

ISAP Annual General Meeting 2009

Friday 11th September 2009, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris

Minutes

Meeting opened 18.00hrs with Armin Schmidt (AS) in the chair.

Attendants

James Adcock, Takayuki Ako, Kayt Armstrong, Graeme Attwood, Rebecca Bennett, Meriç Berge, Adrian Butler, Paul Cheetham, Marcello Ciminale, Michel Dabas, Rinita Dalan, Mahmut Drahor, Alois Eder-Hinterleitner, Chris Gaffney, John Gater, Sébastien Gondet, Dean Goodman, Tomasz Herbich, Timothy Horsley, Hiroyuki Kamei, Susanne Kathage, Alette Kattenberg, Kenneth Kvamme, Juerg Leckebusch, Chris Leech, Ross Lefort, Robert Legg, Neil Linford, Louise Martin, Peter Masters, Krzysztof Misiewicz, Hyun Oh, Joep Orbons, Susan Ovenden-Wilson, Andrew Parkyn, Andrew Payne, Salvatore Piro, Martin Posselt, Alan Powell, Bronwen Russell, Apostolos Sarris, Mary Saunders, Armin Schmidt, Thomas Sparrow, Alain Tabbagh, Immo Trinks, Gregory Tsokas, Lieven Verdonck, Robert Vernon, Andreas Viberg, Roger Walker, Kate Welham

(52 out of 266 paid members (August 2009) = 20%, hence quorum reached)

Apologies

Yashushi Nishimura.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Tuesday 16th December 2008, Burlington House, London)

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

1.2 *Matters Arising*: All matters arising from the previous meeting were discussed within the agenda of this meeting.

2. Annual Report of the Management Committee

2.1 *The Management Committee Report* was presented by the Chairman.

2.2 *ISAP supported* eight young researchers to give posters or oral presentations at the 8th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection, Paris, Sept 2009. Kayt Armstrong, Rebecca Bennett, Meric Berge, Robert Legg, Andy

Parkyn, Tom Sparrow, Andreas Viberg and Lieven Verdonck. They were all given 200€ towards conference expenses.

2.3 *ISAP Website*. As reported at a previous AGM there is a need to move the website away from its present location (hosted at the University of Bradford). AS described the options as

- 1) Fully functioning host – very expensive.
- 2) Standard web host and pay for interface.
- 3) Join with another society's website

There was a good discussion regarding the website and Kate Welham offered guidance from her experience with The Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology. AS in consultation with the Man.Com. will find a suitable solution before the next AGM.

2.4 *ISAP prizes* were awarded to three posters at the 8th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection, Paris. The first named person on each of the winning poster was given a year's subscription to *Archaeological Prospection*. It was agreed that the posters were all of a very high standard, but the three best were led by Sebastien Gondet, Nikos Papadopoulos and Hyundok Oh

2.5 *Membership Journal*. AS reported that he had approached Wiley-Blackwells to discuss how to proceed with this issue. There are many variables to be considered, on both sides, before a deal can be agreed. The Man.Com. asked the AGM if £50 (to include £7 membership) would be a suitable price. After some discussion the AGM agreed that this would be acceptable and that AS should pursue the discussion. It is expected that further developments will be shared via the email forum.

2.6 *Other Societies*. Chris Gaffney (CG) gave a brief statement regarding the role of the UK based IFA and their GeoSIG group. He said that the group was mainly concerned with commercial aspects of geophysical survey, but that there were a number of shared areas of concern. ISAP's interest in this group is to make sure that the wider perspective is always considered. CG is the ISAP representative on the Executive Committee of the GeoSIG, but other ISAP members are also members of that committee (Jimmy Adcock, Adrian Butler and Chris Leech). CG asked ISAP members to keep the community up to date with any similar developments in other countries.

2.7 *Quality and Pricing of Contract Surveys*. It was clear that many ISAP members had concerns regarding the forcing down of prices in commercial contract work. This reduction in price will lead to poorer quality work, lack of investment and a further reduction in professional development. Evidently our discipline is only reflecting the worldwide financial situation, and it is imperative that we resolve to maintain the quality of our work.

2.8 *Education.* This issue is fully within the remit of this Society and there was a fruitful discussion on this topic. It was agreed that the Society should be proactive in this area. A number of strategies were discussed including co-ordinating local initiatives via representatives from individual countries, increased web presence and promotion of the Society and its role at other conferences. The Man.Com. undertook to lead on these issues.

2.9 *Workshops and Training.* CG described the need for some guidance from the membership regarding validation of workshops, conferences and training courses. Up until this point the ISAP logo has been used for a limited number of conferences at the discretion of the Man.Com. It was agreed that in future all requests will be made to the Man.Com. explaining the nature of the venture and how ISAP will benefit from endorsing the event. It is anticipated that a member who is seeking ISAP endorsement for an event will undertake to publicise the Society. The Society expects that all suitable applications will be supported.

3. *Financial Statement and Audited Accounts*

3.1 The Financial Statement was presented by the Treasurer. The current balance (as of 1 September 2009) was £6287 and €900. The accounts for the previous financial year had been audited by the Auditor, Rob Vernon, and were considered to be satisfactory.

ISAP financial summary		
1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009		
Opening bank balance:	Sterling	Euros
Sterling	£5,661.47	
Euros		€718.14
Receipts:		
Subscriptions	£1,260.00	€75.00
Donations	£0.00	€0.00
Bank interest	£50.98	€12.31
Transfer from Euro Account		
Other (Advertising)	£293.00	€0.00
Total receipts	£1,603.98	€87.31
Payments:		
Student Bursaries	£310.00	€0.00
Bank Charges	£113.90	€0.00
Transfer to sterling account		€0.00

Total payments	£423.90	€0.00
Net surplus/deficit	£1,180.08	€87.31
Closing bank balances	£6,841.55	€805.45

4. Election of Officers to the Management Committee for the next term.

AS proposed to allow re-election of Louise Martin for the post of Editor (despite having already served for 4 years) due to her excellent service to the Society. This was endorsed by the membership.

As only one nomination was received for each post the elections were agreed by a block vote for all posts together.

- Chair: Chris Gaffney
- Vice-Chair: Apostolos Sarris
- Conference Secretary: Mahmut Drahor
- Conference Vice-Secretary: Christophe Benech
- Honorary Secretary: Armin Schmidt
- Editor: Louise Martin

[Subsequent to the AGM, Chris Leech agreed again to act as Treasurer and Rob Vernon kindly agreed to audit the accounts.]

5. Next AGM

5.1 The next AGM will probably be in London during December 2010.

5.2 The 9th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection will be held in Izmir, Turkey in 2011. Can any group who wishes to be considered to host the 2013 meeting please contact the Management Committee or the Chairman (Chris Gaffney) by the end of December 2009.

6. Any other Business

6.1 None.

Meeting closed by AS at 19.27hrs.

CG 25th September 2009