

## **Annual General Meeting EXARC 2017**

Held at La Spezia  
26 May 2018

14:11h: Pascale opens

*Present Members, non-members & volunteers:* Pascale Barnes (UK), Linda Hurcombe (UK), Lara Comis (IE), Wiel van der Mark (NL), Katarina Badowska (PL), Wojciech Rutkowski (PL), Marcel Bartczak (PL), Barbara Klessig (USA), Lisa Guerra (IT), Elena Hawi (IT), Annachiara Penzo (IT), Maura Stefani (IT), Edoardo Ratti (IT), Arturs Tomsons (LV), Peter Inker (USA), Theresa Kamper (UK), Milica Tapavicki-Ilic (RS), Donatella Alessi (IT), Susanna Gasparini (IT), Johanna Niederkoffler (IT), Eric Wellarzhohn (IT), Magdalena Zielińska (NL), Roeland Paardekooper (NL)

23 people present

### Opening

Pascale Barnes, EXARC Board member, opens the Annual General Meeting at 13:00h.

- 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

The reports were presented by Magdalena Zielińska & Roeland Paardekooper. The number of EXARC members rose from 258 to 295 in 2017. At the end of 2017 we had members in 43 countries. We got 55 new members (thanks to the EAC10 conference) but we also lost 18 members in 2017. In the first four months of 2018, we welcomed 10 new members. Our members are evenly spread over Europe, with also a strong presence in North America.

On social media, we reach an audience of almost 22,000 people, a growth with 12% in 2017. We had an increase in website visitors with 10% to over 110,000, with a stable 29% coming from the US. We printed two EXARC Journal Digests (sent to our members and used as PR material) and published four online Journals, including 45 new articles. All online Journals went open access in June 2017. We made new PR material (folders, banners and shields), sent 12 newsletters to our members and worked on the new website which we presented in February 2018. This was our largest effort on PR and communication in the years 2016-2018.

EXARC hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Experimental Archaeology Conference #EAC10 in the Netherlands: 120 participants, 24 countries, 55 EXARC members and 60 papers & posters. There was also an EXARC session at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, USA. We were represented at Times & Epochs in Russia and at the EAA in the Netherlands. Finally, we co-hosted the EXARC & REARC Conference in the USA. A number of smaller trips took place around Europe to consult museums, represent EXARC or to learn from others.

In 2017, we were able to offer the Colonial Williamsburg – EXARC Fellowship, funding a one-month scholarship in residence at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in the US.

Over the years 2011-2016 our reserves grew from € 4,700 to almost € 11,500. We were able to save some costs during our EU project: webhosting, staff, postage and at the same time generated more income with sales and donations in those years. However, there was a big expense waiting ahead: the renewing of the website. The old one was made in 2012, and needed updating. The process took 2.5 years (ending up in 2018) leaving EXARC with reserves of € 5,000.

#### Auditors' Report on the previous year's finances

Luc Eekhout & Caroline Jeffra (Auditors 2017) give the following declaration: "We have audited the provisional financial report 2017 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. In our opinion the accounting 2017 of EXARC is correct and we propose to accept it."

Following on this, the Board 2017 is dismissed following Article 6.4 of the Charter. Javier Baena was thanked as she was leaving the Board.

#### Appointing new Board members

Roeland gives an overview of who is in the EXARC Board serving how many years. After a short presentation of the candidates, the following people were unanimously elected: for a second period of three years: Pascale Barnes & Milica Tapavicki-Ilic. Pascale Barnes will take the place of Vice Chair, Milica Tapavicki-Ilic will be the new EXARC Secretary. For a first period of three years, Linda Hurcombe is elected. She will serve as EXARC Board member.

#### Appointing new Auditors

The auditors for the year 2018 are Luc Eekhout and Caroline Jeffra.

#### Presentation of the plan for the forthcoming year

Magdalena Zielińska & Roeland Paardekooper explain the plans for 2018 and 2019. For 2018, we are planning two printed EXARC Journal Digests as well as four online EXARC Journal issues. We are still working on bits of the new website.

2018 is a year with a lot of travelling: we know we have to go out and meet our (prospective) members. In March, we assisted the first African Conference on Experimental Archaeology. In May, we were at the Paleofestival in Italy, greeting about 25 of our members. In September, we will be at the EAA again in Spain as well as cohost a conference on Archaeology for the People together with the State Cultural Reserve in Kernave, Lithuania. We will also attend a conference on archaeological open-air museums in Poland and end the year with the REARC conference in the USA.

We will also work hard on preparations for the large EAC11 conference in Italy in May 2019.

The EXARC plans are as follows:

- **Migration of people and artefacts** incl. educational programs and experiments - we will start with **Twinning of Members** in 2019.
- **Support for individual members, students & universities.**

- Make the website more a **network platform, open access, with every year more articles being published.**
- We are asked to be partner in **several EU projects**, submitted in 2018. We should know shortly if they are successful and what that means for members.

Our conclusions on the EXARC finances are as follows:

- Our long-term budget shows that our reserves will grow again from 2019 onward.
- The numbers are conservative and do not include the possible extra income from EU projects or sources of funding.
- 2018-2019 income is based on the higher fees (from 2018) and getting extra 45 members between 2016 and 2019.
- We intend to start with twinning of members in 2019, paying partly for the travels and other costs.
- We are asked to attend more conferences and workshops, talking about EXARC, archaeological open-air museums and experimental archaeology.

Adoption of a budget for the forthcoming year and setting the annual contribution  
Magdalena Zielińska presented the budget following on which the AGM approved it.

Mixed matters the members bring to the table

Pascale Barnes suggests EXARC will keep sharing the list of EXARC members with the members themselves. The AGM agrees with this.

Lara Comis mentions her research and her questionnaire; she will approach EXARC members for that.

Closing

Pascale Barnes thanks the secretariat and the EXARC members and closes the meeting at 14:56h.