

Annual General Meeting EXARC 2019

Held at the Faculty of letters of the University of Trento (IT) on May 2, 2019

Present members (42): Julia Heeb, Lara Comis, Caroline Jeffra, Theresa Emmerich Kamper, Wiel van der Mark, Peter Inker, Annelou van Gijn, Amber Sofia Roy, Alicia Sawyer, Marco Romeo Pitone, Fiona Hook, Jillian Garvey, Björn Buttler Jakobsen, Peter Vemming, Arturs Tomsons, Andrew Welton, Javier Baena Preysler, Maura Stefani, Wolfgang Lobisser, Jan-Oliver Zilker, Jim Glazzard, Jeyhun Eminli Christopher Bussutil, Jessi Berndt, Maurizio Cattani, Andrea La Torre, Martin Schmidt, Linda Hurcombe, Aidan O'Sullivan, Roeland Paardekooper, Pascale Barnes, Claus Detreköy, Milica Tapavicki-Illic, Yannis Chatzikonstantinou, Silje Ejventh Bentsen, Andrea Mariani, Andrea Moretti, Katharina Detreköy, Luca Bartoni, George Tomegea, Luigi Poglietta, Stefano Grimaldi

Present non-members: (4) Conchi Torres Navas, Eva Götting, Antje Wilton, Annalisa Costa

Absent (excused, 2): Bill Schindler, Annemarie Pothaar

Opening

Pascale Barnes opens the Annual General Meeting at 18:15h.

- 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

By the end of 2018, we had 315 members (was 295) in 41 countries. The total number of new members was 39, but 19 other members left in 2018. We have an even spread over Europe, and a small decrease in North America.

We had an increase in website visitors of **23% to over 134,400 sessions** per year.

On Social Media we reach an audience of over **24,000 people**.

We grew by **9%** within a year.

We printed two EXARC Journal Digests (and sent them to our members as well as universities and archaeological open-air museums not yet members) and published 62 new articles in four online Journals, more than ever before.

We made some new PR products, sent 13 newsletters to our members and did the final work on renewing our websites.

We were invited to join **several EU project applications**. One project (CRAFTER) was successful. This is a project about Bronze Age Pottery. EXARC's task is in communication and dissemination.

We had several conferences:

- **March:** African Conference on Experimental Archaeology, including keynotes by Bill Schindler & Javier Baena.
- **May:** EXARC at Paleofestival, Italy where we met many would-be EXARC members and had our AGM.
- **August:** EXARC in Moscow – Times & Epochs, 7 EXARC members were included in the 6,000 reenactors to a public of 5 million.
- **September:** Session: What we are learning from experimental archaeology? at the EAA in Barcelona (ES).
- **September:** Archaeology for the People: Exhibition, Experience and Performance, Kernave (LT). 40+ participants, of which many EXARC members.

- **October:** Archaeological Open-Air Museums: Reconstruction and Reenactment, Krosno (PL).
- **October:** CRAFTER workshop, Mula (ES) – meeting within the EU project.
- **November:** EXARC & REARC conference, Colonial Williamsburg (USA), including several EXARC members
- And about a dozen other meetings to consult museums, represent EXARC or to learn from others.

The Colonial Williamsburg Fellowship cooperation goes well. 2018 was the second year.

Finances

We raised the fees in 2018, which explains **€ 5,000** more incomes. The work on website was a large part of our budget (average **€ 6,000** a year). In 2018 we finished this 3 years' project, and the costs from 2019 are back to normal. The conference costs vary per year depending on how large a conference we organise. There were more travel costs in 2018, due in part to the CRAFTER project (**€ 1,400**) and our 2 main conferences: Paleofestival and in Kernave (over **€ 2,000** in costs). Office costs are high in 2018. The director abstained from half of his volunteer fee and got a laptop instead.

Auditors' Report on the previous year's finances

The auditors, Caroline Jeffra & Luc Eekhout, checked the books and suggest the AGM agree this and release the 2018 Board from their responsibilities.

The AGM agrees.

Appointing new Board members

Bill Schindler's second term ended. He cannot be re-elected. He was Chair.

Martin Schmidt's second term also ended and he cannot be re-elected. He was Member.

Pascale stands for re-election. If re-elected she would become EXARC Chair.

Claus' first term of three years has ended. He now stands for re-election as treasurer.

There are three candidates for the EXARC Board, and we have place for all three of them, leading to a board of nine people, which is the maximum size.

Candidates are:

- Javier Baena
- Julia Heeb
- Peter Inker

The three candidates present themselves.

Questioning if there were any other candidates, the answer was negative.

The following people were elected:

- Pascale Barnes (Chair)
- Javier Baena (Vice Chair)
- Claus Detreköy (Treasurer)
- Julia Heeb (Board member)
- Peter Inker (Board member)

Appointing new Auditors

Caroline Jeffra is still auditor for 2019, we need somebody to replace Luc Eekhout.
Yvonne Lammers volunteered and was elected accordingly for the years 2019-2021.

Presentation of the plan for the forthcoming year

PR & Publications

- We will publish two **Printed EXARC Journal Digests**. Both about 36-40 pages. One in April, the other around November.
- **Four online EXARC Journal Issues** are planned: February, May, August and November. We aim to publish between **50 and 70 articles**.
- We are checking the EXARC website to comply with current **copyright and privacy legislation**.
- We will apply to getting the EXARC Journal listed in the **Directory of Open Access Journals**.

Conferences

- March: **Tourisma**, Firenze (IT)
- May: **EAC11**, Trento (IT)
- May: **Session on Experimental Archaeology** in Negotin (RS)
- September: the **ICOM General Conference** in Kyoto (JP)
- October: **ICA II**, Sorbonne/Melle (FR)
- October: **EXARC & REARC Conference** (USA)

EXARC Plan

- **EXARC Twinning: migration of people and artefacts** incl. educational programs and experiments.
- **Support for individual members, museums, groups, students & universities**.
- Submit an EU funding bid.
- Finalise the EXARC Vision, we have been working on since end of 2017.

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

Claus Detreköy, Treasurer, continues the presentation about the Finances 2019-2020

- EAC11 was a huge post in 2019, forming 40% of our revenues. The costs of the conference are booked under different posts, that is why PR costs are quite high in 2019 (**€ 3,000** more than in other years).
- Our PR campaign includes sending Digest to all Universities doing EA and AOAMs who are not yet members (**€ 1,500**).
- We started with Twinning in 2019, the costs are **€ 2,500**, other travel costs include attendance at EAC11.
- We are part of CRAFTER until end 2019; several costs under PR Website (**€ 1,150**), part of Digest (**€ 650**) and some travels are paid by the EU.
- The numbers are conservative and do not include possible extra income from EU projects. It is based on a growth with 15 members a year.

- 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 projects** and **generated more income** with sales and donations.
- However, renewing the website (2016-2018) was very expensive. This brought our reserves down to **€ 7,250**.
- Our reserves are again increasing, up to **€ 10,000 in 2021**.
- We introduced **Twinning** and are working on different EU applications.

The Treasurer explains the difference in fees between individual members, category 1 and institutional members, category 2. He suggests to slowly raise the fees for institutional members, category 2. This will be as follows: 2019: **€ 60**, 2020: **€ 70**, 2021: **€ 80**

The AGM agrees. A table with all agreed fees for the coming years will be published online.

The Treasurer shows how the number of volunteer hours in EXARC rose from 2000 in 2016 to 3,200 in 2018. We have reached a ceiling and have to change our way of working. The AGM gives a standing ovation for Magda & Roeland, and for Katka in her absence.

Mixed matters the members bring to the table

- *Biörn Jakobsen*: it is great to see how EXARC grows
- *Aidan O' Sullivan*: if we talk about climate change: EXARC should consider what we are going to do about it. Part of it is the reduction of flight emissions. I ask that EXARC begins to consider about our role in climate change. Should we include live streaming of our conferences? It would increase participation of young scholars from the global south as well as early career researchers
- *Linda Hurcombe*: the EAC Conference comes back to Exeter in 2021 which is a special year both to the MA of Exeter and to EXARC.

Closing

Pascale Barnes thanks all and closed at 19:15h.