



# Newsletter

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## ICAZ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARIS, FRANCE • AUGUST 23-28, 2010

The 11<sup>th</sup> ICAZ International Conference will be held in Paris, France, on August 23-28, 2010. Some events will take place at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, but most sessions will be held at the nearby Pierre et Marie Curie University (Jussieu campus). The organizing committee expects 500-600 delegates to attend the conference.


Detailed information about all aspects of the conference can be obtained from the ICAZ Website at <http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz> or by e-mailing the conference organizers at [icaz2010@mnhn.fr](mailto:icaz2010@mnhn.fr) or acquired by postal mail from Jean-Denis Vigne, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, UMR7209, Archéozoologie, Archéobotanique, Département EGB, CP 56, F-75005 Paris, France. The Organizing Committee is headed by Jean-Denis Vigne, Marylène Patou-Mathis, and Christine Lefèvre, and also includes Sandrine Grouard, Joséphine Lesur-Gébremeriam, Stéphane Péan, Anne Tresset, and Carole Vercoutère.

Practical information that is available online in the second circular, which is posted on the ICAZ Website (<http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/index.htm>), includes the following: 1) main scientific aims and conference venue and guidelines, 2) preliminary schedule and a list and description of the 30 thematic sessions which have been selected by the Organizing Committee with the help of the Scientific Committee, 3) registration fees and the application form for financial support for participants, 4) application form for pre-registration, 5) information regarding the publication of the conference proceedings, 6) description of the excursions which will take place during and after the conference and the pre-registration form for these excursions, and 7) composition of the Scientific Committee and Committee of Honor.

The deadline to submit a title and abstract for an oral or poster presentation to a thematic session has passed, however individuals may submit abstracts to general sessions until April 30, 2010. Delegates proposing a presentation for a thematic session will be informed by the end of December 2009 if their presentation has been accepted as an oral paper or poster presentation. Only minor changes will be possible after this time.

Conference registration fees have been reduced recently, especially for ICAZ members and students. Registration fees are as follows:


Membership Status	Before April 30, 2010	After April 30, 2010
ICAZ Member	€280	€350
Non-member	€360	€450
ICAZ Member, Student	€150	€180
Non-member, Student	€200	€240

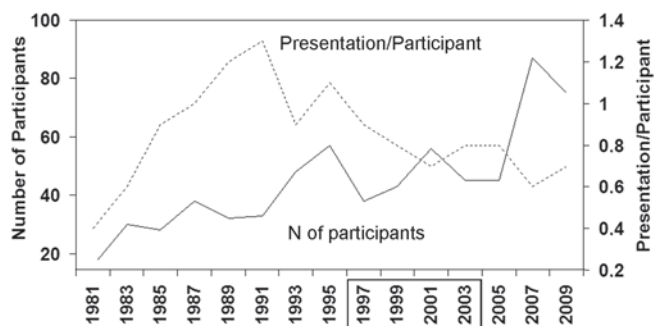
These registration fees may seem higher than at previous ICAZ conferences, however that is due largely to inflation over the past four to eight years and to the fact that four lunches are included with registration (a €40 value). The organizing committee has chosen to have lunches served at the nearby university staff restaurant, located within five minutes of the conference rooms. It will be devoted to ICAZ delegates during the week. This option was preferred for the following reasons: 1) delegates will not need to leave the main conference area to find lunch; 2) it is difficult to find restaurants or grocery stores that are open in August near the Jussieu campus; and 3) the cost to eat lunch at the university staff restaurant is very reasonable. Allowing for the difference in exchange rates, the registration fee minus lunch costs for ICAZ 2010 in Paris for the ICAZ members is only 2% higher than those at the 2002 International Conference in Durham, England. 

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## PROFESSIONAL PROTOCOLS

The International Council for Archaeozoology (ICAZ) has adopted a statement of professional protocols for archaeozoology. These protocols represent a broad consensus in the field about best practices in archaeozoology. The document outlines goals and objectives that can serve as guides in the practice of archaeozoology. The Professional Protocols endorsed by ICAZ recommend standards and practices in the following areas: professional responsibilities, publication of archaeozoological data, collection care, data archiving, and access to archaeozoological collections and data. This statement is intended for use by archaeozoologists, archaeologists and others seeking the services of archaeozoologists, and the institutions that serve as permanent repositories of archaeozoological remains and all associated documentation (such as notes, photographs, and data sheets, etc.). The Professional Protocols are posted online on the ICAZ Website at [http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/about\\_protocols.html](http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/about_protocols.html) and on the BoneCommons website at <http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaz/icazForum/viewtopic.php?t=1081>. Elizabeth J. Reitz is the Professional Protocols Task Force Leader. Task Force Members include Donald Grayson, Guy Bar-Oz, Luis Borrero, Kim Dammers, Keith Dobney, Sebastian Payne, and Melinda Zeder. 



**Figure 2: Trends in the attendance and per capita presentations at FRWG meetings. Raw data from D. Makowiecki and M. Makohonienko's (2009:9-10) preface in Proceedings of the 15<sup>th</sup> FRWG Meeting, Poznań and Toruń.**

in Guadalajara, Mexico, the organizers published long abstracts (with illustrations and bibliography) before the conference. The advantages are obvious and production is relatively cheap. One disadvantage is that creative feedback at the meeting may only be incorporated into a next generation of articles. Weighing both aspects, however, the fact that proceedings are available is a very welcome phenomenon. It serves the purpose of documenting the state of knowledge as presented at the time of the meeting.

It has been decided that Irit Zohar will organize the next FRWG meeting in Israel. The proposed venue is the Interuniversity Institute of Eilat. A formal agreement has been made with the institution. The event will take place between May 28 and June 4, 2011, when the weather is particularly hospitable along the Red Sea coast.

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## WORKED BONE RESEARCH GROUP<sup>1</sup>

The ICAZ Worked Bone Research Group (WBRG) held its 7<sup>th</sup> international meeting in Wrocław, Poland, at the Institute of Archaeology, University of Wrocław, on September 7-11, 2009. There were 64 registered participants in attendance from 14 countries, including Austria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, UK, and USA. Romania and Spain were particularly well represented for the first time, reflecting increased interest in worked bone studies from researchers in those countries. A total of 28 papers were presented along with 16 posters (12 of which were presented by the authors during the poster session).

The meeting was supported logistically and financially by the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Wrocław. A special exhibition pertaining to local bone working traditions from the Paleolithic through the Middle Ages was prepared for conference attendees at the "Archaeologist's House." The exhibition gave participants a chance to compare raw material use, manufacturing traditions, and the presence or absence of particular worked bone types in this part of Europe that were talked about in some of the papers. Similar materials were also on display at the Archaeological Museum in Wrocław. The final gala dinner took place at the museum and we thank them for supporting the conference.


This year the conference was geared more toward earlier pre-

historic periods in contrast to the 6<sup>th</sup> WBRG meeting in Paris, France, where many more papers dealt with Roman and medieval material. There was a lively and high-level dialogue between participants, irrespective of their period of interest, which continued a WBRG tradition that crosses usually opaque chronological and geographic borders resulting from purely typo-chronological approaches to raw material. Again, this year at the 7<sup>th</sup> WBRG meeting in Wrocław, the number of participants was equally divided between archaeozoologists interested in bone tools and other scholars who take a more classical archaeological approach. It was evident that these two approaches are still converging as more bone tool papers are being written, published, and become increasingly available to students and colleagues. The materials presented ranged in time from the Upper Paleolithic and Mesolithic period to Early Modern times. This tendency to merge methodologies first appeared in papers at the 4<sup>th</sup> WBRG meeting in Tallinn, Estonia, and again at the 5<sup>th</sup> WBRG meeting in Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria.

Hans-Christian Küchelmann gave a report on the status of the WBRG Website, first proposed by Jörg Schibler and myself at the 3<sup>rd</sup> WBRG meeting in Basel, Switzerland, in 2001. Website planning and construction in this very busy world requires more than one pair of hands, and there are now several new volunteers. The WBRG website (<http://www.wbrg.net>) has been constructed by Andreas Schibler who will also host it on his server. It will contain general information about the group, short news, a bone tool of the month page, a mystery tool page, information about various typologies used by our members, technology and traceology of visual data, raw material identification, conservation issues, ethnographic bone tools, a searchable reference list related to worked osseous materials, contact information for scholars in the field, and links to the WBRG Mailing List ([bonetools@listserv.iif.hu](mailto:bonetools@listserv.iif.hu)) and ICAZ BoneCommons (<http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/bonecommons>). Hans-Christian (E-mail: [info@knochenarbeit.de](mailto:info@knochenarbeit.de)) and Alice Choyke (E-mail: [H13017cho@iif.hu](mailto:H13017cho@iif.hu) or [choyke@ceu.hu](mailto:choyke@ceu.hu)) will notify ICAZ members on future website developments. Comments and observations are warmly welcomed.

Publication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> WBRG meeting in Basel is still pending. Jörg Schibler hopes this volume will be published in 2010. The same goes for papers from the 5<sup>th</sup> WBRG meeting in Veliko Turnovo, which was organized by Petar Ziderov. Isabelle Sidéra reported that the editing of the papers from 6<sup>th</sup> WBRG meeting in Paris is underway, but whether it will be published in 2010 is still uncertain. All three organizers intend to publish even if the volumes are delayed.

The 8<sup>th</sup> WBRG meeting will be held in 2011 at the University of Salzburg in Austria. We all thank Felix Lang for agreeing to organize the next conference. Felix can be contacted via e-mail at [felix.lang@sbg.ac.at](mailto:felix.lang@sbg.ac.at). We have also received tentative inquiries about conference organization from the Orkney Islands and, excitingly outside of Europe, from China.

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## Read ICAZ EC Meeting Minutes Online

Minutes from the ICAZ Executive Committee Meeting in Paris, France, August 28-29, 2009, can be viewed online at [http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaз/meetings\\_business.html](http://www.alexandriaarchive.org/icaз/meetings_business.html).