

EXARC Annual General Meeting of Members

UCD Dublin, 16 January 2015

Present Members & volunteers: Luc Bartoni (ARES – IT), Yuri Godino (ARES – IT), Lorenzo Teppati José (ARES – IT), Alessandro Peinetti (IT), Katharina Detreköy (CH), Claus Detreköy (AEAS / GAES – CH), Yvonne Inall (UK), Theresa Kamper-Emmerich (UK), Andy Spencer (US), Linda Hurcombe (University of Exeter – UK), John Whitakker (US), Erin McGuire (CDN), Leena Lehtinen (Kierikki – FI), Pascale Barnes (ATC – UK), Anthony Whitlock (ATC – UK), Paul Grigsby (ATC – UK), Artūrs Tomsons (LV), Björn M. Buttler Jakobsen (Foteviken – SE), Kristoffer Brink (Foteviken – SE), Justyna Duda (Truso, PL), David Freeman (Butser, UK), Steve Burrow (St Fagans, WLS – UK), Barrie Andrian (Scottish Crannog Centre, SC – UK), Nick Dixon (Scottish Crannog Centre, SC – UK), Deb Merrett (CA), Ayşe Çalik Ross (University Istanbul – TR), Ian Dennis (Cardiff University, WLS – UK), Jacqui Mulville (Cardiff University, WLS – UK, non-member), Riaan F. Rifkin (Wits University – ZA), Tine Schenk (UK), Aidan O’Sullivan (EXARC Board Member, UCD – IE), Bill Schindler (EXARC Vice Chair, Washington University – US), Javier Baena Preysler (EXARC Secretary, UAM – ES), Luc Eekhout (EXARC Treasurer, NL), Magdalena Zielińska (EXARC Bookkeeper and Graphic Design – NL, non-member), Roeland Paardekooper (EXARC Director, AFM Oerlinghausen – DE): 34 people present of which 32 members.

Absent (excused): Martin Schmidt (Chair – DE), Hans Reschreiter (Board Member – AT), Milica Tapavicki-Ilic (Board Member Candidate, Viminacium – RS).

Opening

Bill Schindler opens the annual general meeting at 17:45h and welcomes everybody. He apologizes for the absence of our Chair, Martin Schmidt. Bill thanks all the people who helped with EXARC over the past year: the Board, the secretariat and the editors.

- It is established that the AGM is able to take decisions.
- It is verified that the meeting was called early enough.
- It is verified that the agenda for the meeting is agreed.

Annual and financial reports of the previous year

Roeland Paardekooper, director, summarizes the annual report 2014, while Luc Eekhout, treasurer, summarizes the financial report of 2014 (both attached). There are no questions.

Auditors’ Report on the previous year’s finances

Claus Detreköy & Artūrs Tomsons (Auditors 2014) give the following declaration: “We have audited the provisional financial report 2014 with:

- The statement of revenue and expenditure,
- The balance sheet and
- The notes to the financial statement.

We examined the documents with regard to plausibility and correctness. We also made samples of individual billings and controlled the EXARC OpenArch budget. In our opinion the accounting 2014 of EXARC is correct and we propose to accept it. And nonetheless we say thank you to Magda, the EXARC bookkeeper, for her accurate work.”

Following on this, the Board 2014 is dismissed following Article 6.4 of the Charter.

Appointing new Board members

Hans Reschreiter is leaving the Board as his term ended. Javier Baena Preysler stands for election for a second period. Milica Tapavicki-Ilic stands for election. Roeland Paardekooper reads her candidacy. There are no other candidates and the AGM votes to follow the given suggestions. Attached is the schedule of Board members.

Appointing new Auditors

Claus Detreköy & Artūrs Tomsons are elected as auditors for the year 2015.

Presentation of the plan for the forthcoming year

Roeland Paardekooper, Director, presents the plan for 2015.

- The secretariat is there to liaise between members, to bring members in contact with people with similar interests and with literature or other sources.
- Small talks about new EU projects are taking place, we are trying to find out who is interested;

- In May OpenArch meets in St Fagans (WLS). We will have a roundtable about cooperation of archaeological open-air museums with the museum world. Probably this will lead to a small booklet with recommendations like the one we did last year on PR for Archaeological Open-Air Museums.
- 2015 is the final year of OpenArch. EXARC is on schedule with all of its projects.
- In September we will cohost a Meeting with MAMUZ in Austria, near Vienna. You will have found a flyer in your conference folder. Please join us there!
- We continue with 2 EXARC Journal Digests. The Autumn Issue will be an OpenArch Special.
- We will also publish 4 online EXARC Journals, one of those will be dedicated to experiments and skills from OpenArch Partners.
- Finally we will evaluate the websites. They date to 2012 and we want to see what works, what not, what needs to be added or removed, making the websites more robust for the future.

Adoption of a budget for the forthcoming year and setting the annual contribution

Luc Eekhout, treasurer presents the amended budget for 2015 and the budget for 2016. He suggests for 2016 not to raise the contribution fees. Both the budgets and the fees are agreed. Luc calls for prompt payment of the fees: this is EXARC's main source of income.

Mixed matters the members bring to the table

- *Tine Schenk* I doubt if EXARC is offering individuals enough benefits for their membership. My free membership of Academia.edu brings me more.
- *Riaan Rifkin*: I am more communicating over other networks as well, but it is good to have the link on the EXARC website. Good that EXARC is subsidizing student fees.
- *Theresa Emmerich-Kamper*: EXARC lists its members online in great detail. This is valuable free advertising. The discussion should continue please.
- *Ayşe Çalik Ross*: we have huge conferences in Turkey, but never seen one for experimental archaeology. We are a growing country; please join our conferences in Turkey. It would be great if EXARC could do more in outreach activities.
- *Erin McGuire*: how do we get more membership? In Canada, we have been able to secure small amounts of money to offer students as help to come to conferences. But they have to be member to apply. We give students a forum. Build connections between students and the community. We should find ways to connect individual members through social media.
- *Luc Eekhout*: EXARC is ICOM affiliated. This means that if you are ICOM member you can ask funding at ICOM to travel to EXARC conferences.
- *Justyna Duda*: how can we do more projects and share information more widely? Can we make an Excel table with info about different projects running, who can apply and so on? We could have that information online. It is also important to include a sheet for scholarships or individual members, applying for whatever money.
- *Magdalena Zielińska*: we are going to evaluate the website and possibly update the database with members.
- *Tine Schenk*: maybe we can also network between individuals and organizations?
- *Barrie Andrian*: a combination of these ideas is a marketplace. The Scottish Crannog Centre for example is actively looking for students. EXARC should ask compile a five minute online survey soon.

Closing

Bill Schindler closes at 18:25h