

ISAP Annual General Meeting 2010

Wednesday 15 December 2010, Geological Society, Burlington House, London, UK

Minutes

Attendants

James Adcock, Roger Ainslie, John Arthur, Kevin Barton, Daniel Boddice, James Bonsall, Paul Cheetham, Carmen Cuenca-Garcia, Jörg Fassbinder, Robert Fry, Chris Gaffney (Chair), John Gater, Heather Gimson, Chrys Harris, Tomasz Herbich, Alice James, Jakob Kainz, Alette Kattenberg, Chris Leech, Robert Legg, Roland Linck, Neil Linford, Paul Linford, Klaus Löcker, James Lyall, Wolfgang Neubauer, Joep Orbons, Andrew Payne, Anne Roseveare, Mary Saunders, Armin Schmidt, Thomas Sparrow, Arne Stannes, Immo Trinks, Ben Urmston, Jeroen Verhegge, Roger Walker, Kay Winkelmann,

(38 out of 229 paid members (15 Feb 11) = 17%, hence a quorum was reached)

The items of the agenda were slightly rearranged from the original announcement to account for the availability of the projectionist.

1. Financial Statement and Audited Accounts

Actions

- 1.1 The Financial Statement was presented as summarised below. The accounts for the period April 2009 to March 2010 had been audited by the Auditor, Rob Vernon, and were considered to be satisfactory. The period since 31 March 2010 was presented as an estimate.

| ISAP financial summary 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 | | |
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| Opening bank balance: | Sterling | Euros |
| Sterling | £6,841.55 | |
| Euros | | € 805.45 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Subscriptions | £2,080.59 | € 339.89 |
| Donations | £0.00 | |
| Bank interest | £8.79 | € 5.42 |
| Advertising | £200.00 | |
| Other | £0.00 | |
| Total receipts | £2,289.38 | €345.31 |
| Payments: | | |
| Student Bursaries & Prizes | £1,569.66 | |
| Bank Charges | £94.82 | |
| Other | £15.05 | |
| Total payments | £1,679.53 | €0.00 |
| Net surplus/deficit | £609.85 | €345.31 |
| Closing bank balances | £7,451.40 | € 1,150.76 |

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| Receipts: | | |
| Subscriptions | £1,273.45 | |
| Donations | | |
| Bank interest | | |
| Other (Advertising) | | |
| Total receipts | £1,273.45 | €0.00 |
| Payments: | | |
| Student Bursaries | | €35.70 |
| Bank Charges | | |
| Other | £289.90 | |
| Total payments | £289.90 | €35.70 |
| Net surplus/deficit | £983.55 | -€35.70 |
| Closing bank balances | £8,434.95 | €1,115.06 |

- 1.2 The Society's accounts are in good health. It was suggested to spend even more on supporting students, especially for the attendance at relevant conferences.

It was discussed as to whether the subscription to ISAP should or could be included in the conference fee for one of the relevant conferences. This is to be discussed by the Management Committee and with the organisers of the 9th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection.

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- 1.3 The Treasurer (CL) pleaded to clearly mark all Euro bank transfers in the subject field with the name of the relevant ISAP member.

2 *Apologies*

No apologies were received in advance of the meeting.

3. *Minutes of the Previous Meeting (11 September 2009, Paris)*

- 3.1 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

- 3.2 No Matters Arising were brought forward.

4. *Annual Report of the Management Committee*

- 4.1 Louise Martin had resigned for personal reasons from her post as **Editor** and Robert Fry had been elected by the Management Committee as her successor, out of four young and deserving ISAP members.

- 4.2 ISAP student members who had presented at the NSGG Day Meeting were eligible for a £20 ISAP **bursary** each, and were asked to contact the Treasurer to collect it. The prize for the **best poster** was awarded to the presentation by A Kattenberg and J Kainz.

- 4.3 **Web presence:** The web pages of the Society were to be moved over to a new host with unlimited storage and bandwidth. The new site would be designed with modern web technology to provide more functionality and the email list would also have more functionality on the new host (e.g. archive of messages).

It was requested to make a list of current ISAP members with their email addresses available on the 'Members only' section of the web site (i.e. unavailable to search engines). Permission would have to be sought from members for inclusion in such list. The Management Committee was tasked to explore the feasibility of such list.

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A question was raised as to whether ISAPNews should be made freely available on the web. However the overall opinion was that access to it is a major membership benefit that encourages people to join and should hence be kept as

such. Some of the older newsletter could be made available, not just issue 1. See AARG as an example. To make the reading of the newsletter even easier it was asked whether it could be attached to an email announcing the release of the latest issue. However, since size restrictions of email inboxes could lead to undelivered announcement it was suggested that instead the announcement email should have a direct link to the newsletter so that it can be clicked for opening the file.

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It was suggested to make a pdf of the abstract book of the NSGG Day Meeting freely available on the ISAP web page (this was implemented in Jan 2011).

- 4.4 **Membership journal:** The Honorary Secretary (AS) reported that negotiations with Wiley had been stopped with regards to making their journal *Archaeological Prospection* available to all members through a noticeable increase of the membership fee. This was due to the lack of enthusiasm on the side of members of the Society (see discussions during previous AGMs) and of Wiley. Should Wiley approach the Society with an interesting offer, such negotiations could be restarted.

- 4.5 **Conferences:** The 9th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection will be held from 19-24 September in Izmir, Turkey and a web site with more details was expected very soon (now available). The dates were chosen so as not to clash with a meeting in Mainz, Germany (see below) and the EAGE Near Surface conference in Leicester, UK.

The 10th International Conference on Archaeological Prospection will be held in Vienna in 2013, hosted by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Archaeological Prospection and Virtual Archaeology. The date will be set so as to avoid clashes with EAGE and AARG conferences.

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5. *Next AGM*

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6. *Any other Business*

- 6.1 New non-magnetic hiking boots are available from Blacks, who would offer a discount for a bulk purchase. This will be coordinated through the ISAP email list by Ben Urmston.
- 6.2 David Jordan is planning a two-day conference in Mainz, Germany, on archaeological prospection in Germany (9-10 Sept 2011) and this received ISAP endorsement from the Management Committee. Regional ISAP meetings are encouraged and the 2010 meeting in Poland was considered an extremely successful event.

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Armin Schmidt 15 February 2011