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ICAZ 2014 IN SAN RAFAEL, ARGENTINA



The Organizing Committee of the 12th ICAZ International Conference is very happy to receive you in San Rafael, where we are going to enjoy not only everyone's presentations, but also the best wines, finest foods, stunning landscapes, and the nicest people of our country. The ICAZ 2014 Conference will be held in the San Rafael Convention Center, a new facility that has

all the resources to enjoy an unforgettable event.

The conference webpage has the latest updates and all the other information you will need to attend the meeting: www.icaaz2014argentina.com.

IMPORTANT: Remember that June 30th is the deadline for the session proposals!

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If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to write to us at: info@icaaz2014argentina.com.

12th ICAZ International Conference also has its own Facebook page, 'ICAZ 2014 San Rafael', where you can see photos and other information about San Rafael and its surroundings. Join us! 

THE 9TH MEETING OF THE WORKED BONE RESEARCH GROUP

By Alice Choyke

The ninth meeting of the Worked Bone Research Group (WBRG) has just concluded in Zhengzhou City in central China. It was organized and hosted most generously and warmly by the Henan Administration of Cultural Heritage together with the Henan Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology, who provided free food and housing for the participants. This is the first time the group has left the confines of Europe, and it was well worth it. Those of us from outside China were privileged to see and hear about cultural phenomena far different from what we are familiar with, as well as some interesting methodologies for studying bone tools. Our Chinese colleagues hopefully enjoyed seeing the various ways 'bone tools' from outside China were made and used in Europe and New Zealand.

Our participants came from the USA, Hungary, France, Spain, Denmark, Romania, the Czech Republic, Britain, New Zealand,

and China. Chinese participants came from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (of Chinese Academy of Sciences), Peking University, Jilin University, Shaanxi Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology, and the Henan Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology. There were altogether twenty presentations and fourteen posters. It was especially pleasing to see so many young, eager colleagues not only participating in both talks and posters but entering seriously into the discussions as well. Seven Chinese colleagues joined or renewed their membership in ICAZ.

The excursion following the conference was to two World Heritage sites. Henan Province, through which the Yellow River flows, is particularly rich in such sites. The Longmen grotto attests to the influence of Buddhism in China, from the time of the Wei dynasty with its heyday in the rich Tang dynasty. We then went

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Dr. Monica K. Dütting from The Netherlands won the Poster Prize at the XXII Limes Congress that was held in Ruse, Bulgaria on September 6–11, 2012.


Although the Congress itself is a general one, the poster presented the research method and some preliminary results of Monica's PhD-study, "Fishing in the Netherlands in Roman times". The assumption is made that the Roman occupation marked a turning point in the way society was organized. Fishing played a part in this. The study looks into the changes that affected the social, economic, and technical aspects of fishing.

The transitional periods of the start and decline of the Roman period are included to gain maximum insight into changes in technique, consumption, and trade inside and outside the Roman Empire. The study also looks into differences within the Netherlands between civil and military sites. Both fish remains and archaeological artefacts are studied.

Should you have any questions on the research or any informa-

tion on fishing in Roman times, please contact Monica Dütting via mail: mkdutting@gmail.com.

CONFERENCES

The 9th Annual Stanley J. Olsen Memorial, Eagle Lake Zooarchaeology Conference will be held in Eagle Lake, California, USA. Zooarchaeology professionals and students are invited to present 20–40 minute papers, followed by a question and answer period intended to create substantive and field advancing dialogue. The conference will be held the weekend of July 19–21, 2013. This year's theme is "Environmental Reconstruction: Perspectives from Zooarchaeology". For additional information contact Deanna Grimstead (e-mail: dng@email.arizona.edu) or check out the conference website at <http://www.csuchico.edu/~fbayham/zooarch.htm>. 

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to visit the fascinating Shaolin Temple complex, home to Kungfu martial arts and a Buddhist monastery.

The organizers plan to publish the proceedings in China. We have decided that, again for the first time, the papers will be peer-reviewed to improve their quality. In order to insure that the volume will be easily available worldwide we will look for an international distributor as well.

At the eighth meeting of the WBRG in Salzburg we voted to have the next WBRG meeting in Belgrade, Serbia. The tenth meeting for the group will be organized by Dr. Selena Vitezović in 2014. Details of dates will be made available on both the WBRG mailing list and the website of the group (www.WBRG.net). In

Zhengzhou we also had a proposal by Manuel Altamirano Garcia to host the eleventh meeting of the WBRG in Granada in Spain. There has been some discussion on whether to hold these meeting a bit later in 2017 (as opposed to Fall 2017) to avoid later conflict with the big ICAZ meeting dates. Again, as details emerge they will be posted on a variety of fora.

Finally, all of the participants in this latest meeting would like to give special thanks to our Chinese hosts. I know that the organizers worked day and night to insure that everything ran as smoothly as possible in the beautiful conference venue. We hope these meetings will lead to future international collaborations on many levels! 



Participants of the 9th meeting of the Worked Bone Research Group in Zhengzhou City, China

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