriptions	£2,054.10	€ 140.00
Donations	£0.00	
Bank interest	£7.60	€ 0.30
Advertising	£230.00	
Other (Bank reimbursement)	£87.96	
Total receipts	£2,379.66	€ 140.30
Payments:		
Student Bursaries	£47.00	€ 111.00
Prizes	£50.00	
Bank Charges	£83.93	
Other		
Total payments	£180.93	€ 111.00
Net surplus/deficit	£2,198.73	€ 29.30
Closing bank balances	£9,650.13	€ 1,180.06

4. *Annual Report of the Management Committee*

Prizes and Studentships awarded

London Dec 2010

- Student presenters: 3x £20
- Posterprize: A Kattenberg and J Kainz

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- Students:
 - Andrei Asăndulesei
 - James Bonsall
 - Philippe De Smedt
 - Robert Fry
 - Roland Linck
 - Andrew Parkyn
- Posterprize: Ercan Erkul, Geophysical Investigation of Hittite Sarissa

Congratulations were offered to all of them.

Web site

A beta version had been released of the new web site and is currently being evaluated. It will offer more opportunities for interaction through comments and feedback forms, which may encourage younger members to contribute to discussions. Passwords will also be changed to help with payment of membership fees. There will also be a new address for the email lists and transitional arrangements will be put in place to move from the host at the University of Bradford.

Contacts with other Societies

IfA GeoSIG: Chris Gaffney has been the nominated ISAP representative and has attended various meetings.

AARG: several ISAP members are also members of AARG and good relations have always existed between both Societies. Dave Cowley has therefore suggested that ISAP also becomes member of the European Archaeological Council (EAC) and Chris Gaffney is now the ISAP representative (<http://www.european-archaeological-council.org/12-0-Aerial->

[Archaeology.html](#)). This may lead to advice on good practice in Europe and Paul Linford (English Heritage, U.K.) has also been approached to contribute.

Supporting Workshops and Training Sessions

As formalised at the 2009 AGM in Paris, ISAP supports regional conferences and meetings and the following two events took advantage of this offer.

- First Polish National Conference for Archaeological Geophysics, Warsaw, Poland, 9 June 2010.
- Archaeological Prospection – Potentials and Perspectives, Mainz, Germany 9&10 Sept 2011

A short statement to the Management Committee is all that is needed for any similar events that seek ISAP support.

5. *Election of the Management Committee*

Only one nomination was received for each position of the Management Committee and these nominations were confirmed by the AGM. The elected members of the Management Committee until the AGM 2013 are therefore:

- Chairman: Dr. Chris Gaffney, Bradford, U.K. (2nd term)
- Vice-Chairman: Dr. Christophe Benech, Lyon, France (1st term)
- Honorary Secretary: Dr. Armin Schmidt, Ilkley, U.K. (2nd term)
- Conference Secretary: Prof. Wolfgang Neubauer, Vienna, Austria (1st term)
- Conference Vice-Secretary: Prof. Mahmut Drahor, Izmir, Turkey (1st term)
- Editor: Robert Fry, Bradford, U.K. (1st term)

6. *Next AGM: 4 December 2012, Burlington House, London*

7. *Any Other Business*

Any groups wishing to host the 11th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection in 2015 are asked to contact the Management Committee with a short proposal for the organisation.

Andy Payne asked how more archaeologists could be encouraged to attend the conferences, people who otherwise might consider going to the EAA meetings. Chris Gaffney replied that the London meetings seems to have a wider mix, but that it is unclear why that is. Members were encouraged to send any suggestions as how to widen the attendance for the 2013 conference to Wolfgang Neubauer.

Jörg Fassbinder reminded the AGM of the forthcoming conference on Virtual Archaeology at the Hermitage Museum in Saint-Petersburg, 4th - 6th June 2012 (<http://www.virtualarchaeology.ru/>), which will have a substantial section on archaeological prospection.

Chris Gaffney commented that the poster presentations introduced for this conference in Izmir worked very well for the size of conference and that the quality of posters was very high. It is always worth exploring new options for delivering conferences, posters and discussions.

Chris Gaffney also noted that all students who presented at the conference had received an ISAP studentship and that all other students who attended would receive a one year ISAP membership to encourage further contributions. Anyone

knowing such students who attended was asked to encourage them to contact the Honorary Secretary (Armin.R.Schmidt@gmail.com).

A presentation was given by Klaus Löcker on the current planning for the next (11th) International Conference on Archaeological Prospection, to be held at the Academy of Science in Vienna in 2013. The conference will probably be held earlier in the year, not in September.

Armin Schmidt 15 November 2011