EDITORIAL

As this is the first Newsletter of the 2006 we’d like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and then draw your attention to the subscription reminder below! Please also note the change of Membership Secretary in the News from the Committee section – our best wishes and thanks go to Jane Richardson for handling this difficult job over the last three years.

This issue contains information about the Autumn one-day meeting in Portsmouth and a last-minute reminder about the Spring Conference in Exeter – please note that the deadline for registration has now been extended to 17th February.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AND CONFERENCE OFFICER

The Committee is delighted to announce that Nicki Whitehouse has been appointed the new AEA Membership Secretary. Nicki has been a member of the Managing Committee since 2002, recently in the role of Conference Officer, and will assume the position of Membership Secretary with immediate effect. The Committee also welcomes the appointment of Gianna Ayala as AEA Conference Officer, replacing Nicki’s previous position. The Committee would like to extend its warm thanks to our outgoing Membership Secretary, Jane Richardson, for all of her work during her three years on the Committee.
During the Membership Secretary changeover, there may be some delays in responding to members’ queries – we kindly ask the membership to bear with us during this period.

SUBSCRIPTIONS
Reminder letters and/or emails regarding subscriptions for 2006 should shortly be arriving with all AEA members who have yet to pay. Subscriptions were due at the beginning of January: £38 (€58) for waged members, £28 (€42) for unwaged and student members (both UK and overseas). Membership renewal forms are available online (http://www.envarch.net/aea/membership.html) and forms were also at the back of the November 2005 edition of the Newsletter. Completed forms can be sent to the Membership Secretary: Dr Nicki Whitehouse, Palaeoecology Centre, School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology, Queen’s University Belfast, Belfast, BT7 1NN, UK. E-mail: membership@envarch.net. If you have recently paid your subscription, please ignore the reminder!

If you have not paid your 2006 subscription by 28th February 2006, you will be removed from the JISC-mail list and will therefore no longer receive the AEA Newsletter or other news items.

EURO SUBSCRIPTIONS
If you are living in the Eurozone, you may be interested in paying AEA membership fees using the IBAN (International Bank Account Number) electronic transfer system. With this system, an AEA member can go to their local bank and transfer money to an AEA account for a small fee. The AEA has now set up a bank account in the Republic of Ireland to enable payment of membership fees using this method. Your bank’s charge for payment will vary, depending on the bank and country, but the fee should be low (for example, many banks in the Republic of Ireland charge around €0.50 – check your local bank for their rates).

Please also fill in the membership renewal form (at the back of the November 2005 Newsletter or online at http://www.envarch.net/aea/membership.html) and send it to the Membership Secretary at the address above so that we know where to send the journal issues and newsletters.

Your bank will require the following details relating to the AEA’s bank account. Please ensure that you use the IBAN number and that your name is recorded on the transfer. Subscription rates: €58 for waged members, €42 for unwaged and student members.

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If you have any queries about using the IBAN system, please contact Meriel McClatchie (m.mcclatchie@ucc.ie).

JOURNAL
Environmental Archaeology 10.2
Issue 10.2 of the Association’s journal, Environmental Archaeology, was distributed in December. If you have paid your 2005 subscription but did not receive your copies of 10.1 and 10.2, please contact the Membership Secretary (membership@envarch.net) to check your current membership status.

Contents of Environmental Archaeology 10.2
Peta J. Mudie, Andre Rochon and Elisabeth Levac Decadal-scale sea ice changes in the Canadian Arctic and their impacts on humans during the past 4,000 years
Colin Amundsen, Sophia Perdikaris, Thomas H. McGovern, Yekaterina Krivogorskaya, Matthew Brown, Konrad Smiarowski, Shaye Storm, Salena Modugno, Malgorzata Frik and Monica Koczela Fishing Booths and Fishing Strategies in Medieval Iceland: an Archaeofauna from the of Akurvik, North-West Iceland
As previously announced, the Journal will now be published by Maney Publishing (www.maney.co.uk). The cover of Environmental Archaeology has been redesigned and institutional subscribers will, for the first time, have online electronic access to this volume – more details will be provided in the near future. It is hoped that Environmental Archaeology 11.1 will be ready for re-launch at the Exeter conference in late March.

Submission of articles to Environmental Archaeology

Please send your new submissions to:
Dr Ingrid Mainland, Co-ordinating Editor of Environmental Archaeology, Department of Archaeological Sciences, University of Bradford, Bradford, BD7 1DP, UK. Tel: +44 [0]1274 23 3541; Fax: +44 [0]1274 235190; E-mail: i.l.mainland@bradford.ac.uk
Guidelines for authors are available from: http://www.envarch.net/publications/envarch/infoauth.html
Submissions from members of the AEA are particularly welcome!

SEMINAR SERIES

The Committee is pleased to announce an annual series of seminars to be sponsored by the AEA. The seminars will initially be held at different universities around the UK and Ireland, with a view to extending meetings more broadly in the future. The seminars will be free and the AEA will provide refreshments at each meeting. The Committee would like to extend its thanks to Richard Thomas (AEA Publicity Officer) for his work in setting up this initiative. Details of the first seminar are provided below:

Date: 15th February 2006
Time: 4pm
Location: School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester
Presentation: ‘Traditional’ and ancient farming in the Mediterranean: problems of rationality and analogy’ - Paul Halstead (University of Sheffield)

If anyone is interested in attending, or would be willing to host such an event in the future, please can they contact Richard on rmt12@le.ac.uk

NEW BABAO CHAIR ELECTED

Holger Schutkowski has recently been elected chair of BABAO (British Association for Biological Anthropology and Osteoarchaeology). The AEA has previously had a good relationship with BABAO, with reciprocal attendance of committee meetings by the respective chairs when appropriate. Holger Schutkowski would like to maintain this relationship and the AEA Committee has welcomed this offer.

JOURNAL DISCOUNTS

AEA Members may wish to avail themselves of the reciprocal arrangements we have with the following journals who offer the following discounted rates for 2006 to our members:

International Journal of Osteoarchaeology: £95.00 sterling or US$170.00


Rebecca A. Nicholson, Pauline Barber and Julie M. Bond New Evidence for the Date of Introduction of the House Mouse, Mus musculus domesticus Schwartz & Schwartz, and the Field Mouse, Apodemus sylvaticus (L.), to Shetland

Anton Ervynck Detecting the Seasonal Slaughtering of Domestic Mammals: Inferences from the Detailed Recording of Tooth Eruption and Wear

David N. Smith, John Letts and Mike Jones Modern Coleoptera from Non-cereal Thatch: A Poor Analogue for Roofing Material from the Archaeological Record

Mike J. Church, Simun V. Arge, Seth Brewington, Thomas H. McGovern, Jim M Woollett, Sophia Perdikaris, Ian T. Lawson, Gordon T. Cook, Colin Amundsen, Ramona Harrison, Yekaterina Krivogorskaya and Elaine Dunbar Puffins, Pigs, Cod, and Barley: Palaeoeconomy at Undir Junkarinsfløtti, Sandoy, Faroe Islands

Oren Ackermann, Hendrik J. Bruins, Pariente Sarah, Helena Zhevelev and Aren M. Maeir Landscape Archaeology in a Dry-Stream Valley near Tell es-Sâfi/Gath (Israel): Agricultural Terraces and the Origin of Fill Deposits

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CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

AEA CONFERENCE, EXETER (28TH-30TH MARCH)

I have been able to extend the registration and booking period till Friday 17th February. There was much interest up to and beyond the last deadline, so I'm glad to be able to take further bookings.

Booking forms from: http://www.sogaer.ex.ac.uk/archaeology/AEA2006booking.shtml

The conference programme is now effectively full, in terms of oral presentations, but I could accept posters. The precise running orders are not quite finalised but details of the sessions are available from: http://www.sogaer.ex.ac.uk/archaeology/AEA2006sessions.shtml

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AEA ONE DAY MEETING SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

Sea Changes: Environmental Archaeology in the Marine Zone, From Coast to Continental Shelf.

Tuesday 26th September 2006 at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

In 2002 English Heritage took on responsibility for maritime archaeology in England’s coastal waters. As result of these changes there has been a greater emphasis on maritime archaeology within England, with a number of maritime archaeology projects being funded through the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund and the Historic Environment Enabling Programme.

This therefore seems an ideal time to examine the vital part environmental archaeology plays in understanding coastal archaeology, from estuarine landscapes to coastal defences, and underwater sites, such as wrecks and submerged landscapes. It is hoped that this one day meeting will allow us to compare approaches, results and experiences, not only from a British perspective but also from Europe and beyond.

The conference has been organised to run in conjunction with the Maritime Affairs Group Conference “Managing the Marine Cultural Heritage: The Significance” which will take place on 27th and 28th September 2006, also at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard (see AEA Newsletter 90, November 2005). A field trip is offered on the 27th of September to look at the maritime archaeology, cultural heritage and natural history of Chichester and Langstone harbours. The field trip will include an exhibition, buffet lunch and solar-boat tour. The conference will also host the annual general meeting of the Association for Environmental Archaeology.

Offers of papers on any aspect of environmental archaeology within the maritime zone are welcomed. A selection of the papers from the conference will be offered for publication in a future issue of Environmental Archaeology.

**UPDATE**
We are keen for students to attend, and the AEA is offering a prize of £50 worth of book tokens for the best student poster (to be presented in A1 format).
Please contact Zoë Hazell or Andy Hammon, at English Heritage, Fort Cumberland, Fort Cumberland Road, Eastney, Portsmouth, PO4 9LD tel: 02392 856700 (email: zoe.hazell@english-heritage.org.uk, or andy.hammon@english-heritage.org.uk).

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**QUA AGM/SPRING MEETING, SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2006, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST, BELFAST.**

The INQUA Spring Meeting and AGM will be held at Queen’s University Belfast on Saturday, March 4th 2006, in the Peter Frogatt Centre, beginning at 10 a.m (Registration: 9:30). The morning and early afternoon will be devoted to talks on current or recently completed research on topics covered by INQUA’s broad spread of interests. The programme of oral presentations is already full, but I would like to hear from anyone who is interested in presenting a poster. Abstract should be submitted 20th February 2006.

The programme will be posted on the INQUA website very shortly at [www.tcd.ie/Geography/IQUA/Index.htm](http://www.tcd.ie/Geography/IQUA/Index.htm) and via [www.qub.ac.uk/arcpal/events](http://www.qub.ac.uk/arcpal/events), where there is also a list of accommodation options for any participants who wish to stay over-night.

I will be organising an informal evening meal for participants who wish to stay over in Belfast, if there is sufficient interest; please let me know if you would like to come along no later than the 20th February. In order to plan numbers it would be helpful to know numbers of participants, please do email me if you hope to make the meeting. There will be a small charge to cover coffee/teas and a book of abstracts, payable on the day.

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School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology (GAP) Queen’s University Belfast Belfast BT7 1NN Tel +44 028 90973978 [http://www.qub.ac.uk/arcpal/staff/n_white.htm](http://www.qub.ac.uk/arcpal/staff/n_white.htm)
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INQUA Commission on Palaeoecology and Human Evolution
[http://www.inqua.tcd.ie/PAHE/](http://www.inqua.tcd.ie/PAHE/)
NEW KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER GRANT.

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) has recently awarded £204k to a collaborative project between the Departments of Biological and Environmental Sciences and Computing Science, University of Stirling. The project will develop SASSA: a web-based Soil Analysis Support System for Archaeologists. SASSA will act as a repository for geoarchaeological information in the form of case studies, provide decision support on field and laboratory analyses linked to archaeological questions through the use of case-based reasoning and decision trees, and allow exchange of information through user forums and a WIKI engine. One of the main features of SASSA will be its interactive, easy-to-use interface, whose aim is to foster an improved exchange of experience than has been traditionally the case regarding the application of soil science to archaeology. Further details on the project can be found at www.SASSA.org.uk.

PUBLICATIONS

We are very grateful to James Greig \((\text{jimi.gee@virgin.net})\) for sending the following information. James writes;

“Thanks to James Barrett, Angela Kreuz and Krystyna Wasylikowa for publication information”.

BOOKS


CHAPTERS


ARTICLES


J.E. Aura, Y. Carrión, E. Estrelles, et al. (2005) Plant economy of hunter-gatherer groups at the end of the last Ice Age: plant macroremains from the cave of Santa Maira (Alacant, Spain) ca. 12000-9000 B.P. Vegetation History and Archaeobotany 14(4): 542-550


M. Bandini Mazzanti, G. Bosi, M.A. Mercuri, et al. (2005) Plant use in a city in northern Italy during the late medieval and renaissance periods: results from archaeobotanical investigations of "the mirror pit" (14th-15th century) in Ferrara. Vegetation History and Archaeobotany 14(4): 442-452


A. Kreuz and E. Schäfer (2003) 1,4 Millionen auf der Bank; das hessische Datenarchiv für archäobotanische Große Arbo det [1.4 million in the bank; Arbodat, the Hessian database for archaeobotanical macrofossils, in German]. *HessenArchäologie* 2003: 170-174


L. Sadori and F. Susanna (2005) Hints of economic change during the late Roman Empire period in central Italy: a study of charred plant remains from "La Fontanaccia" near Rome. *Vegetation History and Archaeobotany* 14(4): 386-393

A. Schmidl and K. Oeggl (2005) Subsistence strategies of two Bronze Age hill-top settlements in the eastern Alps - Friaga Bartholomäberg (Vorarlberg, Austria) and Ganglegg/Schluderns (South Tyrol, Italy). *Vegetation History and Archaeobotany* 14(4): 303-312


ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY
SPRING CONFERENCE
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER: 28th – 30th MARCH 2006

Novel Environmental Archaeology: Integrating New lines of Evidence and Rethinking Established Techniques

Registration and Booking Form

N.B.
- Please clearly circle your requirements and fill in the sub-total and total boxes
- Bookings should be returned by Friday 6th January 2006 – NOW EXTENDED TO 17th FEBRUARY

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The University will accept payments by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) or UK debit card. Please complete the attached card authorisation form. In the interests of security, do not return the credit card form electronically.

Bookings should be returned by Friday 17th February 2006

Return to Dr. Alan Outram, Dept. of Archaeology, Univ. of Exeter, Laver Building, North Park Rd, Exeter, EX4 4QE, UK
AEA ONE-DAY AUTUMN MEETING – REGISTRATION FORM

Sea Changes: Environmental Archaeology in the Marine Zone, From Coast to Continental Shelf

Tuesday 26th September 2006 at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Hampshire, UK

Abstract submission deadline: 16 June 2006
Registration deadline: 21 July 2006

Conference:
I wish to attend the one day conference on Tuesday 26th September (tea and coffee provided) at a cost of £6 (AEA-members/unwaged) / £9 (non AEA-members)*.

I do / not* wish to present orally / poster*.

Fieldtrip:
I do / not* wish to attend the field trip to Chichester Harbour on Wednesday 27th September (at an additional cost of £16, including exhibition, buffet lunch and solar boat tour).

I have enclosed total payment for £…………...

Please make cheques payable to ‘English Heritage’. Credit card payments can be made with the additional form.
Send registration forms and payment directly to: Christine Jackman, English Heritage, Fort Cumberland, Fort Cumberland Road, Eastney, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO4 9LD. Tel. 02392 856700.

Any other queries contact zoe.hazell@english-heritage.org.uk or andy.hammon@english-heritage.org.uk (tel. 02392 856700).

Signed…………………………........................

Name (block capitals)…………………………..

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NB. Lunch on 26th will not be provided, although there are numerous suitable eateries in the vicinity.

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Please note: the AEA one-day conference will be followed by the IFA-Maritime Affairs Group conference “Managing the Marine Cultural Heritage: The Significance” (27-28th September 2006).
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