

# Notes from the 12<sup>th</sup> EXARC meeting in Pitlochry (Scotland), March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

as remembered by Roeland Paardekooper.

## Agenda

1. Opening
2. Remarks on last time notes
3. Messages from the board
  - a. EuroREA
  - b. PR / new members
4. The EXARC Annual General Meeting (AGM)
5. New members
6. EXARC & *Live*ARCH

## Present:

Arwo Pajusi (Kalmar Läns Museum), Jan Olofsson (Eketorp), Kjersti Jacobsen, Ole-Martin Hammer (Lofotr Viking Museum), Bert van Valburg (HOME), Magdolna Vicze, Gabriella Kovács, Dániel Fűkőh (Matrica Muzeum és Régészeti Park), Ulrike Braun (Archäologisches Zentrum Hitzacker), Joyce Herve, Steve Dyer (Butser Ancient Farm), Barrie Andrian, Nick Dixon (The Scottish Crannog Centre), Miriam Bloema-de Boer (Archeon), Jānis Apals, Zigrīda Apala, Anda Vilka (Araisi Lake Fortress), Geir Sør Reime (Rogalands County Council), Björn Jakobsen (Fotevikens Museum), Roeland Paardekooper (Archeo Interface).

Guests: Sonja Guber (DE), Camille Daval (FR).

1.

### Opening at 9:11h

2.

### Remarks on last time notes

Our last members' meeting was at 19th of March 2006. There is only one single point from the "to do" list from last meeting which does not come back at another point of this year's agenda:

- The board should continue its efforts in getting in contact with the right ICOM Committees.

This has had little progress in 2006. Different new options are being tried in 2007, both with help from Százhalombatta and Oerlinghausen.

3.

### Messages from the board

a.

#### EuroREA

As promised, the board sent in 2006 40 magazines of "EuroREA 2" out to leading archaeological magazines. A few reviews were published.

In 2006 also, the magazine came financially and organisationally in EXARC's hands, away from the Czech organisation. The situation has been clarified for 2007 and financially, EXARC will take the risk for publishing the yearbook in 2007: Euro 5,000.

A suggestion is to use some *live*ARCH investment to get the journal financially more healthy, besides of some other options.

The members of EXARC are asked to please buy the EuroREA 3 as in most cases this was not the case yet.

Bert: when the partners in EXARC are not prepared to buy and sell, we shouldn't make the yearbook. When all partners buy 10 books, we have a safe base for the yearbook.

Roeland will contact all members to decide before May 1st.

We can raise the contribution fees of EXARC and include more books? That would be difficult.

The editors will offer members to publish an advertisement.

b.

#### Website

With *live*ARCH in place, also the EXARC site will be refurbished.

Barrie: all members, please link to EXARC.

Roeland: I tried to convince members personally 2 years ago and managed in 50% of the cases. It is a continuing process.

c.

#### Subtitles

The board has been discussing the option of adding subtitles in German and / or French, but a real decision has not been made yet. Above all, this should not tear EXARC apart in separate geographic regions. If there is any danger for that, the proposition will be withdrawn.

Subtitles would mean to have more parts of our website in German and / or French and have our news mails translated by volunteers. The official language remainn however English.

d.

#### EXAR

There have been contacts, finally, between the EXARC board and the one of EXAR. We now exchange our journal and have suggested a few topics to the EXAR board, like being on each others' mailing lists and having a joint conference in Autumn 2009 in Hungary (where also *liveARCH* will meet) or else in 2010 somewhere else.

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#### EU applications

EXARC has tried setting up a Culture 2000 application, the history tour, but despite of ample interest, no member wanted to take charge. Therefore the application is postponed. The Middelaldercentret, together with Archeon, set up an application with 3 other non-EXARC museums, called "*where the past meets the future*". In 2008, EXARC will look into the option of a research application in which some universities would cooperate with some EXARC members.

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### Year Meeting EXARC 2007

1. The year meeting is opened at 9:28h
2. As chairman and secretary for this meeting are elected: *Björn Jakobsen* and *Roeland Paardekooper*.
3. Did everybody receive the invitation for this meeting at least two weeks before this meeting? The answer of all is: yes.
4. *Roeland Paardekooper* reads up the **year report** (see attached).
5. *Roeland Paardekooper*, replacing the absentee *Gunter Schöbel*, reads up the **financial report**. *Marlise Wunderli & Eddie Wills* did the job of auditor in March 2007 and declared the books and balance in order, a statement of which is given.
6. The old board is cleared from its responsibilities; there is not a single objection of the members present.
7. Board 2007
  - a. The members not having to be re elected or replaced now are *Wolfgang Lobisser*, *Geir Sør Reime*, *Kjersti Jacobsen* & *Gunter Schöbel*. They will remain in the board for another year.
  - b. The chairman (*Björn Jakobsen*) needs to be re elected or replaced now, for a 2 year period. The Election Commission for suggesting new board members (*Anda Vilka & Jack Veldman*) proposes *Björn Jakobsen* as chairman. The members present vote as such.
  - c. Members having to be re elected or replaced now, for a 2 year period, are *Roeland Paardekooper*, *Peter Vemming* & *Arwo Pajusi*. The Election Commission proposes *Roeland Paardekooper*, *Peter Vemming* & *Arwo Pajusi*. The members present vote as such.
  - d. The suggestion is to extend the board with *Ulrike Braun* & *Ilaria Pullini*. This makes a more representative board, both geographically and by gender. The members want an overview of who is doing what in the board. This is on the website and will be brought up to date shortly after this meeting. The members present vote as such. Members ask how often a board meeting takes place. Besides telephone and email, there were 2 board meetings in 2006. There is no minimum requirement.

8. The **Election Commission for suggesting new board members** is suggested to be *Jack Veldman* for 2 more years and *Anda Vilka* for 2 more years. The members present vote as such.
9. For the year 2007, an **economic auditor and a reserve** are elected. These people will be *Eddie Wills* as auditor and *Marlise Wunderli* as reserve. The members present vote as such.
10. The **members' fee** for 2008 is suggested by the board to Euro 60 for west and Euro 20 for east. This small raise is for the benefit of EuroREA. After explanation why EXARC needs more funding, it is agreed upon to be as such by the members.
11. Were there any other suggestions for this year meeting sent in on paper two weeks before the meeting? No.
12. Are there any other questions which should be dealt with in this year meeting?
  - a. Statutes
    - The board will have the statutes correct in both Swedish and English and have them on line at the website in English. Getting the Swedish and English version in sync with each other is a task for Björn, adding it to the website must be done by Roeland;
      - This has not yet been finalised.
    - Season of Year Meeting. The suggestion was to change the timing of the year meeting of EXARC to Autumn.
      - This still needs to be looked into.

Björn: we need to have workable statutes – the board will have a suggestion in 2008.  
Geir: what Bert is talking is also part of this discussion. There are for example no obliged items like a budget and a year vision. It is too simple so far and we cannot grow this way. EXARC needs such a strategy. The new board 2007 has to come up with a good suggestion – well before next year meeting. This will include how to relate to *liveARCH* and a “more year plan”. Revision of the statutes.  
Bert: can members be involved?  
Björn: Bert, Jan, Geir Are & Barrie will be included in this.  
Jan: it is good to also include more EXARC people in the work – so they are not excluded from the pack.  
Barrie asks how it is with changing the year meeting to Autumn. There are legal ways of doing so, but it has not been checked yet.
13. The year meeting is closed at 10:07h. Thanks to our host for these days.

5.

#### **New members**

EXARC has never refused anybody to join, but now there would be reason to. An organisation wants to become member, but when asked the other members in the same language area, nobody wanted to vouch for this one.

This is a constitution issue – we could have in our constitution the rule that a new members needs to be supported by two existing members as Magdi suggests.

Bert: it also depends on what we want to be.

**10:14 – 10:30 brake**

6.

#### **EXARC & liveARCH**

**The board** was told at the year meeting in 2006 (and 2005 also) to prepare a discussion for next Year Meeting on clarifying the goals of our organisation and the relation between EXARC and *liveARCH*.

There are different suggestions made before this year meeting:

- a. We retain the EXARC name for the organisation
- b. EXARC adopts *liveARCH* as a brand
- c. EXARC changes its name to *liveARCH*
- d. Goals for EXARC & *liveARCH* in 2007 – 2009.

Geir: EXARC = EXARC and it is important to retain EXARC. *LiveARCH* is the presentation to the public and maybe in the future it would be a brand.

Bert: We started *liveARCH* to give EXARC more body. It is not important how the organisation is in three years, as long as there is an organisation facilitating its members. Let us involve as many possible from EXARC and outside into *liveARCH* activities and results. I think those who pick the fruits should be member of EXARC.

Jan: it is important to have more projects like *liveARCH*, for more members.

Geir: we are trying to set up new applications, for example for 5 years and 10 partners. But the description must be different enough from *live*ARCH. Finding a lead partner is a challenge.

Nick: I find the juxtaposition between the two clubs difficult to understand. Why are the two so separate? Can't we have the *live*ARCH meeting completely open to EXARC members?

Bert: *live*ARCH has goals to fulfil and promises to meet at first.

Geir: we should get more people to our meetings according to the EU. Also the catalogue of the exhibition is to have more EXARC members presented. Formally, *live*ARCH cannot pay for EXARC meetings.

Björn: except from financial matters (like accommodation and food), we want to give EXARC a go.

Judith: we want to make a progress in *live*ARCH. But with new people coming in all the time, both from *live*ARCH and EXARC, we cannot make the progress we want. We want to have real good reports by the end for everybody. But we do not want to exclude anybody. I am afraid we might not having good enough results if we have a too large group.

Bert: every partner has a responsibility. Those new people coming from each *live*ARCH partner must be informed by the old ones. Maybe we can also do more between the meetings with *live*ARCH only.

Steve: to my mind, EXARC is the lead body and the standard for all of us. *Live*ARCH is looking at best practice in certain areas. Maybe there will be another project which looks into other aspects – a parallel, under the umbrella of EXARC. We should be setting up standards in the constitution.

Barrie: it is very important for EXARC – we should write a report of last few days and what *live*ARCH is actually going to do. Then we ask the EXARC members to give feedback. The EXARC people will not be excluded.

Nick: what would have been useful yesterday if a summary of the *live*ARCH days would have been given at the EXARC day.

Jan: it is good to plan these meetings really better, because it is getting really interesting and everybody is leaving – we should have 1 hour more for this discussion.

Bert: there is no evaluation of the *live*ARCH conference.

Kjersti: it will be a problem of having the next EXARC year meeting in Lofoten.

Barrie: I would propose a written evaluation questionnaire returned by all *live*ARCH participants.

Judith: I would better like it face to face. There is no official ending.

End: 10:58h