

# ISAP Annual General Meeting 2014

Tuesday 2nd December 2014, Geological Society, Burlington House, London, UK

## Minutes

### *In Attendance*

James Adcock, Roger Ainslie, Graeme Attwood, Christophe Benech, Matthew Berry, Daniel Boddice, Hannah Brown, Paul Cheetham, Alexander Corkum, Philippe De Smedt, Jörg Fassbinder, Robert Fry, Chris Gaffney, Ekhine Garcia, John Gater, Duncan Hale, Ken Hamilton, Chrys Harris, Tomasz Herbich, Pete Horne, Freya Horsfield, Paul Johnson, Lena Kühne, Ross Lefort, Neil Linford, Paul Linford, James Lyall, Cornelius Meyer, Joep Orbons, John Oswin, Nikos Papadopoulos, Andrew Payne, Finnegan Pope-Carter, Anne Roseveare, Martin Roseveare, Mary Saunders, Armin Schmidt, Thomas Sparrow, Arne Starnes, Anna Stocks, Lieven Verdonck, Jeroen Verhegge, John Walford, Roger Walker, Henry Webber, Kate Welham

(46 out of 279 paid members (as of 2 Dec 2014) = 16%, hence the quorum of 10% was reached)

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1. ***Apologies*** Actions  
Apologies were received and noted, from James Bonsall, Heather Gimson and Wolfgang Neubauer .
  2. ***Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Fri, 31 May 2013, Vienna)***  
The minutes had been made available on the web and were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.  
*Matters arising*
    - The ISAP Fund  
The details of the fund were read out by the Chair (Armin Schmidt). Two rounds per year of £1000, with deadlines of 1st of February and 1st of August. Full details will be published on the Society's website soon. The application and assessment procedures / criteria will be clearly advised. There will be an 'Ombudsman' to ensure "fair play". It is not the intention to publish the list of unsuccessful applications. ManCo
    - Grants for 'external' conferences  
There is potential for misuse (people joining ISAP who are not interested in archaeological prospection but just want money for other conferences) and potential for considerable expenditure. It was felt, therefore, that ISAP will not routinely fund people to go to external organisations' conferences.
    - Nominations for new Honorary Members  
AS noted that following the death of Arnold Aspinall and John Weymouth the Society should consider new Honorary Members. The Management Committee suggest that Alain Tabbagh and Andrew David should be offered this status. This was carried unanimously.
    - Support structure in ISAP for young professionals  
There was a discussion regarding young professionals and more generally 'new blood' in the society. It was noted that currently the two Editors are young professionals, but it was agreed that we should do better. It was noted that it is difficult enough to get nominations for the existing posts, adding new posts would make this even more difficult. But we shall try and get young professionals into the existing posts.

- o EAC Guidelines  
During the past year detailed feedback was received from ISAP members, IfA GeoSIG and EuroGPR and incorporated where possible into the final draft of this document. This draft was submitted to EAC on 9 September, further EAC comments implemented on 6 October and this version was discussed by EAC on 10th October. No official feedback has been received since and the delay is interpreted to mean that major changes will be requested. AS suggested that it may be easier to withdraw from EAC and make the publication ISAP based guidelines. While this is not ideal it was agreed that the tremendous work and consultation that has gone into the document must have some tangible outcome that ISAP can be satisfied with.

### 3. *Financial Statement*

The Financial Statement was presented as summarised below. The Society had a positive balance of accounts of approximately £14,345 in November 2014.

ISAP financial summary 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014			ISAP financial summary 1 April 2014 to 14 November 2014		
Opening bank balance:	Sterling	Euros	Opening bank balance:	Sterling	Euros
Sterling	£13,018.87		Sterling	£13,389.38	
Euros		€1,756.81	Euros		€520.67
<b>Receipts:</b>			<b>Receipts:</b>		
Subscriptions	£1,560.18	€219.80	Subscriptions	£719.50	€165.00
Donations	£42.37	€10.00	Donations		
Bank interest	£8.02		Bank interest	£8.20	
Advertising	£550.00		Advertising		
Other			Other		
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£2,160.57</b>	<b>€229.80</b>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£727.70</b>	<b>€165.00</b>
<b>Payments:</b>			<b>Payments:</b>		
Student Bursaries	£1,569.70	€1,465.94	Student Bursaries	£600.00	€0.00
Bank Charges	£145.83		Bank Charges	£41.89	
Web hosting	£74.53		Web hosting	£0.00	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£1,790.06</b>	<b>€1,465.94</b>	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£641.89</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
<b>Net surplus/deficit</b>	<b>£370.51</b>	<b>-€1,236.14</b>	<b>Net surplus/deficit</b>	<b>£85.81</b>	<b>€165.00</b>
Closing bank balances	£13,389.38	€520.67	Closing bank balances	£13,475.19	€685.67

### 4. *Annual Report of the Management Committee (AS)*

#### *Prizes and Studentships*

Since the previous AGM we have supported two students to speak at an ISAP sponsored session at SAA 2014 in Austin, Texas: Chrys Harris and Andrew Parkyn.

For the December 2014 NSGG meeting ISAP provided £20 for each of nine young professionals who are ISAP members and presented at this meeting, and £50 for the best poster. In a change from previous years the winner was voted by the conference participants. This poster prize went to Hannah Brown for her poster "Searching for Scandinavians: a multidisciplinary investigation at Torksey, Lincolnshire."

### *Collaborations*

It was suggested that we need closer links with AARG to support “non-destructive archaeology” as an archaeological discipline. It is believed that we need a contact point for people who need archaeological prospecting and remote sensing expertise in their society (e.g. SAA, UISPP). It was suggested that this may be done best by establishing a successor to the “Archaeolandscapes Europe” network, possibly as “Archaeolandscapes International” (dubbed “ArcLand 2”). We need to budget some seed funding (ca. £300 p.a.) to attend meetings and this was generally agreed by the membership.

### *Supporting workshops and training sessions*

Two sessions were supported this year:

- SAA 2014, Austin (TX): “Not Just for Specialists: Applying Geophysics in Archaeology”. ISAP sponsored session.
- 3rd Polish National Conference on Archaeological Geophysics (25-26 Nov. 2014, in Krakow).

### *International Conferences on Archaeological Prospection*

The 2015 conference will be hosted by the University of Warsaw (see below).

Applications are invited for hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> conference in 2017, which requires the completion of a brief form. At the moment we have received tentative interest from Egypt (Cairo), Greece (Crete), Germany (Berlin) and the UK (Bradford). There is interest from Ireland (Sligo) for the 2019 conference.

### *Possible involvement of ISAP in developing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for archaeological prospection*

Martin Roseveare led the discussion on the suggestion for ISAP to engage with the CPD debate that is currently being held in professional bodies such as IFA. Jimmy Adcock (JA) talked about the CAGS experience in March 2014. He commented that it is difficult to learn new techniques / advances in best practice when delivering professional surveys. However, the profession is committed to higher standards that will benefit the discipline. There was considerable debate as to how CPD can be distributed / filtered down through the profession. It seems likely that universities could provide 'refresher' or 'new to the profession' type delivery via short courses. JA will liaise with the Management Committee on this subject.

#### 5. ***Next AGM***

18th September 2015, Warsaw. Time: 19:00 - 20:00

#### 6. ***Any Other Business***

There were no other items discussed.

Minutes by Chris Gaffney 2nd January 2015