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### EDITORIAL

The summer edition of the Newsletter contains important information about conference fee reductions and financial support for the Kyoto Conference in December (pages 6 and 13). This great offer is available until **31<sup>st</sup> August**. Registration for the One Day Birmingham meeting on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October** (note the revised date) must be submitted by **20<sup>th</sup> September**. Forms are provided at the back of this Newsletter. At the AGM in Birmingham elections for new committee members will take place, so please note the information about nominations and absentee voting in the section below.

### NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

#### **AEA AGM & ELECTIONS 2010**

The Annual General Meeting for the AEA will be held at the Birmingham one-day meeting (Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010).

**Draft agenda:**

1. Report on the committee's activities
2. Treasurer's report
3. Election of new committee members
4. Any other business

## Accounts

A summary of the AEA financial accounts will be presented at the meeting.

## Elections

Elections for new members of the committee will be held at the AGM.

**The current committee structure is as follows:**

### **ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS (elected term in [ ]; \*\* indicates committee members retiring or stepping down at the AGM)**

\*\*Dr Amy Bogaard (Oxford, England) [2006-2010]  
\*\*Dr Ralph Fyfe (Plymouth, England) – Membership Secretary [2006-2010]  
Dr Maaïke Groot (Amsterdam, Netherlands) [2007-2011]  
Dr Ellen Hambleton (Bournemouth, England) [2008-2012]  
\*\*Dr Andy Hammon (English Heritage, York, England) [2006-2010]  
Dr Zoe Hazell (English Heritage, Portsmouth, England) [2008-2012]  
Dr Andy Howard (Birmingham, England) – Chair [2009-2013]  
Jacqui Huntley (Durham, England) – Treasurer [2007-2011]  
Richard Madgwick (Cardiff University, Wales) – Student representative [2009-2011]  
Dr Rebecca Nicholson (Oxford, England) – Conference Officer [2009-2013]  
Dr Ruth Pelling (Wessex Archaeology, England) [2009-2013]  
Dr Naomi Sykes (Nottingham, England) [2007-2011]  
Dr Fay Worley (English Heritage, Portsmouth, England) [2008-2012]  
Dr Jørn Zeiler (ArchaeoBone, Netherlands) [2009-2013]

### **CO-OPTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Wendy Carruthers (Llantrisant, Wales) – Co-editor of the Newsletter  
Dr Paul Davies (Bath Spa, England) – JISC-mail Manager  
Dr Ingrid Mainland (Bradford, England) – Co-ordinating Editor of the Journal  
Dr Meriel McClatchie (Dungarvan, Ireland) – Secretary  
Vanessa Straker (English Heritage, Bristol, England) – Co-editor of the Newsletter

Vacancies for the position of Secretary, three ordinary Committee members and Student Representative were advertised in the last Newsletter. The nominations received to date appear below, accompanied by brief personal statements by the nominees.

Further nominations can be received up to the time of the AGM. Please send or e-mail any further nominations (which must be seconded and accompanied by a personal statement by the nominee) to the AEA Secretary: Meriel McClatchie

E-mail: [meriel.mcclatchie@gmail.com](mailto:meriel.mcclatchie@gmail.com)

Postal address: see <http://www.envarch.net/membership/committee.html>

### **ABSENTEE VOTING**

If you cannot attend the AGM, but would like to vote in the elections, you can do so through a proxy (someone who is attending the meeting and is willing to vote on your behalf as well as their own). All you have to do is give a signed statement or send an e-mail appointing whoever you wish to be your proxy to any member of the Committee at any time before the AGM (and tell your proxy how you want them to vote!). If you wish, a member of the committee (see <http://www.envarch.net/aea/committee.html>) will act as your proxy. If you have any queries about absentee voting, please contact the AEA Secretary ([meriel.mcclatchie@gmail.com](mailto:meriel.mcclatchie@gmail.com)). Your vote matters!

### **BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES FOR AEA COMMITTEE**

#### **AS SECRETARY (one position available)**

##### **Dr Fay Worley, English Heritage, Portsmouth**

I was elected onto the AEA Committee two years ago and have enjoyed taking part in Committee discussions and gaining more of an insight into the Association. I would now like to take on the additional responsibility of the role of Secretary.

I have worked in environmental archaeology for the past five years, first in the commercial sector and latterly for English Heritage, but my involvement in the subject began with my BSc in Bioarchaeology at the University of Bradford (1996-2000). From my undergraduate dissertation onwards I have specialised in zooarchaeology, completing a PhD in the subject (University of Bradford, 2008) and now working as a zooarchaeologist.

Amongst other things, my current role allows me the opportunity to raise awareness of zooarchaeology, both within the archaeological community and the general public, through series of training and open days, lectures and activity sessions. I am an active member of the Professional Zooarchaeology Group (PZG), a forum aiming to establish and maintain links between zooarchaeologists working in the commercial, academic and public sectors within the UK, and a committee member for the APWG (Animal Palaeopathology Working Group). I have wide ranging interests in zooarchaeology with research topics currently including the funerary use of animals, the exploitation of sea mammals and red deer, palaeopathology and the skeletal development of sheep. Working within an Environmental Studies Team, I have also taken on an advisory role for environmental archaeology on English Heritage excavations, such as the current excavation of a Neolithic Henge.

Proposed by: Dr Meriel McClatchie, Seconded by: Dr Andy Howard

**AS ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER** (three positions available)  
**Dr Robin Bendrey, Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris**

I obtained my undergraduate degree in archaeology from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne (1996), and my PhD – 'The development of new methodologies for studying the horse: case studies from prehistoric southern England' – from the University of Southampton (financed and undertaken at University of Winchester) (2007). I have some ten years experience as a freelance archaeozoologist based in southern England, working mainly for Canterbury Archaeological Trust. From 2003 to 2007 I worked as an Associate Lecturer in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Winchester, delivering lectures on archaeozoology, statistics and prehistoric Britain. From 2008, I have held postdoctoral research posts at the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle Paris. The first of these posts was a two year CNRS funded project using the isotopic compositions of horse teeth to reconstruct mobility and territorial use of Central Asian Iron Age nomadic groups. Since Spring 2010, I have been working on an ANR project investigating the archaeozoology of the Linearbandkeramik.

My research interests focus on animal use in prehistory, geochemistry, archaeozoological methodology and the archaeology of the horse. I have collaborative links with archaeologists and specialists from Russia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and several countries across Europe. I have been a member of the Association for Environmental Archaeology since 1997, attended and presented at AEA conferences, and was conference co-organiser and chair for the 2005 AEA Spring Conference. I have been involved in educational work with students from primary school age to university level, and have also been involved in presenting environmental archaeology to the general public in both Britain and France. The AEA has an important role to play in raising the profile of environmental archaeology, and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to this process through serving on the committee, and helping promote the AEA's international reputation.

Proposed by: Dr Naomi Sykes, Seconded by: Dr Ellen Hambleton

**Emily Forster, University of Sheffield**

I am currently in Sheffield, finishing my Ph.D. and working as a Research Assistant on the NERC-funded 'Out of Asia' project on the spread of agriculture across Europe. I first came here as an undergraduate, when I developed an enduring interest in environmental change and human impact on the environment. I went on to study Environmental Archaeology (M.Sc.) and was happy to find that I could combine my interests in archaeology, climate change and the environment through pollen analysis. I then started a Ph.D. in Geography at Southampton, investigating Early Medieval land-use in the Lake District through pollen and diatom analysis of lake sediments, and relating this to the limited archaeological evidence for the period. Last year I worked on a wide range of projects as a palynologist for English Heritage, investigating the spread of Cornish heathland, assessing pollen from Silbury Hill and establishing land-use around a medieval fishpond. I have recently been getting to grips with pollen modelling/simulation techniques and GIS and hope to use these more in future.

I am keen to join the committee because I would like to be actively involved in the AEA and in promoting the further integration of environmental disciplines to archaeology; my experience so far suggests that some archaeologists still underestimate the value of the environmental resource, while geographers often take little interest in archaeological evidence! I hope that my background in archaeology and palaeoecology would be useful in helping to bridge the gap between these disciplines.

Proposed by: Dr Zoe Hazell, Seconded by: Gill Campbell

**Dr Preston Miracle, University of Cambridge**

Preston Miracle is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge, and is a recognized authority on the zooarchaeology, mammalian palaeontology, and palaeoecology of Southeastern Europe. He has been working on Pleistocene and early Holocene faunal assemblages from Croatia and Bosnia-

Herzegovina for over 20 years. He has been directing excavation and survey projects in the region for over 15 years. Results of this research have been published in several monographs and over 50 papers (refereed journals and book chapters). He has been teaching archaeological science (zooarchaeology), Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Archaeology, and Archaeological Theory at Cambridge University since 1996.

Proposed by: Prof. Graeme Barker, Seconded by: Dr Naomi Sykes

#### **AS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** (one position available)

##### **Lee Broderick, University of Exeter**

I gained my undergraduate degree in Archaeology from the University of Exeter in 2007, before obtaining an MSc in Environmental Archaeology and Palaeoeconomy from the University of Sheffield in 2008. I have spent the last two years working as a Visiting Researcher in the Archaeology Department at the University of Sheffield as well as studying part-time for an MA in Cornish Studies at the University of Exeter. I plan to begin work on my doctoral thesis in September.

My current research interests include ethnozooarchaeological research in Ethiopia and Mongolia, as well as the zooarchaeology of Britain and Mongolia. I work as part of a multi-national, interdisciplinary team in Mongolia, investigating habitation sites dating to the Bronze Age/Iron Age transition. Environmental archaeology forms a crucial part of this research, with other specialists also part of the team. My PhD research is focused on the zooarchaeology of Exeter, using an interdisciplinary approach to examine the economy, culture and ecology of the city and the wider region from the Roman period up until the Early Modern. I have written papers for presentation and/or publication on such topics as the taphonomy of catastrophes, cattle stalling, manuring, pastoralism and the importance of zooarchaeology to our understanding of the development of modern cities.

I have been a member of the AEA for three years, attending conferences in Cardiff, Birmingham and York during that time; I have also submitted a paper for presentation at this year's AEA conference in Kyoto. I am a fellow of the Zoological Society of London, and am also a member of the International Council for Archaeozoology, the Professional Zooarchaeology Group, the European Association of Archaeologists, the British Ecological Society and the Council for British Archaeology. I have presented at a range of British and international conferences and have organised sessions at major conferences, including the annual EAA and TAG conferences. I would welcome the opportunity of contributing to the AEA by serving on the committee and gaining experience in a multi-disciplinary learned and professional organisation, promoting the holistic and integrated approach that the association takes to environmental archaeology to non-specialists.

Proposed by: Richard Madgwick, Seconded by: Danielle de Carle

##### **Matthew Law, Cardiff University**

I am a part-time Ph.D. student at Cardiff University (since January 2010) and part-time environmental archaeologist and digger with C and N Hollinrake Ltd in Somerset. I specialise in Mollusca, and have an M.Sc. in the Palaeoecology of Human Societies from UCL (2005), and B.A. in Archaeology and Ancient History from Birmingham (2004). I have been a member of the AEA since 2003.

I am interested in raising the profile of the AEA among students, in particular exploring how the AEA can foster young researchers and future practitioners. I am currently organising a training workshop for postgraduate environmental archaeologists in public engagement, which will be followed by a collaborative student project to develop an online toolkit for outreach. If elected, I would also like to develop a thematic student conference to improve the potential for student networking, and a regular student briefing note with details of available training and other resources.

As an early career specialist in the commercial sector, I am in favour of accreditation for environmental archaeologists, seeing it as a key development for professional standards, but only of value if the accreditation process does not place an unreasonable financial burden on freelance specialists and students. I am also interested in the development of standards for open data sharing in environmental archaeology, and would encourage the committee to explore the suitability of currently available schemes, especially with regard to openness of access and sustainability.

Proposed by: Richard Madgwick, Seconded by: Adrienne Powell

##### **Marta Perez, Plymouth University**

I am an environmental archaeologist, and have completed an undergraduate course in Archaeology at Bournemouth University and a Masters degree in Geoarchaeology at Reading University. Since the completion of my undergraduate degree, I have enjoyed a progressively successful career, and have worked as an

Environmental Archaeologist for four years in developer-funded archaeology for two of the largest archaeological commercial units in England: Oxford Archaeology and Wessex Archaeology. At present I am a PhD student within the School of Geography, Plymouth University. My project is focusing on reconstruction of the evolution and exploitation of the Holocene physical environment of the Isles of Scilly. I aim to determine the progressive occupation of the coastal landscape by early human inhabitants to understand their response to marine inundation and changing marine resource availability in relation to past and present climate change and sea level rise.

I have been very lucky to work and live in other countries including Greece, Spain and France. I am currently involved with an archaeological project (Palaikastro, a Minoan town) in Crete which I attend every summer to do environmental evaluations, including sorting and analysis of plant macro-remains. My work has involved dealing with individuals from all walks of life and from different cultures and traditions, which has demanded high standards of inter-personal skills with colleagues and clients, as well as effective communication practices. Within commercial archaeology, deadlines are tight so skills like initiative, organization, flexibility, adaptability, decision-making, and co-operation with colleagues were essential. These are all skills which I have gained and which will be of great benefit for the position of AEA representative.

I am eager to obtain this position as it will allow me to develop a wider range of qualities, and contribute to Environmental Archaeology at a higher level. I am always willing to work as hard as possible in order to do well and I am determined to effectively contribute to the work of the Association for Environmental Archaeology.

Proposed by: Dr Ralph Fyfe, Seconded by: Dr Rebecca Nicholson

## THE JOURNAL

The Journal's editor, Ingrid Mainland, would like to encourage AEA members to submit research papers, review articles or short contributions on any aspect of environmental archaeology. Full details regarding submission to the Journal can be found at the following website: <http://www.maney.co.uk/journals/env>, or contact Ingrid Mainland for further information.

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### Issue 15.2 (autumn 2010)

Members are advised that Issue 15.2 of *Environmental Archaeology* will be received slightly later than usual due to a delay in production. This issue will contain papers arising from a QRA session entitled "Early agriculture in uncertain climates: integrating social and environmental perspectives", which are likely to be of widespread interest.

### Online access for all subscribers

Online access to all volumes of Environmental Archaeology is now available to all AEA members. If you would like to register for access to the Journal online, please email Rob Craigie, the AEA Webmaster ([r.craigie@envarch.net](mailto:r.craigie@envarch.net)), with your chosen username and a password. When your registration has been accepted, access to the Journal will be available through a link on the AEA website ([www.envarch.net](http://www.envarch.net)). Please note that access will only be made available to fully paid-up members.

Also note that Institutional subscription to Environmental Archaeology is £145 (\$268 in USA) and includes online access to the full text. If your institution is not currently subscribing to the Journal, please encourage them to do so. Information on institutional subscriptions to the Journal is available at:

<http://www.maney.co.uk/journals/env>

## ADVISORY PANEL ON THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF BURIALS IN ENGLAND

The AEA Committee participated in the consultation on formation of the Advisory Panel on the Archaeology of Burials in England (APABE). The website for this panel is now up and running and can be consulted at <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/apabe>.

## CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

**!! FANTASTIC OFFER – REDUCED FEES & FINANCIAL SUPPORT NOW AVAILABLE !!**

**ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY (AEA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE FOR JAPANESE STUDIES, KYOTO, JAPAN**

*1st -3rd December, 2010*

**Theme**

***The Environment and Civilization: Past, Present and Future***

**Full details of this conference were given in the May 2010 Newsletter (Newsletter 108). The Organising Committee is now offering the following reductions:**

### Information of the registration fee and a financial support

#### 1. Registration fee is reduced

International Research Center for Japanese Studies (IRCJS) in Kyoto has agreed to co-host the AEA conference. Consequently, the charge for using conference rooms becomes free. Therefore, we decided to reduce the registration fee. Please see below for the details.

		<b>Early to Aug. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Late beyond Sept. 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Full registration</b>  These fees include meeting materials, lunch (Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> and Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ), coffee breaks and reception on Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> .	member	JPY 10000	JPY 12000
	non-member	JPY 12000	JPY 14000
	student/unwaged (Students should submit a copy of the valid ID at your university.)	JPY 8000	JPY 10000
<b>One day registration</b>  These fees include meeting materials, lunch (Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> and Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) and coffee breaks, but does NOT include the reception on Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> .	member	JPY 4000	JPY 4000
	non-member	JPY 5000	JPY 5000
	student/unwaged (Students should submit a copy of the valid ID at your university.)	JPY 4000	JPY 4000

Please use the revised registration table (attached or posted on the website) to calculate your total fee. If you have already transferred money, we will refund the balance at the conference.

#### 2. Financial support and budget accommodations for students, unwaged people (not retired), part-time workers and people from developing countries.

We are pleased to inform you that we can provide a certain amount of financial support of travelling cost for students, unwaged or part-time workers, and people from developing countries. The amount will be between 50,000-100,000JPY, and depend on the number of applicants.

We also have a limited number of budget accommodations at IRCJS. It is relatively new and clean. Around 5 single rooms are available for the conference attendees at the rate of 2500JPY/night (without breakfast). We will offer these rooms mainly to the people applying the financial support, but you can apply for this accommodation alone.

People who want to apply for the financial support and/or a IRCJS accommodation should fill out the Financial Support Application Form (attached or posted on the website), and submit your application to Yoko Nojima ([ynojima@nichibun.ac.jp](mailto:ynojima@nichibun.ac.jp)). The application deadline is **August 31, 2010**.

The Organizing Committee will decide final recipients by reviewing applications, if there are too many applicants.

### **The Financial Support Opportunity for AEA Annual Conference 2010**

For supporting the participation of young scholars including students, the AEA Annual Conference Organizing Committee provides a limited number of financial supports as follows.

#### **A. Travel budget support (maximum of 100,000JPY)**

This is supported by the Obayashi foundation and Sonpo Japan Environment foundation

**B. Accommodation at Nichibunken House\* (2,500JPY/night, no breakfast)** (\*Nichibunken House is conveniently located by the conference venue, International Research Center for Japanese Studies.)

These supports are available for approximately 5-6 individuals. The total number of recipients and the amount given to each recipient will be determined by the conference committee.

#### **Eligibility:**

Applicants must be **a resident outside of Japan**, and should meet one of the following criteria:

1. Students (provide a photocopy of valid student ID)
2. Unemployed, or a part-time employee (provide certain documents to prove your status)
3. Scholars from developing countries, or with particular financial needs (the priority is given to those from developing countries)

#### **How to apply:**

1. Complete the Application Form at the end of this Newsletter.
2. Provide documents verifying your eligibility, if necessary. These documents can be submitted as scanned digital images.
3. Submit your application by e-mail ([ynojima@nichibun.ac.jp](mailto:ynojima@nichibun.ac.jp)) or fax (addressed to Yoko Nojima, 81-75-335-2090), by **August 31**.

If you have any inquiries, feel free to contact Yoko Nojima ([ynojima@nichibun.ac.jp](mailto:ynojima@nichibun.ac.jp)).

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## **AEA ONE DAY CONFERENCE, SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

### **The potential and management of environmental archives in the intertidal and offshore marine zone**

*Please note, the AEA AGM will follow this meeting at 15.30 – 1700 hrs*

**Institute of Archaeology & Antiquity, University of Birmingham**

Organized by Birmingham Archaeo-environmental and IBM VISTA

For over a century, the archaeological potential of drowned intertidal and marine landscapes surrounding the British Isles have been tantalizing alluded to by occasional finds of artefacts and ecofacts recovered by trawlers and dredgers, as well as nearshore features such as submerged forests. However, only within the last decade has it been possible to explore the archaeological landscapes of the deeper sea floors through the interpretation of bathymetric and seismic profiling data. Large scale spatial mapping of this information has allowed the identification of a range of landscapes and discreet geomorphological landforms, from major and minor river systems, through to lakes, wetlands and areas of upland; for the first time, this has allowed archaeologists to assess how early hunter gatherers would have utilised and moved through these landscapes. These studies are not now restricted solely to the waters surrounding the British Isles, but are being undertaken in other regions of the World where appropriate bathymetric and seismic data are available.

From an environmental perspective, the potential of this new approach to identify and accurately map the location of sedimentary traps, such as palaeochannels, offers the possibility to undertake high-resolution sampling and analysis of palaeobiological archives. Such studies will help to achieve a step change in our



understanding of human impact, as well as the character of vegetation, palaeoclimate and final marine transgression and inundation of these landscapes.

However, with an increasing appreciation of the potential of these submerged landscapes and their associated environmental archives, comes a realization of the possible threats to the long-term preservation of this resource. This one day meeting aims to take a holistic approach to assessing the potential of the environmental archive in the offshore and intertidal zone and consider themes of sampling, analysis and long-term management.

The organizing committee would like to invite oral presentations and poster papers around the following four broad themes relating to the nearshore and offshore zone:

- Characterisation of the resource and the chronology of environmental archives
- Dovetailing nearshore and offshore environmental records within a cultural framework
- Modelling and visualisation of submerged landscapes
- Developing research agendas for the long-term management of environmental records

Oral presentations will have a maximum time limit of 20 minutes. Poster papers can be up to A0 in size. **Abstracts**, no more than 250 words in length, should be sent in text format (preferably Word format) by **31st August 2010** to: [A.J.Howard@bham.ac.uk](mailto:A.J.Howard@bham.ac.uk). Please include a title, author or author's complete name(s) and affiliations, full postal and email addresses. The language of the meeting will be English. In the first instance, informal enquiries should be addressed to Dr Andy Howard ([A.J.Howard@bham.ac.uk](mailto:A.J.Howard@bham.ac.uk)).

### Location

The conference will take place in the European Research Institute Building (Building G3 in the Green Zone) on the University Main Campus at Edgbaston. Directions to the ERI Building and the University can be found at <http://www.bham.ac.uk/about/maps/>. There is plenty of parking available at weekends and the University also has its own railway station (10 minutes and 2 stops from Birmingham New Street).

### Conference fee

The conference fee will be £33.00 and includes coffee / tea on arrival, mid-morning and afternoon. A 'finger buffet' lunch is also included in the price.

### Booking

An on-line registration form for this conference can be downloaded at <http://www.iaa.bham.ac.uk/aea2010/> as well as from the AEA website.

**Registration** for this meeting should be made by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010** and forms should be returned by email to [A.J.Howard@bham.ac.uk](mailto:A.J.Howard@bham.ac.uk). (IAA, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT).

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## PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS WANTED: TAG 2010, UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December

### Palaeoeconomy and Palaeoecology of South West Britain

*Recently confirmed for TAG 2010, at the University of Bristol (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December), this session provides an opportunity for an overview of recent research in environmental archaeology carried out in South West Britain, as well as indicating the major changes in method and theory that have occurred in the area since the last such meeting, and discussing future directions. It is the session organisers' intent to publish the proceedings as an edited volume and a publisher has already expressed an interest in this.*

Several advances in methodology and techniques have occurred within the science based archaeological sub-disciplines often collectively referred to as Environmental Archaeology, in the UK, since the Palaeoeconomy and Environment in South West England Symposium, held at the University of Bristol in 1985. The South West's rich archaeological heritage and surprisingly varied environments provide exciting opportunities for these new and improved approaches to understanding our past, just as they did 25 years ago.

Understanding the theory behind the application of science-based methodologies in archaeology is critical to their effective use in the wider discipline – knowing their limits as well as their potential. Often such limits can be overcome by combining several different datasets and methodologies from across the environmental sub-disciplines, highlighting the theoretical virtues of interdisciplinarity within the sciences.



The human species has an unequalled ability for local and regional environmental adaptation and past conditions continue to shape present and future re-workings, thus environmental archaeology is central to the current climate change debate. Limits of adaptation by people and the environment in the past may highlight future restrictions. Parts of the South West have reached and breached such limits in the past as sea-level change and upland deterioration.

Papers are encouraged from researchers currently engaged in environmental archaeological research in South West Britain, particularly from interdisciplinary projects and those which have an overt aim to place scientific methodologies and datasets within a theoretical structure.

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## NEW ICAZ WORKING GROUP ON NEOTROPICAL ZOOARCHAEOLOGY

A number of particularities that characterize the Neotropics – the biogeographic region ranging from central and southern Mexico to southern South America and adjacent islands - are relevant to understanding the diversity and evolution of human-animal interactions through time, as well as the properties of the resulting archaeofaunal record. The mission of the newly formed Neotropical Zooarchaeology Working Group (NZWG) is to offer a forum where people can meet from any country interested in these research problems.

The first meeting of the Working Group will be held at the next **ICAZ Conference in Paris, on Friday, 27th August**, 17:30 – 18:30 hrs, in Jussieu, amphi 45B. All interested researchers are invited to participate and/or to join the NZWG!

Please contact any of the NZWG Coordinators for more information:

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You may also see:

<http://www2.mnhn.fr/archeozoo-archeobota/?FINAL-REGISTRATION>

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**76TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY (SAA),  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, USA, MARCH 30-APRIL 3, 2011.**

SAA annual meeting information: <http://saa.org/AbouttheSociety/AnnualMeeting/tabid/138/Default.aspx>

**Wood in archaeology: Latest developments for past societies:**

Wood has always been one of the most crucial raw materials used by human. Paradoxically, while it does not preserve well over time, wood is nonetheless, in its charred form, one of the most ubiquitous and durable remains recovered in archaeological excavations. Yet, in North America, this class of remains tends to be under-analyzed, despite the ever-growing development of methods and theory in anthracology and wood studies in Europe and other regions. Analyses of charred wood remains often focus on palaeoenvironmental reconstructions and may not always set the role of wood resources into the wider context of human ecology and economy. In sites where wood is preserved not just as charcoal, archaeologists are then reminded of the range of human activities in which wood plays a part, even in areas where trees are rare and wood is thought to have been disregarded. Unfortunately, these are fragile remains that become quickly overwhelming for those who are not prepared for their stabilization.

Recent research demonstrates the nuanced and multi-faceted potential of wood remain analysis and encourages archaeologists to go beyond simply identifying fuel and construction taxa. In this symposium, papers will present and discuss the current status of wood studies in archaeology, highlighting the range and diversity of the methods and approaches being used by wood specialists around the world to enrich our understanding of what wood can teach us about ancient societies. We especially welcome papers that combine various types of wood analysis such as anthracology, dendrochronology, chemical analysis, technological analysis, ethno-archaeology to answer questions about human relationship to their woody environment and wood resources.

(Abstracts required by 1<sup>st</sup> September)

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**JOBS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

**ARCHAEOBOTANIST REQUIRED**

Palaeoecology Research Services (PRS), Kingston-upon-Hull, from September 2010

For further details please see:

[http://www.palaeoecology.co.uk/archaeobotanist\\_2010\\_web.htm](http://www.palaeoecology.co.uk/archaeobotanist_2010_web.htm)

Closing date: **27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010**

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## BRITISH INSTITUTE AT ANKARA - RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP 2011

Applications are invited for a Research Scholarship tenable for 7 months (with the possibility of extending for an extra month) from 5 January 2011 and based at the Institute in Ankara. The Research Scholar will combine working on the electronic records of the BIAA archives and research collections, and conducting their own research. The subject of the proposed research should focus on Turkey and/or the Black Sea littoral and may fall within any of the academic disciplines of the humanities and social sciences.

Applications are invited from candidates who should normally have completed a Masters degree, or be about to do so, and who intend to go on to conduct research at doctoral level.

Applicants must be of British/Commonwealth nationality or normally resident in the UK and must have a demonstrable connection with a UK academic institution. The Research Scholar will be based at the Institute in Ankara.

The salary will be £800 per month. The BIAA will pay the cost of one return flight between the UK and Turkey.

The closing date for applications is **15 September 2010** and interviews will be held in London in November.

Application procedure:

Applicants should send a full CV and a letter of application, including details of their relevant experience, research proposal and the names and addresses of two referees by email attachment to the London office of the BIAA ([biaa@britac.ac.uk](mailto:biaa@britac.ac.uk)<<mailto:biaa@britac.ac.uk>>).

For further information, please contact [biaa@britac.ac.uk](mailto:biaa@britac.ac.uk)<<mailto:biaa@britac.ac.uk>> and see [http://biaa.ac.uk/home/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=27&Itemid=33](http://biaa.ac.uk/home/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=27&Itemid=33)

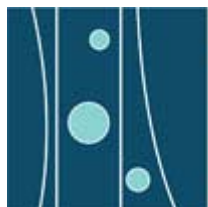
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## Registration form

### AEA ONE DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday, 16th of October 2010

Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity, University of Birmingham (European Research Institute building)

This form must be returned by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010

I will be attending the AEA Conference:

Name	
Institution	
Address and Postcode	
E-mail Address	
Any food preferences or intolerances (e.g. vegetarian/ gluten free/ nut allergy, etc.	

### Conference Attendance Fees:

Fees	Amount	Number of delegates	Total
Conference fee <i>(includes morning and afternoon tea/ coffee and finger buffet luncheon)</i>	£33.00		
<b>Total Amount Payable</b>			

Please make cheque payable to 'The University of Birmingham'

### Presentation

I would like to give a conference paper (20 minutes maximum) with the following title (include abstract as an attachment)

I would like to present a poster with the following title

You will be contacted to confirm that you can give a paper or present a poster at the conference. **Note the closing date for submission of an abstract is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

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Please return this form to: Dr. Andy Howard, Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT, UK or as an attachment in an email to [A.J.Howard@bham.ac.uk](mailto:A.J.Howard@bham.ac.uk)

**Association for Environmental Archaeology (AEA) Annual Conference**  
**International Research Centre for Japanese Studies**  
*Kyoto, Japan,*  
*1st -3rd December, 2010*

**Financial Support Application Form**

**I'm applying for** (check one box):

A: travel budget;  B: accommodation;  A&B: Travel and accommodation

**I'm** (check one box):

a student;  working part-time or unemployed;  from developing countries;  others

<b>Name</b>		<b>Nationality</b>	
<b>E-mail</b>			
<b>Affiliation and status</b>			
<b>Mailing address</b>			
<b>Presentation title</b>			

**A. Travel Cost**

<b>Approximate cost</b>	JPY	<b>Request amount</b>	JPY
<b>Will you attend the AEA conference 2010 if you receive only a partial amount (50,000JPY minimum) of your requested budget?</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**B. Accommodation at Nichibunken House** (check dates)

<input type="checkbox"/> 11/29	<input type="checkbox"/> 11/30	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/1	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/2	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/3	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/4
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