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ICAZ 2002 CONFERENCE UPDATE

Dear Colleagues,

Please make a date in your diary to ensure that you join us between August 23-28, 2002, in the beautiful city of Durham (UK) for the Ninth Conference of the International Council of Archaeozoology. Organisation of this event is well underway and we have a very full programme of sessions, field trips, and other social events already planned. Information on paper and poster submissions, submission deadlines, sessions organized, registration, and financial assistance follows. The general meeting programme is also outlined below. Additional details can be found on the conference website at www.dur.ac.uk/icaz.2002. For more information, contact ICAZ 2002 Conference Organisers • Department of Archaeology • University of Durham • South Road • Durham DH1 3LE UK • E-mail: icaz.2002@durham.ac.uk.

We look forward to seeing you in Durham.

Keith Dobney, Umberto Albarella, Peter Rowley-Conwy, and Jacqui Huntley
ICAZ 2002 Conference Organisers

SUBMISSIONS AND DEADLINES

There has been an overwhelming response to our call for sessions and papers, and our programme is now very full. If you wish to submit a paper, check first whether it can be included in any of the session themes already being organised (see page 2). If so, then contact the relevant session organiser(s) directly. E-mail addresses for the session organizers are listed on the Scientific Programme page of the ICAZ 2002 website. The **deadline** for paper titles and abstracts *submitted directly to individual session organisers* is **April 30, 2002**. However, bear in mind that most sessions should be finalised much earlier than this date. If you want to ensure that your paper is accepted you should submit it immediately.

If your proposed paper does not relate to any of session themes listed below, or your preferred session is full, please contact the conference organisers directly and we will try to accommodate you in an alternative session. The **deadline** for paper titles and abstracts *submitted to the conference organisers* is **January 31, 2002**. Please note that this deadline has been extended from the original (which was November 2001).

Poster presentations are also encouraged. They may be related to the theme sessions listed on page 2 of this newsletter or they may be focused on an independent topic. Poster titles and abstracts must be *submitted to the conference organisers* by **April 30, 2002**.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Elections for positions on the ICAZ International Committee and for President and Vice-President will be held in 2002. The International Committee (IC) is a body of up to 35 elected individuals that serves as a steering committee for ICAZ. The IC meets once every two years to discuss issues pertaining to the present and future course of the organization. They are also regularly polled by e-mail to contribute advice on a broad range of issues. In addition, IC members are asked to serve on special task forces or sub-committees to make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the IC as a whole on specific actions and policy issues that confront the organization.

It is imperative, then, that this body is as broadly representative of the membership as possible. It is equally important that members of the IC be prepared to actively participate in helping guide ICAZ in this new era for the organization.

The ICAZ constitution (www.nmnh.si.edu/icaz/histstat.htm) stipulates the following procedures for the nomination and election of IC members:

- All current members of the IC who wish to stand

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Check out the new "For Members" section of the ICAZ Website (www.nmnh.si.edu/icaz)! See page 2 for details.

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Committee meetings (for your late night reading enjoyment). Coming soon will be a searchable membership directory and a page where you can check your current membership status. You will need your login and password, which was provided on your membership card, or contact Web Master Heather Lapham (lapham.heather@nmnh.si.edu) if you have lost your card.

This issue also includes a lot of information on ICAZ organizational business. Over the last few months the ICAZ Executive Committee has voted to adopt a fee structure developed by a task force charged by the IC to explore different fee options. The new fee structure was designed to give several reduced fee options to students, retired and unwaged professionals, and researchers from certain nations. The idea was to make ICAZ membership as broadly accessible as possible to researchers around the world. Please check out the feature on this new structure in the Newsletter (page 7) and the new membership form on our website.

In preparing for the new 2002-2005 ICAZ business cycle we are also issuing calls for nominations for the upcoming elections of International Committee and the President and Vice President positions. Nominating procedures and deadlines are outlined in the Newsletter on page 1. In addition, we are issuing a call for agenda items for the upcoming General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Durham 2002 meeting (page 10). Items submitted might range from topics relating to the ICAZ organizational practices and policies to broader professional issues that might benefit from general discussion at our business meeting. This is your chance to help shape the direction of ICAZ and we welcome your input.

Of course this issue also includes our by now standard features—Positions Available and a jam-packed Calendar of Events.

Clearly our profession is very much alive and well. Researchers around the

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WORKED BONE RESEARCH GROUP

(Information submitted by Jörg Schibler¹)

The 3rd International Meeting of the Worked Bone Research Group, an official working group of ICAZ, was held in Augst, Switzerland, between September 4 - September 9, 2001. It was organized by Jörg Schibler and his team from the University of Basel, Seminar für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Abteilung Archäobiologie. Contributors came from all over Europe to talk about and discuss worked osseous materials from time periods ranging from the Lower and Middle Paleolithic to the Middle Ages. Topics included discussions of individual assemblages, the results of experimental research on manufacturing techniques and use wear, including macro wear with low stereoscopic magnifications and micro wear employing a metallographic light microscope. Attention in many of the papers was focused on the selection of raw materials and the relationship between technology and continuity of social traditions. Because of the conference size more time was allowed for papers resulting in long and fruitful discussions of these topics and others.

One problem noted consistently was the difficulty in working with assemblages where refuse bone had been separated from worked bone, hindering the exchange of important information and resulting in *de facto* taphonomic loss, especially concerning *ad hoc* tools. Sometimes “the goodies” were also removed, which added to the difficulties. All agreed that it is useful not to treat worked bone in isolation.

The conference will be published in the German series of “Archäologie International” as a digital printing. The next meeting will be held at the end on August 2003 in Tallinn, Estonia and will be organized by Heidi Luik and Liina Maldre.

Finally, participants have decided to establish a website with the following sections: a bibliography, approaches to the analysis of worked osseous materials, current research, data and guide to wear studies, short reports, and queries and problems. The University of Basel, Seminar für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Department Archäobiologie will be maintaining the site.

Papers given at the 3rd International Meeting of the Worked Bone Research Group include: COLEEN BATEY (Great Britain): Finds from Swiss lake contexts in Glasgow museums ■ ALICE M. CHOYKE (Hungary): Continuity and discontinuity at Győr-Szabadrét-domb: bone tools from a Chalcolithic settlement in northwest Hungary ■ EMANUELA CRISTIANI (Italy): Socio-economic interpretation of paleolithic antler and bone tools: the example of the cave of Settecannelle (Viterbo, Italy) ■ EMANUELA CRISTIANI and CRISTINA LEMORINI (Italy): A Bronze Age bone “comb”: proposals for a functional interpretation ■ EVA DAVID (France): The debitage and manufacture techniques on bone and antler used during the Early and Middle Mesolithic in Northern Europe: definitions and experimental works ■ SABINE DESCHLER-ERB, ELISABETH MARTI-GRÄDEL, and JÖRG SCHIBLER (Switzerland): Antler sleeves from the Neolithic hatchets from lake dwellings of Switzerland: an example of interaction between raw material, technology, and tradition in the 4th mil. BC ■ KORDULA GOSTENËNIK (Austria): Coloured bone and antler artefacts ■ ALETA GUADELLI (Bulgaria): Bone industry from the Gravettian layers in Kozarnika Cave (North Bulgaria) ■ FABIAN HAACK (Germany): The bone and antler artifacts of the Linear Pottery settlements of Herxheim and Rosheim ■ GÜNTER KARL KUNST (Austria): A bone tool assemblage from the Migration Period of Lower Austria ■ HEIDI LUIK and LIINA MALDRE (Estonia): Bone and antler processing on the hillfort and settlement site at Rouge ■ MICKLE ZHILIN (Russia): Mesolithic bone pendants from the East European forest zone ■ PETAR ZIDAROV (Bulgaria): Bone tools from tell Kozareva mogila, Bulgaria.

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