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Editorial

Words from the President

Dear Members of the European Anthropological Association,

Greetings from Cambridge. Following a very successful and enjoyable congress in Zagreb in August 2016 a subcommittee of the EAA Board met in October to review the regulations and to generate new Statutes and Ordinances. These have been completed and appear on the EAA website. Other changes agreed at the General Assembly in Zagreb were (a) membership fees will be paid every two years and the fee for 2017-2018 will be 20 Euros for ordinary members and 10 Euros for student members. Honorary members will pay no fee. The deadline for payment of the fee is 31st December in the year preceding the EAA Council and Board elections (i.e. 31st December, 2017) (b) from 2018 the new EAA Council will be elected in April, followed by elections to the new EAA Board in May and both new EAA Council and Board will start on 1 July (c) the procedure for election of the EAA Board has been simplified (d) in normal circumstances the tenure of the Secretary General and Treasurer will increase from 2 to 4 years and (e) the president shall serve for a maximum of 4 years (i.e. two terms) and cannot seek re-election.

It was a great pleasure to award Professor Pavao Rudan Honorary membership of the European Anthropological Association in Zagreb. Pavao is one of the founding fathers of the EAA. Unfortunately, we had to announce the passing away on 19th December 2016 of Professor Derek Roberts (aged 91 years) another founding father. An obituary appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

This summer Professor Maria Kazmarek is organising an EAA sponsored summer school in Poznan on the topic 'Human growth and nutrition and their applications to health; applied statistical analyses' from 12-22 July 2017 inclusive. All 20 places have been taken with participants from 7 countries (Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Pakistan, Poland, Russia and Turkey) and a good mix of postdocs, PhD and Masters students. The lecturers will be Professors Barry Bogin, Noël Cameron, Nick Mascie-Taylor and Ines Varela Silva.

The EAA Council and Board will meet in Poznan on Friday, 21st July, 2017 so if there are any matters you wish the Council and Board to discuss please contact the Secretary General, Professor Annamária Zsákai (zsakaia@elte.hu).

The venues for the next two EAA congresses have been decided. The 21st congress will be held in Odense, Denmark from 22-25 August, 2018 under the auspices of Professor Jesper Boldsen and the 22nd congress will be in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2020 (dates to be confirmed but probably towards the end of August) under the auspices of Professor Janina Tutkuvienė.

Finally, I thank all those people who keep the EAA running on our behalf and especially our Secretary General, Professor Annamária Zsákai, and Treasurer Professor Pilar Montero. Sincere thanks to Professor Noël Cameron and Dr Rachel Deevey for organising and preparing the Newsletter.

Professor Nick Mascie-Taylor

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EAA News

Elections

Results - EAA BOARD 2016-2018 election:

26 Council members voted from the 31 elected members until the 21st of August (24.00).

The EAA Board for 2016-2018:

President: Nicholas Mascie-Taylor

Vice-Presidents (in alphabetic order): Jesper L. Boldsen, Erksin Gulec, Michael Hermanussen, and Maria Kaczmarek

General Treasurer: Pilar Montero

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Minutes

EAA Council Meeting - Zagreb, Croatia, 25th August 2016

Present: J. Boldsen, N. Cameron, E. Godina, E. Gülec, M. Hermanussen, M. Kaczmarek, E. Kobylansky, N. Mascie-Taylor, P. Montero, M. Roelants, T. Satake, J. Tutkuvienė, M. Vidovic, A. Zsákai

Apologies: P. Bennike, P. Blaha, F. Demoulin, R. Jankauskas, E. Rabino-Massa, E. Rebato, A-M. Tillier, G. Veldre

1. Apologies for absence

The President, Prof. Nicholas Mascie-Taylor, noted that 8 Council members had indicated that they were unable to attend the meeting. Altogether 14 members of the Council were present, so the President announced that the Council meeting was quorate.

2. Report on the EAA Council Elections

Of 312 members, only 82 members voted to elect the EAA Council. The Council expressed concern that so few members had voted and agreed that members should be encouraged to vote. The continued use of electronic voting for Council elections was approved. According to the EAA Statutes and Regulations the elected Council members were informed about their election and were requested to acknowledge acceptance of their nomination as Council Member. The following Council Members were elected to serve from 2016 to 2018 (in alphabetical order): Pia Bennike, Pavel Blaha, Jesper L. Boldsen, Noël Cameron, Brunetto Chiarelli, Françoise Demoulin, Eva Drozdova, Elena Godina, Erksin Gülec, Michael Hermanussen, Rimantas Jankauskas, Maria Kaczmarek, Eugene Kobylansky, Robert Malina, Nicholas Mascie-Taylor, Pilar Montero, Natalya Polina, Nickos Poulianos, Emma Rabino-Massa, Esther Rebato, Mathieu Roelants, Pavao Rudan, Inessa Salivon, Takashi Satake, Charles Susanne, Anne-Marie Tillier, Janina Tutkuvienė, Gudrun Veldre, Maruska Vidovic, Levon Yepiskopossian and Annamária Zsákai.

3. Report on the EAA Board Elections

The members of the new EAA Council were asked whether they intended to be a candidate for a position on the new EAA Board and to indicate what kind of service they could offer as a Board Member. Altogether 26 Council Members voted by the deadline of 21st August 2016. The membership of the new EAA Board to serve from 2016 to 2018: President: N. Mascie-Taylor, Vice-Presidents: J.L. Boldsen, E. Gülec, M. Hermanussen, M. Kaczmarek, General Treasurer: P. Montero, Adjunct-Treasurer: E. Rebato, General Secretary: A. Zsákai. The EAA Board co-opted N. Cameron as Adjunct Secretary in his capacity of Editor of the Newsletter at the Board meeting on the 27th August 2016. The continued use of the electronic voting was approved for election of the EAA Board. Two Council Members who did not apply for any Board position, E. Godina and J. Tutkuvienė, were asked to serve the elections as inspectors of the online elections (more details on EAA elections can be found in the report of the General Secretary).

4. Procedures for election to the EAA Board

The EAA Council proposed changes in the regulations relating to the election of the EAA Board. A voting bulletin shall be sent out to each Council Member. Except for the Vice-President, if there is more than one candidate for any EAA Board position, council members may only vote for one candidate at each position. If there are more than 4 candidates for Vice-President, council members may only vote for up to 4 candidates. Voting is secret and shall occur by electronic ballot. To be eligible voting bulletins must be received within 30 days by the General Secretary.

5. Minutes of the Council Meetings 2014 and 2015

The EAA Council meeting 2014 was held during the 19th EAA Congress in Moscow, Russia (26th August 2014) and the Council meeting in 2015 during the 19th Congress of the Spanish Association of Physical Anthropology in Madrid, Spain (23rd June 2015). The minutes were approved.

6. Pre-congress awards for up to 3 students for oral presentation

A new award for students was introduced in 2016 whereby up to 3 students could each receive an award of 500 Euros for an oral presentation which provided free registration at the Zagreb EAA Congress as well as a contribution to travel costs. Only one award was given to Ms Violeta Bartuskiene, Department of Anatomy, Histology and Anthropology, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania on 'The effect of maternal undernutrition on the offspring growth trajectory and adipocyte profile'. The Council members were asked to make students aware of the Pre-congress Student Award, since the purpose of this award is to help student members to participate in EAA Congresses.

7. Best student poster presentation

The EAA Council nominated 4 Council members (Elena Godina, Janina Tutkuvienė, Mathieu Roelants, Annamária Zsákai) as adjudicators. All student posters (the first author had to be a student) automatically participated in the competition. The EAA Council specified the main evaluation criteria. The 3 winners of the Best Student Poster Presentations (each received 200 Euros) were:

Ms Veronika Kovacova (Masaryk University, Faculty of Science, Department of Anthropology, Brno, Czech Republic) on 'The assessment of the semicircular canals and cochlea of the human bone labyrinth using imaging techniques'.

Ms Sara Varano (Centre of Molecular Anthropology for Ancient DNA Studies, Department of Biology, University of Rome "Tor Vergata", Rome, Italy) on 'Feeding in Imperial Rome: Isotope variation in several communities of the Roman Suburbium'.

Ms Sanni Oversti (University of Helsinki, Department of Biosciences, Helsinki, Finland) on 'Local demographic patterns buried in the present-day mtDNA pool: Finland as an example'.

8. Report of the President

After the EAA meeting in Moscow, the EAA Board co-opted Professor Pilar Montero as the General Treasurer. The President visited Bilbao in January 2015 in order to discuss financial aspects of the

EAA with Professors Rebato and Montero. The President also investigated the possibility of opening a Euro account in the UK but the costs were quite prohibitive. Subsequently the EAA funds were transferred from a bank account in Bilbao to Madrid. In May 2015 the President visited the General Secretary in Budapest in order to discuss the EAA Council and Board agendas ahead of the meetings in Madrid in July 2015. The President chaired the EAA Council and Board meetings in Madrid. Subsequently there has been regular contact with the General Secretary and Treasurer on EAA related matters. The President sincerely thanked both the General Secretary and Treasurer for all their work on behalf of the EAA as well the support of the EAA Council and EAA Board members.

9. Honorary Membership of the EAA

According to the EAA Statutes and Regulations Honorary Members are elected by the Council. Membership is awarded to experts in the field of Anthropology who have made an important contribution to European Anthropology. Before the Congress Prof. Pavao Rudan (Zagreb, Croatia), the former director of the Croatian Institute for Anthropological Research and the General Secretary of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, was nominated as a new Honorary Member of the European Anthropological Association. The Council unanimously approved his Honorary Membership nomination and acknowledged his remarkable role and activity in the life of the EAA; Prof. Rudan is one of the founder fathers of the EAA, one of the past EAA presidents, vice-presidents and secretaries as well as EAA congress organiser.

10. Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary, Annamária Zsákai reported her work in the organisation of the EAA Council and Board elections, the EAA student award competitions, the Review Board of the 20th EAA Congress and in the administrative work of the Association. More details of the General Secretary's report can be found in this Newsletter. The General Secretary was warmly thanked for her work on behalf of the EAA.

11. Report of the Treasurer

The General Treasurer, Pilar Montero presented a detailed report of the EAA financial affairs, which was accepted. She reported that the change in the EAA account has caused considerable misunderstanding among the local treasurers and among members, so after the change in account membership, payments have faltered for some months. The Council thanked her for the enormous amount of work undertaken over the last 2 years. The Council also thanked Esther Rebato, the former General Treasurer, for her help in the transition of funds from Bilbao to Madrid.

12. Report on the EAA Website

The EAA website manager, Annamária Zsákai asked for the help of EAA members, the Council and Board members in the updating work of the EAA website by sending news from their countries, universities and institutes.

13. Report on the EAA Newsletter

The Editor reported that the first newsletter in the new format had been produced and requested feedback on its contents. There was also a proposal to produce a new EAA logo. The Editor was congratulated on publishing the Newsletter before the EAA Congress. The aim is to publish the Newsletter at 6 monthly intervals.

14. Proposal to change the EAA regulations

A review of the EAA regulations started at the Council meeting in Madrid. Work is progressing on updating the EAA regulations and the Council agreed to form a committee of Noël Cameron, Michael Hermanussen and Nicholas Mascie-Taylor to bring suggested changes to the EAA Council meeting in 2017 with the aim of presenting all changes to be ratified by the General Assembly in Odense in 2018. The new changes concern the membership fees and the date and procedure of the election of the EAA Council and Board. The Council made the following main proposals: The Council recommended that the biennial fee from 2017 will be 20 Euros for ordinary members and 10 Euros for student members. The deadline for payment of the fee will be December 31st in the year preceding the EAA Council and Board

elections. From 2018 the new EAA Council will be elected in April, followed by elections to the new EAA Board in May and both the new EAA Council and Board will start on 1 July. A voting bulletin shall be sent out to each Council Member. Except for Vice-President, if there is more than one candidate for any EAA Board position, council members may only vote for one candidate at each position. If there are more than 4 candidates for Vice-President, council members may only vote for up to 4 candidates. To be eligible voting bulletins must be received within 20 days by the General Secretary. In normal circumstance the tenure of the Secretary General and Treasurer will increase from 2 years to 4 years. Presidents shall serve for a maximum of 4 years.

15. Proposal to reinstate the summer school in 2017

The Council warmly accepted the proposal from Professor Kazmarek to hold a summer school in Poznan in July 2017. The main topics of the course will cover nutrition, growth and statistics. Up to 20 postgraduate students will be able to attend and preference will be given to PhD students. The Council recommended that 5,000 Euros should be set aside to support participant travel and accommodation costs.

16. Proposal for EAA book series with Berghahn

The President asked the Council to suggest topics for a possible EAA publication, such a publication would be published by the Berghahn Books (Oxford, UK). The Chief Executive Officer contacted Nicholas Mascie-Taylor to discuss with the Association having an EAA book series in Biological Anthropology. The Council warmly agreed that the President should open discussions with Berghahn. Two topics were proposed on laboratory procedures in human biology and field methods in human ecology. The Council is open to every proposal for more topics and book chapters connecting to the proposed topics that could be outstanding contributions towards the scientific community of biological anthropology.

17. Venue for EAA Council meeting 2017

The Council decided that the EAA Council meeting 2017 would be held in Poznan during the EAA Summer School organized by Maria Kaczmarek.

18. Update on 2018 Congress in Odense, Denmark

Jesper Boldsen presented the main details of the EAA 2018 Congress in Odense, Denmark. The main purposes of the Organising Committee are to set registration fees as low as possible, especially for students, to help participants find inexpensive accommodation near to the congress venue and to organise a very interesting scientific meeting for the researchers and students, especially for students to become acquainted with as many research topics as possible. Information on the 21st EAA Congress will be announced on the EAA website and at the official website of the Congress as soon as possible.

19. Venue for 2020 Congress

A tentative proposal has been received to hold the 2020 EAA Congress in Lithuania. The Council assigned the EAA Board to make the decision on the location of the 2020 Congress before the EAA Congress in 2018, if the Lithuanian application was received.

EAA Board Meeting - Zagreb, Croatia, 26th August 2016

Present: J.L. Boldsen, N. Cameron, M. Hermanussen, E. Gulec, M. Kaczmarek, N. Mascie-Taylor, P. Montero, A. Zsákai
Apologies: E. Rebato

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Professor Rebato. Altogether 8 members of the Council were present at the meeting, so the President announced that the Council meeting was quorate.

2. Report on the EAA Board Elections

26 Council members voted for the new Board.

3. Membership of the new EAA Board to serve from 2016 to 2018 is as follows:

President	Nick Mascie-Taylor
Vice-Presidents	Jesper Boldsen Erksin Gulec Michael Hermanussen Maria Kaczmarek
General Secretary	Annamária Zsákai
Treasurer	Pilar Montero
Adjunct Treasurer	Esther Rebato

The new Board membership was noted.

4. Co-option

The Board co-opted Professor Cameron as Adjunct Secretary in his capacity as Editor of the Newsletter.

5. Procedure for election to EAA Board

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Council to change the method of electing board members. A voting bulletin shall be sent out to each Council Member. Except for Vice-President, if there is more than one candidate for any EAA Board position, council members may only vote for one candidate at each position. If there are more than 4 candidates for Vice-President, council members may only vote for up to 4 candidates. Voting is secret and shall occur by electronic ballot. To be eligible voting bulletins must be received within 30 days by the General Secretary.

6. Date of elections of EAA Council and EAA Board members

The Board proposed that elections to the EAA Council should take place every two years, in even years, in April, followed by the EAA Board elections in May and the new Board should commence from July 1st.

7. Financial matters

The EAA accounts were audited by Erksin Gulec and Elena Godina. The EAA Board approved the accounts.

8. Minutes of the Board Meetings 2014 and 2015

The minutes were approved by the Board.

9. Proposal to change the EAA regulations

The EAA Board accepted the recommendations of the EAA Council to change the regulations on fees and voting.

(a) For an initial period of up to 4 years from 2017 fees will be paid biennially (every 2 years). All ordinary members will pay a fee of 20 Euros and all students will pay a fee of 10 Euros.

(b) In order to be eligible to vote at the General Assembly and for the election of the EAA Council membership fees must be paid by 31st December of the year preceding the elections. The EAA Board proposed additional regulation changes to functions of the EAA Board, Tenure of the General Secretary and Treasurer and dates of elections.

(c) The functions of the EAA Board which it shall exercise itself and may not delegate shall be:

- to take executive decisions on behalf of the EAA,
- to consider and act on all recommendations made by the EAA Council,
- to consider and approve the strategic direction of the EAA,
- to exercise guardianship over, and ensure effective management, control and the use of EAA assets and resources,
- to ensure that financial accounts are kept and that a biennial statement of the EAA's finances is prepared, audited and approved,
- for all executive decisions to be notified to the EAA Council between General Assemblies,
- for all executive decisions to be presented and discussed at the subsequent General Assembly.

(d) In normal circumstances the tenure of the General Secretary and General Treasurer will increase from 2 years to 4 years.

(e) From 2018 the new EAA Council will be elected in April, followed by elections to the new EAA Board in May and both the new EAA Council and Board will start on 1 July.

10. Proposal to reinstate the summer school in 2017

The EAA Board accepted the recommendation to reinstate the summer school starting in 2017. The school will be held in Poznan, Poland, under the auspices of Maria Kazmarek with a title of

"Human growth and nutrition and their applications to health; applied statistical analyses".

Jesper L. Boldsen provisionally offered to hold a summer school in Denmark in 2019.

11. Proposal for EAA book series with Berghahn Books

The EAA Board agreed that the President should contact Berghahn Books with the aim of setting up an EAA book series with a proposed focus on methodology (laboratory and field methods).

12. Proposal to change the EAA regulations

The EAA Board accepted the recommendation of the EAA Council to form a committee of Noël Cameron, Michael Hermanussen and Nicholas Mascie-Taylor to bring suggested changes to the EAA regulations to the EAA Council meeting in 2017 with the aim of presenting all changes to be ratified by the General Assembly in Odense in 2018.

13. Update on 2018 Congress in Odense, Denmark

Jesper Boldsen gave a brief overview of preparations for the 21st congress.

14. Venue of 2020 Congress

Janina Tutkuvienė agreed to consider holding the 2020 Congress in Vilnius, Lithuania.

[The next EAA Council and Board Meetings will be held during the EAA Summer School in the Collegium Biologicum AMU in Poznan, Poland \(details on pg.11 of this newsletter\) on 21 July 2017](#)

Reports

Report of the General Secretary (2014-2016)

Before my report I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Pilar Montero, the EAA General Treasurer, who provided me with the information on those members who had paid their fees, and also to Professor Nicholas Mascie-Taylor, the EAA President, for his collaboration and support and Professor Eva Bodzsar, the EAA Honorary Member, who has helped me with her experience and suggestions. I would also like to express my special thanks to the Local Treasurers and National Representatives for their collaboration.

As the General Secretary of the European Anthropological Association my main duties are to manage the administration of the Association by cooperating with the General Treasurer and by following the Board decisions and the EAA regulations, and to manage the EAA website. My secretarial activities between 2012 and 2014 can be summarised as follows:

1) The most important EAA task was to organise the Council and Board elections. Both the Council and the Board elections were performed via online ballots according to the General Assembly's decision (Moscow, Russia, 2014). Due to insufficient membership information (delayed payments, members were contacted and reminded individually in many cases) the voting site of online Council election was open only from the 21st of June and the elections were closed at the 11th of July. A total of 82 members voted. On the basis of the voting results 31 members were asked to acknowledge being an EAA Council Member for 2016–2018, and finally all the 31 members accepted their Council Membership (the list of EAA Council 2016-2018 members is provided at the end of my report).

The Council Members were asked to state if they wished to be a candidate for a position on the new EAA Board by indicating which position they wished to apply for, and what kind of service they could offer as a Board member. The voting bulletin for EAA Board election was finalised on the basis of the Council Members' replies on the

12th of August, and the voting site was open between the 12th and 21st of August. The elected members of the Council and the Board were informed via email immediately after the closing of the election sites. I thank the work of Professor Elena Godina and Professor Janina Tutkuvienė as inspectors of the online elections.

My suggestion is to change the EAA regulations in this aspect: A member will be considered as being in good standing if their fee is paid by the end of April (and not May) of the current year. This change could help us to start the elections earlier and to get the results of the elections earlier than we have in the last two elections.

2) It was also my task to organise the EAA Student Award(s) for the Best Student Oral Presentation competition. On the basis of the Council decision (Madrid, Spain, 2015) the Award 2016 was announced to the EAA members via email and on the EAA website. Only one application arrived, the application was evaluated and accepted by the Board. The applicant has already received the 500 Euro to help her participate at the 2016 EAA congress in Zagreb.

3) As the member of the EAA Board I was invited to participate in the International Scientific Committee of the 20th EAA congress. Our task was to review the submitted abstracts. I reviewed many abstracts in this process. My suggestion is not to show the name and the affiliation of the authors in such a review process to avoid any personal interest problems.

4) As the General Secretary my task was to contact regularly the Organising Committee of the 20th EAA Congress and to supply the Committee information on the EAA regulations, EAA members, etc.

5) The forthcoming EAA General Assembly was announced (27.08.2016, 15.30, Zagreb, Croatia).

6) The General Treasurer, the President and I organized an inter-congress EAA Council meeting in 2015 (23.06.2015, at the XIXth Congress of the Spanish Association of Physical Anthropology, Madrid, Spain).

7) I regularly update the EAA website with news and information I receive about the field of

biological anthropology. I have to emphasise that this source of information is still very weak. Therefore, let me ask the help of the EAA Members and the help of the Council and Board Members to update the EAA website with news from their countries, universities and institutes. All the useful information, which I receive as EAA website manager, is transferred to Professor Noël Cameron, the Editor of the EAA Newsletter.

August 2016, Budapest, Hungary
Annamária Zsákai

20th Congress of the European Anthropological Association

August 24-28, 2016, Zagreb, Croatia

The 20th EAA Congress was held in Zagreb, Croatia, from August 24th to August 28th, 2016. The congress was opened by dr. Sasa Missoni, the Director of the Institute for Anthropological Research and the President of the Congress. Professor Pavao Rudan, General Secretary of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Honourable President of the Congress, Professor Zvonko Kusic, President of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Professor Nicholas Mascie Taylor, President of the European Anthropological Association and Professor Zeljko Reiner, President of the Croatian Parliament and delegates were also welcomed on behalf of the University. It was particularly important that our 20th anniversary congress was organised in Zagreb, since the foundation of the European Anthropological Association was declared in this city in 1976 and the 1st EAA Congress (1977) was also held in Zagreb. The EAA Council and Board awarded Prof. Pavao Rudan, the former director of the Croatian Institute for Anthropological Research, the General Secretary of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Honorary Membership of the Association to acknowledge his remarkable role and activity in the life of the EAA (inter alia he is one of the founder fathers of the EAA, he was one of the EAA presidents, vice-presidents and secretaries and EAA congress organisers). The 20th EAA Congress was organised by the Institute for Anthropological Research in Zagreb

under the leadership of Prof. Sasa Missoni. Altogether 169 participants, (including 37 students), presented the results of their latest research at the Congress. The participants came from 26 countries, mostly from Europe, but a number of participants came from non-European countries as well. The oral and poster presentations were grouped into the following sections: Anthropological Archaeology, Applied Anthropology, Growth and Development, Human Diversity, Miscellaneous, Human Evolution, Humans and Environment, Molecular Anthropology and Physiological Anthropology sections. The plenary lectures of the Congress were given by the following well-known professors:

- Prof. Noël Cameron (Loughborough, UK): Cultural cues for research priorities in anthropology.
- Prof. Igor Rudan (Edinburgh, UK): Measuring ideas: The CHNRI method.
- Prof. Struan Grant (Struan Grant, PA, USA): GWAS only finds signals; 3D genomics finds the genes.
- Prof. Gordan Lauc (Zagreb, Croatia): Age-related changes in the IgG glycome: Biomarkers or drivers of health deterioration.
- Prof. Svante Paabo (Leipzig, Germany): Of Neanderthals, Denisovans and modern humans.
- Prof. Damir Marjanovic (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina): Challenges in the molecular-genetics identification of the human remains.
- Prof. Hermanussen Michael (Altenhof, Germany): As tall as my peers – the community effect on height.

The EAA Council awarded the best student oral and poster presentations. The pre-Congress student award for oral presentation was given to Ms Violeta Bartuskiene (Vilnius, Lithuania), while the best student awards were awarded to Ms Veronika Kovacova (Brno, Czech Republic), Ms Sanni Oversti (Helsinki, Finland) and Ms Sara Varano (Rome, Italy).

The new EAA Council (2016-2018) held its first meeting during the congress as well. The new EAA Board (2016-2018) was elected before the congress by the members of the new Council, and the EAA Board also held its first meeting

before the General Assembly of the Association. Both the list of Council and Board members can be seen on page 3 of this newsletter and the minutes of the Council and Board meetings are given on pages 4 and 7 of this newsletter, respectively. The General Assembly of the Association discussed and accepted the corrections of the EAA regulations suggested by the EAA Board and Council, i.e. changes to membership fees, the dates of EAA Council and Board elections and the procedures by which the EAA Council and Board will be elected from 2018. The most important information on the next EAA Congress (Odense, Denmark, 22-25 August, 2018) was introduced by Prof. Jesper Boldsen during the EAA meetings. It was notified that the 2020 congress will be held in Vilnius, Lithuania under the auspices of Prof. Janina Tutkuvienė. The Summer school (Poznan, Poland, July, 2017, topic: Human growth and nutrition and their applications to health; applied statistical analyses) was also announced during the General Assembly by Prof. Maria Kaczmarek

From the very beginning, the Zagreb meeting was able to provide us with a very pleasant and congenial atmosphere. In such an excellent atmosphere both the scientific and social activities were very effective and fruitful for all of us.

EAA Summer School 2017

**SUMMER SCHOOL
OF BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

**HUMAN GROWTH AND NUTRITION
AND THEIR APPLICATIONS
TO HEALTH**

Receive advanced knowledge and skills that are useful for research activities conducted on your behalf

12 July – 22 July 2017
Collegium Biologicum, AMU
Poznań, Poland
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Summer School in Biological Anthropology SSBA - Human Growth and Nutrition and their Applications to Health

12 July – 22 July 2017
**Collegium Biologicum, Adam Mickiewicz
University, Poznań, Poland**

The European Anthropological Association in cooperation with the Faculty of Biology at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland, cordially invite postgraduate students and young scholars to attend this ten day intensive course of lectures and hands-on activities.

The programme of this summer school will give an extended framework review of the complex relation between nutrition, physical growth and health and nutrition-related health problems, evolutionary and developmental origins of disease, various methods and analytical techniques that can be applied to the

community health assessment. The course is taught by the world's greatest experts in the field of human auxology and offers participants the unique opportunity to widen their skills and competences in designing research activities conducted on their own behalf. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to identify and explain complex relationships between all of the variables using multivariate mathematical models. They will be able to define basic concepts in nutritional and epidemiologic transition, evolutionary and development origins of chronic diseases. Some of the proposed topics include:

- The biology of growth
- Human life history evolution
- Evolution of human nutrition
- Nutritional and epidemiologic transition
- Growth and health in transitional economies

- Developmental origins of health and disease: critical periods
- Human growth as an indicator of social and economic change
- Intergenerational effects in biocultural perspective
- Biostatistics

Key-note speakers: Professors: Barry Bogin and Noël Cameron (Loughborough University, UK), C G Nicholas Mascie-Taylor (Cambridge University, UK), and Dr. Maria Ines Varela Silva (Loughborough University, UK)

Course leader: For any further information please contact prof. Maria Kaczmarek by e-mail: makac@amu.edu.pl

ALL PLACES AT THE SUMMER SCHOOL ARE NOW TAKEN

[Appeal to EAA Members](#)

[Could all members please take a moment to look at their personal data on the EAA website and update it where necessary. We currently have a lot of outdated information for members.](#)

EAA Logo

With the relaunch of the EAA newsletter we think it is an appropriate time to redesign the EAA logo. Here are two proposed designs and we ask that you vote for A), B), C) or D) via email to Noël Cameron or Rachel Deevey (email addresses on page 2 of newsletter). The design with the highest number of votes will be adopted for our newsletter.

A)



B)



C)



D)



Meetings and Summer Schools 2017

2017 Conference organised by the Institute of History of National Academy of Science of Belarus

THE INSTITUTE OF HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF BELARUS

Invites members of the European
Anthropological Association to take part in the
International Research-to-Practice Conference

**“Anthropology of family: historical, socio-
economic and biological aspects of researches”**

28–30 June 2017

Place of the Conference: The Institute of History
of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Working languages: English, Belarusian, Russian

The Organising Committee address: Department
of Anthropology, Institute of History of NAS of
Belarus, Akademicheskaya 1, Minsk, 220072,
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2842796; **E-mail: belantrop@tut.by**

The main highlights of the conference are:

1. Methodical approaches and methodological principles of the analysis of data in modern anthropological researches.
2. Variability of physical type of the population in generations according to paleoanthropology.

3. Researches of cultural and biological adaptive processes of populations in ancient times and at the present stage.

4. Historical and ethnographic and demographic aspects of research of a family.

5. Physical development of the children's population in connection with the socio-economic status of the family.

Within the conference will be held the methodical seminar "Classical methods in the context of modernity. Part 1. The Craniometry". If you wish to participate in the workshop this should be indicated in the application.

Terms of application: deadline for application is May 1, 2017. The title of the report, name, scientific position of the author(s), institution, contact address(es), phone number(s), e-mail, information on multimedia needs should be specified

Conference proceedings will be published in the annual issue "Aktual'nye voprosy antropologii". Digital (*.doc or *.rtf documents) and two paper copies of the article should be delivered in Russian (Belarusian) or English language. The article should be performed according to the next rules: Volume – up to 7 pages, Font – Times New Roman, Font size – 14 points (12 points for Russian (Belarusian) summary, key words, titles of pictures and tables, table contents), Interval – unary. Paragraph indentation – 1 cm. Fields: upper – 2, lower – 2, left – 2, right – 2. The summary in the beginning of the text should be in Russian, at the end of the text – in English. Key words in Russian (Belarusian) language after the summary. The main text (preferably) should include the next subheads: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, Conclusions, Literature. References in the text should be given in square brackets; the list of

literature sources grouped according to the alphabet. The pictures and any other graphic objects – only black-white (gray gradations) – obligatory included in the article file (tif. format, quality 600 dpi). The number according to Universal Decimal classification should be assigned to the article. Deadline: December 31, 2017.

The Organising Committee is authorised to choose the papers to be presented at the conference and the articles to be published in the special issue.

Travel expenses, meal and accommodation reimbursement are at the expense of the delegating organisations.

[International Summer School](#) [“Child and Adolescent Growth and Nutrition”](#)

[Potsdam – Gülpe, Germany](#)

3-6 July 2017

Application – Deadline 15.3.2017

The Summer School includes:

1. An initial statistical seminar at the University of Potsdam (Monday morning), transfer to Gülpe in the afternoon
2. A “retreat working week” at Gülpe (Monday evening to Friday evening), in the middle of nowhere (52.7335°N, 12.2115°E), with both intensive work and cheerful social activity
3. Soiree on Friday - final presentation
4. After breakfast on Saturday transfer back to Potsdam
5. Instructions for a relaxed weekend in Potsdam or Berlin

We expect that:

1. Every participant brings her/his own data (modern as well as historical) from her/his home university to be analysed during the Summer School in cooperation with the other participants

2. Every participant presents the analysis of her/his data at the final seminar on Friday afternoon

3. Every participant prepares a manuscript to be published in a peer-reviewed international journal within the next 6 months

4. Every participant should read the book “Auxology – Studying Human Growth and development” (<http://www.schweizerbart.de/9783510652785>) before

The number of participants is limited to 20. If you are interested, please send your application as soon as possible, but not later than March 15th 2017 to:

Dr. Christiane Scheffler, University of Potsdam, Human Biology

christiane.scheffler@uni-potsdam.de

The application includes short curriculum vitae, your publication list, your motivation, and a short description of your data set that is being analysed during the retreat working week.

[Sardinian Scientific School](#)

[“Nutritional status within life cycle and among populations: anthropometric and body composition methods of assessment”](#)

[Cagliari, Italy](#)

28 August – 1 September 2017

This scientific summer school is organised by the Department of Life and Environmental Sciences (University of Cagliari, Italy) with the contribution

of Sardegna Recherche under the project "Scientific School 2016/2017"

The aim of the school is to provide theoretical competence on the biomedical relevance of nutritional status, on intra/inter-population variability, on methodological principles of diagnostic techniques used in various experimental and applications contexts. Participants will also learn the use of anthropometric and body composition

instruments and techniques, both traditional and innovative, for the analysis of nutritional status.

The school will consist of lectures and laboratory activities, given by national and international leaders, and will take place over a period of 5 days in the Polaris Technology Park (Pula, Italy)

Please see <https://sssnsa.wordpress.com/> for further details

Commentary

BREXIT and British Universities in Europe

I write this article on 29th March 2017 the day on which the British Prime Minister, Theresa May, will trigger "Article 50" and begin a two year process culminating in the UK leaving the European Union. This will mark the end of a political and cultural relationship that has lasted for 44 years. I emphasise the cultural relationship because there is no doubt that after four and half decades of being "European" the British people cannot and should not simply forget this cultural affiliation and the many associations and collaborations that have resulted from this union. Not the least of these is the many fruitful partnerships formed by universities and academics throughout Europe resulting in 80% of UK published papers being co-authored with academics from within the EU.

The decision to leave the EU was taken in a national referendum on 23rd June 2016 and Universities were amongst the first to react with statements put out to students and staff on 24th June assuring them of a continuation of the status quo, at least until the end of the exit negotiations.

The Government, of course, maintains that it is determined to ensure that the UK continues to play a leading role in European and international research and innovation but the talks that begin

in the next few weeks will be critical in determining the actual level of interaction. That interaction is significant and complex involving not just universities (who received 71% of the total funding to the UK from the EU in 2007-2013) but also 'Small and Medium Sized Enterprises' (SMEs) (13%), non-university research organisations (8%), and UK businesses (5%), and public bodies (2%). The 2016 Royal Society report on UK membership of the EU maintained that the UK is one of the largest recipients of research funding in the EU (The Royal Society, 2016). Over the period 2007 – 2013 the UK received €8.8 billion out of a total of €107 billion expenditure on research, development and innovation in EU Member States and participating countries. This represented the fourth largest share in the EU. In terms of funding awarded on a competitive basis in the period 2007 – 2013 (Framework Programme 7), the UK was the second largest recipient after Germany, securing €6.9 billion out of a total of €55.4 billion. In 2013/2014 alone UK universities received £687million of EU funding – a figure that represented a real terms increase of 68.2% in funding from the EU since 2009/2010 and thus an almost exponential increase in the ability of UK universities to attract EU research investment. However, this still represents only 9.7% of total research income.

On 28th June 2016, Jo Johnson, Minister of State for Universities and Science, published a statement on higher education and research following the EU referendum. He assured universities that EU students would continue to receive loans and grants from the Students Loans Company; that the circumstances of EU staff and students working and studying in the UK, and vice versa, would not change immediately; that access to the Erasmus+ programme would not change but future access to the programme would be determined as a part of wider discussions with the EU; and that the referendum result will have no immediate effect on those applying to or participating in Horizon2020. UK researchers and businesses could continue to apply to Horizon2020 in the usual way.

Despite these reassurances there is obvious concern within the UK with regard to working and studying rights and access to further funding. In my European travels in the last six months I have been aware of a growing concern as to whether current research collaborations can and will continue in the future; whether the inclusion of UK scientists in funding bids currently being prepared by EU collaborations for EU agencies is appropriate; whether EU students will be able to access the expertise residing in long established UK centres of research excellence; and whether established scientists and teachers will be able to undertake research and teach across the European nations.

Of course it is not only the current 28 members of the EU that can apply for EU research funding. Non-EU countries are divided into "Associated Countries" and "Non-associated Third Countries". Thirteen Associated Countries (e.g. Norway, Israel and Switzerland) contribute to Framework Programme budgets in proportion to their GDP. In this way research entities (university researchers and research organisations) can apply for Horizon 2020 projects with the same status as those from EU Member States. Associated Country status is open to countries that are members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and current EU candidate nations. The terms of their association differ slightly by country and they do not have a role in the negotiations

that shape EU research funding. Institutions and researchers from other countries can also apply and participate in EU Framework Programmes as Non-associated Third Countries and in some circumstances receive direct funding. Depending on the exact scheme, they might have to provide matching funds. In addition the EU has international agreements for scientific and technological cooperation with a further 20 countries creating a framework for participation in joint projects, sharing of facilities, staff exchanges or the organisation of specific events.

Finally, in order to maximise return of research investment, avoid duplication of research and infrastructure, and improve efficiency, there is the development of the European Research Area (ERA). This it is hoped will create: "a unified research area open to the world based on the Internal Market, in which researchers, scientific knowledge and technology circulate freely and through which the Union and its Member States strengthen their scientific and technological bases, their competitiveness and their capacity to collectively address grand challenges." (http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era_communication_en.htm). That ERA will allow access from the UK.

So, even after leaving the EU British researchers have a number of avenues that could provide virtually unchanged access to the funding opportunities within the EU.

However, the UK is also part of a global community of researchers open to inter-continental collaboration and partnership. Louis Trupia, Deputy Editor of the Oxford Student, recently posited in the Telegraph newspaper (Trupia, 2017) that UK education links should be pushed beyond Europe as "Asian institutions soar up global rankings", and become global in recognition of and reflecting the international changes to academia. "At a time of Skype, FaceTime, and e-conferences," he wrote, "education and scholarly debate has transcended continents."

The Annals of Human Biology provides compelling evidence of that trend. Out of 156

submissions in 2010, 12 (8%) were from China and 26 (17%) from India. In 2016, out of 277 submissions 43 (16%) were from China and 23 (8%) were from India. Thus whilst the percentage of submissions from Asia had stayed about the same, China had actually doubled its submission rate. Submissions from Europe stayed almost static at 50 (32%) and 56 (20%) respectively. Of course there could be a number of factors at work to explain why this increase has occurred but the fact remains that it has occurred and the result is a far greater exposure of Chinese scientists, research organisations and research output.

There seems little doubt that concerns over the continuance of UK-European research collaborations are unfounded and that as with scientific researchers across the globe joint, collaborative, international funding bids will continue into the foreseeable future

Professor Noël Cameron

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Obituary

Derek France Bruce Roberts

(July 1925- December 2016)

Derek Frank Bruce Roberts was born in London, UK in July 1925 and after army service during World War 2 received a degree in Geography from the University of Cambridge. While at Cambridge he developed an interest in the biology of human variation. From 1949 to 1963 he worked in the Department of Anatomy, University of Oxford with Wilfred Le Gros Clark, undertaking anthropological field surveys in Sudan and forming an informal group of Oxford based workers interested in genetics. In 1960 he spent a year with James Neel at Ann Arbor, Michigan before moving to the University of Washington, Seattle, USA.

In 1963 he joined Alan Stevenson's Medical Research Council unit in Oxford and in 1965 was appointed to develop Human Genetics at Newcastle University. Among other activities there he continued with population studies, notably of the evacuated Tristan da Cunha population, while laying the foundations for medical genetics, including a cytogenetics laboratory and clinical genetics services. Derek has been credited with the use of the term 'anthropological genetics' referring to research on small populations in the context of human variation and evolution.

Derek's service to the profession of Biological Anthropology has been very substantial. For example, he was one of the founding fathers of the study of Human Biology in the UK and was instrumental in setting up the European Anthropological Association. He was an honorary member of the Society for the Study of Human Biology and the Biosocial Society. He edited the Journal of Biosocial for over 10 years, was an active Trustee of the Parkes Foundation from its inception for nearly 30 years and was Secretary-General of the International Association of Human Biologists for 12 years. He was the recipient of many awards and honours including

the higher degree of Doctor of Science (ScD) from the University of Cambridge, made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (FRSE) in 1985 and he received the Franz Boas Distinguished Award from the Human Biology Association in 2001.

Derek died in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK on 19 December 2016 at the age of 91 years.

Derek was always courteous and kind and had a quiet and genial manner. He was an excellent mentor and as an editor was always very encouraging and fair. With his passing we have lost an extremely distinguished scientist and a very dear friend and colleague.

Professor C G Nicholas Mascie-Taylor