

# EAA – European Anthropological Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### Editorial

#### Words from the President

Dear EAA colleagues,

As your new President let me begin by saying thank you to the Council for electing me to the position of President for the next three years. I will do my best to repay your faith in me and will strive to continue to develop the international basis of the EAA and provide a welcoming and fruitful environment for younger scientists.

At a potential turning point in the history of the UK, as we examine the strengths and benefits of our relationships with the international and particularly the European community, the need for a European Anthropological Association has never been more evident. The differences that divide us are as nothing compared to the similarities that bring us together to work towards a shared future. The EAA, composed of 238 scientists from 27 countries, epitomises the advantages of union rather than division. Indeed, broad representation is a core aspect of the statutes of the EAA designed to ensure that no country, regardless of its size or supposed political influence, feels omitted from this community of scientists. During my tenure I will strive to uphold those principles and welcome the opportunity to discuss the anthropological sciences in as many international venues as possible.

It is a fact of university life that as academics we are continually being challenged by a new intake of students. The freshness and vitality evident in our lecture theatres and tutorial rooms at this time of



year never ceases to invigorate my academic year and causes me to reflect on how best our students may be served. I believe that an international scholarly society has the obligation to support and encourage the next generation of scientists. How best this may be done will be a recurring theme of my tenure as president; lower registration rates, cheaper conference housing and opportunities for discussions between students and professors are definite requirements of future meetings of the EAA. Given that membership costs are not expensive compared to many scientific societies (€10 for students; €20 for regular members), we should be actively encouraging our graduate students to become members and to play an active role in the future of the organisation.

I would like to thank Jesper Boldsen and his team for organising the 21st Congress of the EAA in Odense during which over 130 delegates enjoyed 68 podium presentations in 13 scientific sessions and a further two workshops on Cohort Studies and Palaeo-epidemiology. We are looking forward to the 22nd Congress to be held in Vilnius, Lithuania organised by Janina Tutkuvienė and her colleagues in 2020. Whilst we have had no confirmed venues for the 23rd Congress in 2022 I have been approached by three of our colleagues who wish to bid for the meeting and I wait with interest to

read their proposals. I believe that it is important to have a congress with a broad theme so that a variety of research can be accommodated in a single meeting. I appreciate that funding may be easier to obtain for a meeting targeted at a specific theme, but it is vital for variety to be an essential characteristic of our meetings.

We are seeking proposals for a summer school similar to the very successful school held in 2017 organised by Professor Maria Kaczmarek in Poznań, Poland, entitled 'Human Growth and Nutrition and their Applications to Health'. Eighteen students attended the school and heard lectures from a variety of international experts in human growth and data analysis. The purpose of such schools is not only to pass on specialist knowledge to graduate students but also to raise their level of interest in specific areas of study that they might decide to pursue research in in the future.

We took the opportunity in Odense to thank Professor Nick Mascie-Taylor for his service as President to the EAA and to award him with Honorary Membership and the EAA medal for his outstanding contribution to anthropological science in Europe. Nick has been President of the EAA for many years and his quiet but forceful diplomacy has been evident in much of the work of the EAA during that time. He has been a "hands on"

president ensuring that he is available to many colleagues who have sought his advice and was a leading voice in the recent review of the statutes and ordinances. He will maintain a presence on the Board as the ex-President and I am sure we will be grateful for his wisdom in the coming years.

The officers of the Board of the EAA work on a continuous basis to maintain the organisation. The treasurer is a core member of this group and it is thus with great thanks but also sadness that we accept Professor Pilar Monteros' decision to step down as treasurer. Pilar has done great service to the EAA and leaves us with a healthy bank balance and a paid-up membership. We are now actively seeking a replacement and it appears that this has to be one of our Euro area members who can take responsibility for our Euro based account. Please contact me or Annamária Zsákai if you are able to take on this role within the EAA.

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

**Professor Noël Cameron**

**September 2018**

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## EAA News

### Report of the General Secretary (2016-2018)

As the General Secretary of the European Anthropological Association my main duties were to manage the administration of the Association, and to organise the Council and Board elections. My secretarial activities between 2016 and 2018 can be summarised as follows:

I managed the administrative work of the Association in the following main issues: registration of new members, checking members' data (payment, contacts), announcements of the EAA activities through emails and the EAA website. Since the EAA statutes and regulations were changed and the biennial membership was introduced in 2016, there were many instances of misunderstanding among members in connection with the good standing of their membership status.

My other important task was to organise the Council and Board elections, and my report on the elections follows this report.

My task as secretary was to organise the EAA Student Award competition for the Best Student Oral Presentations. Finally, four students were awarded by the Board in 2018. The applicants have already received the 500 Euro award to help toward their participation at the 2018 EAA Congress in Odense. Thanks to the help of the congress organisers, their presentations were inserted into the scientific program of the Congress.

As the General Secretary my task was to maintain regular contact with the Organising Committee of the 21<sup>st</sup> EAA Congress, to supply the

Committee with information about the EAA members etc.

I participated in the Board meeting in Poznań, Poland, in 2017 and the EAA Council and Board meetings and the EAA General Assembly which coincided with the 21st EAA Congress in Odense, Denmark in 2018. A report on the Congress can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

I regularly update the EAA Website with news and information I receive about the field of biological anthropology. This source of information is still very weak. Please could I ask for the help of the EAA members, and 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.

I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Pilar Montero, the former EAA General Treasurer and to Professor Nicholas Mascie-Taylor, the former EAA President, for their collaboration and support during the last 2 years. I would also like to thank the Local Treasurers and National Representatives for their collaboration and help.

**August 2018, Budapest, Hungary**  
**Annamária Zsákai, EAA General Secretary**

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## [Report on the EAA elections 2018](#)

The EAA elections (both the Council and the Board elections) were performed via online ballots. The voting site of the online Council election was open from the 8th March and the elections were closed on the 28th March 2018. A total of 97 members voted from the 226 EAA members (42.9%). On the basis of the voting results 30 members (one nominated member could not continue her work in the EAA Council, therefore the next two members were asked – due to the tied votes in the 31st and 32nd positions, only one of them accepted the nomination) were asked to acknowledge being an EAA Council member for 2018–2020, and finally 30 members accepted their Council membership.

The members of the EAA Council 2018–2020 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. Unfortunately, none of the Council members nominated themselves for the position of EAA General Treasurer. The voting bulletin for EAA Board election was finalised on the basis of the Council members' replies in May 2018, and the voting site was open from the 21st May. All Council members either voted or expressed their will not to participate in the Board election. Altogether 28 out of 30 members voted up until 5th June 2018. The elected members of the Council and the Board were informed via email immediately after the closing of the election site. I would like to thank Professor Elena Godina and Professor Janina Tutkuvienė for their work as inspectors of the online elections.

**Budapest, 29.06.2018**  
**Annamaria Zsakai, EAA General Secretary**

Results of EAA Council election 2018–2020 (ordered by number of votes)

	Name	Country	Number of votes	Council member
1	ZSÁKAI Annamária	HUNGARY	65 (67.01 %)	1
2	MASCIE-TAYLOR Nicholas	GREAT BRITAIN	60 (61.86 %)	2
3	SUSANNE Charles	BELGIUM	50 (51.55 %)	3
4	DROZDOVA Eva	CZECH REPUBLIC	50 (51.55 %)	3
5	HERMANUSSEN Michael	GERMANY	50 (51.55 %)	3
6	CAMERON Noël	GREAT BRITAIN	50 (51.55 %)	3
7	SCHAEFER Katrin	AUSTRIA	47 (48.45 %)	7
8	RUDAN Pavao	CROATIA	47 (48.45 %)	7
9	MALINA Robert	U.S.A.	46 (47.42 %)	9 (1st non EU)
10	TUTKUVIENE Janina	LITHUANIA	45 (46.39 %)	10
11	SATAKE Takashi	JAPAN	44 (45.36 %)	11 (2nd non EU)
12	KACZMAREK Maria	POLAND	44 (45.36 %)	11
13	POULIANOS Nickos	GREECE	43 (44.33 %)	13
14	KOBYLIANSKY Eugene	ISRAEL	43 (44.33 %)	13 (3rd non EU)
15	VIDOVIC Maruscka	SLOVENIA	41 (42.27 %)	15
16	GODINA Elena	RUSSIA	38 (39.18 %)	16
17	BOLDSEN Jesper L.	DENMARK	37 (38.14 %)	17
18	YEPISKOPOSIAN Levon	ARMENIA	34 (35.05 %)	18
19	SCHEFFLER Christiane	GERMANY	33 (34.02 %)	19
20	REBATO Esther	SPAIN	31 (31.96 %)	20
21	HEYER Evelyne	FRANCE	30 (30.93 %)	21
22	MONTERO Pilar	SPAIN	29 (29.90 %)	22
23	ROELANTS Mathieu	BELGIUM	28 (28.87 %)	23
24	CHIARELLI Brunetto	ITALY	28 (28.87 %)	23
25	JANKAUSKAS Rimantas	LITHUANIA	25 (25.77 %)	25
26	SIVAKOVA Daniela	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	25 (25.77 %)	could not continue her Council work
27	DEGIOANNI Anna	FRANCE	24 (24.74 %)	26
28	KAARMA Helje	ESTONIA	23 (23.71 %)	27
29	RABINO-MASSA Emma	ITALY	23 (23.71 %)	28
30	GÜLEC Erksin	TURKEY	21 (21.65 %)	29
31	POLINA Natalia	BELARUS	20 (20.62 %)	30
32	PETERSEN Hans Christian	DENMARK	20 (20.62 %)	not replied

[EAA Council Meeting \(Odense, Denmark, 23rd of August 2018\)](#)

Name	Country
BOLDSEN Jesper L.	DENMARK
CAMERON Noël	GREAT BRITAIN
CHIARELLI Brunetto	ITALY
DEGIOANNI Anna	FRANCE
DROZDOVA Eva	CZECH REPUBLIC
GODINA Elena	RUSSIA
GÜLEC Erksin	TURKEY
HERMANUSSEN Michael	GERMANY
HEYER Evelyne	FRANCE
JANKAUSKAS Rimantas	LITHUANIA
KAARMA Helje	ESTONIA
KACZMAREK Maria	POLAND
KOBYLIANSKY Eugene	ISRAEL
MALINA Robert	U.S.A.
MASCIE-TAYLOR Nicholas	GREAT BRITAIN
MONTERO Pilar	SPAIN
POLINA Natalia	BELARUS
POULIANOS Nickos	GREECE
RABINO-MASSA Emma	ITALY
REBATO Esther	SPAIN
ROELANTS Mathieu	BELGIUM
RUDAN Pavao	CROATIA
SATAKE Takashi	JAPAN
SCHAEFER Katrin	AUSTRIA
SCHEFFLER Christiane	GERMANY
SUSANNE Charles	BELGIUM
TUTKUVIENE Janina	LITHUANIA
VIDOVIC Maruscka	SLOVENIA
YEPISKOPOSIAN Levon	ARMENIA
ZSÁKAI Annamária	HUNGARY

**Results of EAA Board election 2018–2020**

**The EAA Board 2018–2020**

President: Noël CAMERON

Vice-Presidents (in alphabetic order): Jesper L. BOLDSEN, Erksin GULEC, Maria KACZMAREK and Nicholas MASCIE-TAYLOR

Adjunct-Treasurer: Esther REBATO

General Secretary: Annamária ZSÁKAI

Both the EAA Council and the EAA Board took office from the 1st of July 2018.

**Present:** J.L. Boldsen, N. Cameron, E. Gülec, M. Hermanussen, M. Kaczmarek, E. Kobylansky, N. Mascie-Taylor, P. Montero, N. Poulianos, M. Roelants, Ch. Scheffler, J. Tutkuvienė, A. Zsákai

**Apologies:** E. Godina, R. Jankauskas, H. Kaarma, R. Malina, E. Rebato, T. Satake, K. Schaefer, M. Vidovic

**1. Apologies for absence**

The General Secretary reported the apologies of absence of Council members. Altogether 13 members of the Council were present at the meeting, so the President announced that the 2018 Council meeting was quorate.

**2. Report on the EAA Council and Board Elections**

The General Secretary reported that EAA elections were performed via online ballots. Altogether 97 members voted from the 226 EAA members. On the basis of the voting results 30 members were asked to acknowledge being an EAA Council member for 2018–2020, and finally 30 members accepted their Council membership. The members of the EAA Council 2018–2020 were asked to state if they wished to be a candidate for a position on the new EAA Board. Unfortunately, there was not a candidate for the post of EAA General Treasurer in 2018. The elected members of the Council and the Board were informed immediately after the closing of the election. Professor Elena Godina and Professor Janina Tutkuvienė were the inspectors of the online elections (more details on EAA elections can be found in the report of the General Secretary on page 3 of the newsletter). The list of the EAA Council and Board members (2018–2020) is shown on the left. The Council thanked the General Secretary for her hard work managing the EAA 2018 elections.

**3. Pre-congress student awards, best student poster presentation competition**

In the ‘Pre-congress Award for the Best Student Oral Presentation 2018’ competition four students



were given awards by the Board in 2018. The award was announced to help students participate in the 2018 EAA Congress in Odense (a total of 500 Euros for each award). The students had to submit a paper (maximum length 2000 words by 1st March 2018) as their application, and paper had to be presented during the Congress as an oral presentation by the applicant.

The winners of the EAA Pre-congress Award for the Best Student Oral Presentation 2018 were:

**A. Brozou (Bulgaria):** Dining in the Danish medieval leprosarium at Næstved: using stable isotopes to reconstruct the diet.

**P. Feher (Hungary):** The relationship between bone status and oestrogen hormone level in girls and young adult women.

**A. Göhring (Germany):** Sea spray effect in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , and  $\delta^{34}\text{S}$  illustrated by Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) clustering.

**K. Saige Kelmelis (USA):** Something rotten in the state of Denmark: prevalence of leprosy in medieval Danish skeletons.

The poster presentation of students could be nominated in the 'Best student poster presentation' competition. The Jury, which was formed by members of the EAA Council, chose one winner (the award was 200 Euros) from the candidates, the winner was:

**M. Romboni (Italy):** Diet, lifestyle and disease in a Copper Age community from "La Sassa" cave (Italy).

#### 4. Report of the President

The former President, Professor Nicholas Mascie-Taylor said that he has been very honoured to have served as the EAA President for the last 4 years during which the EAA has instituted major changes to the statutes and ordinances of our association including simplifying both the fee structure and timing of payments. It was very pleasing to see a large number of younger scientists at the Odense Congress, and Professor Mascie-Taylor thanked Professor Jesper Boldsen and his team for organising the Congress! The former President thanked in particular Annamária Zsákai as General Secretary for her superb work on behalf of the EAA and also Professor Pilar Montero as Treasurer for looking after EAA

finances so well. He sent best wishes to Professor Noël Cameron who has taken over from him as President.

#### 5. Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary, Annamária Zsákai reported on her work for the Association including the EAA Council and Board elections, the EAA student award competitions and the administrative work for the Association. As the EAA website manager, Annamária Zsákai asked for the help of the EAA members, the Council and Board members in the updating of work to the EAA website by sending news from their countries, universities and institutes. The General Secretary was warmly thanked for her work on behalf of the EAA. More details of the General Secretary's report can be found on page 3 of the newsletter.

#### 6. Report of the General Treasurer

The General Treasurer, Professor Pilar Montero presented a detailed report of the EAA financial affairs, which was accepted by the Council. She announced that she was stepping down as EAA General Treasurer. The Council thanked her for her hard work as the General Treasurer in the last 2 years and asked for her help and patience over the next few months until a new EAA Treasurer is in place and a new account can be opened.

#### 7. Report on the EAA Newsletter

We aim to produce two EAA Newsletters each year in the Spring and Autumn through the editorship of Professor Cameron and Dr Rachel Deevey. This year we decided to delay the production until we had completed the election process for the Board and Council and so that we could bring you news of the meetings in Odense.

#### 8. Honorary Membership of the EAA

According to the EAA Statutes and Regulations Honorary Members are elected by the Council. This membership may be awarded to well-known experts in the field of anthropology who have had an important influence on European Anthropology. Before the Congress Professor Nicholas Mascie-Taylor (Cambridge, Great

Britain), the professor of the Department of Public Health and Primary Care, University of Cambridge, the Emeritus Professor of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Cambridge, the Founder Series Editor of the Cambridge Studies in Biological Anthropology (Cambridge University Press), the Editor of Journal of Biosocial Science (mentioning only his most important roles and positions) was nominated as a new Honorary Member of the European Anthropological Association. The Council unanimously promoted this new Honorary Membership nomination and awarded Prof. Nicholas Mascie-Taylor with the EAA Honorary Membership to acknowledge his enormous work and activity for the Association. Prof. Mascie-Taylor was one of the EAA presidents (2008–2012 and 2014–2018), vice-presidents and EAA congress organisers. During his Presidency the EAA statutes and ordinances were updated and the membership fee structure simplified. Prof. Mascie-Taylor was presented with the Medal of EAA Honorary Membership during the Conference Dinner.

#### 9. Update on 2020 Congress in Vilnius, Lithuania

Professor Janina Tutkuvienė presented the main details of the EAA 2020 Congress in Vilnius, Lithuania. After her presentation the EAA Council asked Prof. Tutkuvienė to help the participants, especially student participants, to find inexpensive accommodation next to the congress venue. Prof. Tutkuvienė stated that inexpensive accommodation will be available for the participants. Information on the 22nd EAA Congress will be announced on the EAA website and at the official website of the congress as soon as possible.

#### 10. Venue for 2022 Congress

The Council did not get any written applications for the 2022 EAA Congress, however three possible applications were mentioned by the Council members (from Turkey and Italy). The Council assigned the EAA Board to make the decision on the 2022 Congress before the EAA Congress in 2020 once the applications have been received by the Board.

## Report on 21st EAA Congress in Odense, Denmark, 22-25 August 2018

The 21st Congress of the European Anthropological Association took place from 22-25th August 2018 and was hosted by ADBOU, Unit of Anthropology, Department of Forensic Medicine of University of Southern Denmark. The congress was held in the conference facilities attached to the main campus of the university,

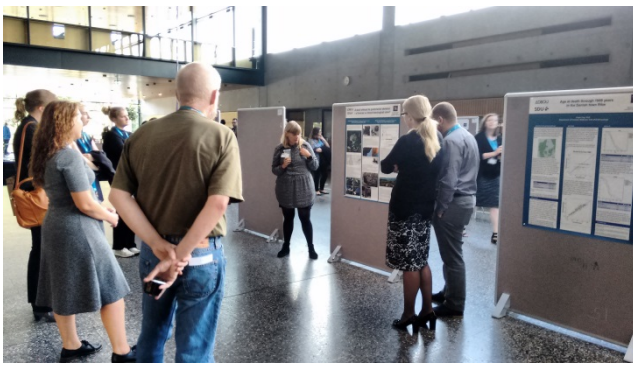


using the auditorium and the surrounding larger meeting rooms, the campus square and lounge area.



Three plenary sessions were held with invited guest speakers, Steve Ousley (Science in Forensic Anthropology), Ben Krause-Kyora (ancient DNA,) and Roberto Macchiarelli (From outer morphology to the inner structure). There were two workshops, one on cohort studies, given by Nick Mascie-Taylor and Monika Krzyzanowska and one on paleoepidemiology, given by George R. Milner and Jesper L. Boldsen.





Scientific sessions were held in two parallel lines (audiology/osteology) in a mix of talks by students and experienced researchers. Two guided poster sessions gave room for short research presentations and discussions.

In total 130 persons from 25 countries participated in the congress, 12 of the participants came from non-European countries.

Coffee breaks and lunches were included in the conference fee, as well as the welcome reception and the casual conference dinner, and both were very well visited. In Denmark costs for lodging and food are rather high, which has been quite a challenge in our struggles for keeping the expenses and fees low.

The casual dinner took place in relaxed surroundings away from the campus in Lucernemarken, in the building that houses the ADBOU bone collection with approx. 16000 skeletons from the Middle Ages. Some of the skeletons were displayed. The band Almune entertained and played ancient instruments.



**Bodil Theilade**  
EAA2018 Secretary

## Winners of the EAA Award for the Best Student Oral Presentation 2018

The Board and Council of the European Anthropological Association announced the EAA Student Award for the Best Student Oral Presentation 2018 to help student members of the Association to get financial support to participate in the 21st EAA congresses in Odense, Denmark. Three board members (with no conflict of interest) reviewed the applications and selected four candidates for the awards. The award provides free registration at EAA Congresses and also contribution to travel costs – a total of 500 Euros each commencing with congress participation. The winners have the opportunity to give an oral presentation in one of the scientific sessions at the Congress.

The winners of the EAA Award for the Best Student Oral Presentation 2018 (in alphabetic order, by presenting their home countries as well as the universities where they study and make their research work):

**Ms. Anastasia Brozou (Bulgaria):** Dining in the Danish medieval leprosarium at Næstved: using stable isotopes to reconstruct the diet (Department of Archaeology, Durham University, UK, Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

**Ms. Piroska Feher (Hungary):** The relationship between bone status and oestrogen hormone level in girls and young adult women (Department of Biological Anthropology, Budapest, Hungary)

**Ms. Andrea Göhring (Germany):** Sea spray effect in  $\delta^{13}C$ ,  $\delta^{18}O$ , and  $\delta^{34}S$  illustrated by Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) clustering (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Faculty of Biology, Anthropology and Human Genomics, Planegg-Martinsried, Germany)

**Ms. Kirsten Saige Kelmelis (USA):** Something rotten in the state of Denmark: prevalence of

leprosy in medieval Danish skeletons (Penn State University, USA, Syddansk Universitet, Odense, Denmark)

Congratulations to the winners, who presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> EAA meeting in Odense!

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*New EAA logo:*



We have previously suggested a change to the EAA logo. In this newsletter we have used a new logo which we think represents the geographical diversity of the EAA as well as its foundation as a European society.

## Meetings

### 2018

**October 25-26 (Budapest, Hungary): 21st World Obesity Conference.** Info:  
<https://obesityconference.conferenceseries.com>  
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**October 25-26 (Prague, Czech Republic): 6th International Conference On Gynecology And Obstetrics.** Info:  
<https://gynecology.annualcongress.com>

**October 31 - November 3 (London, Ontario, Canada): 46th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology.** Info:  
<http://capa-acap.net/annual-meeting/upcoming-annual-meeting/about>

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**January 23-25 Société d'Anthropologie de Paris**

**Meeting. Info:**

<https://www.sapweb.fr/>

**Session 1: Genotype – phenotype  
correspondence: anthropological perspectives**

In the era of genomic and paleogenomic sciences, the tools available to characterise and quantify phenotypic variations are still limited in such a way that our capacity to characterise the 'phenome' is inferior to our capacity to characterise the genome (Houle et al., 2010). Moreover, phenotypic variation is the product of complex interactions between genotype and environment. A better understanding of the correspondence between the genotype and the phenotype will then depend on our ability to optimize the characterisation of the phenome and to better account for the capacity of living organisms to adapt to their environment. We will

also need to develop a better knowledge of the developmental mechanisms at play during ontogeny. A finer description of the genotype – phenotype correspondence will allow specifying the developmental and evolutionary bases of the morphological variation of hominoids. Through this theme, we invite geneticists, biological anthropologists, developmental biologists, and any colleagues working in that field of research to present their work. These presentations will focus on either the genotype or phenotype and will keep as a horizon the genotype-phenotype correspondence.

Keywords: Variation, quantification, adaptation, developmental mechanisms, ontogeny.

**Session 2: From the “family” to the “clan”. Social and biological relationships from Prehistory to present times.**

“Family” and “clan” are difficult notions to define because they encompass variable concepts in time and space, and because they are also

dependent on the disciplines treating the subject. If, for present day societies, an attempt to grasp their biological relationships and social bonds provides evidence of a multitude of approaches and definitions, archaeologically, the difficulty lies in understanding how the family is represented, and what the groups and clusters identified mean. How can different anthropological and archaeological tools and methods help us characterise a group of individuals who may be genetically or socially or possibly even economically related? Furthermore, how do kinship systems, governed by allegiance, residency, and filiation rules, impact genetic heritage, social and symbolic behaviours, and demography, for example? Finally, how can biological anthropology (e.g., morphology, non-metric traits, pathology), funerary archaeology, and palaeogenetic data help us to infer these systems and their outcomes? This theme encompasses research from archaeology and social and biological anthropology from past and present populations, from every cultural context. It also welcomes research that diachronically bridges the documentation and the applied methodology.

Keywords: Kinship systems, funerary and symbolic practices, ethnology, osteology, molecular biology, forensic anthropology.

**Session 3: Scientific breaking news.**

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**January 30-31 (Cairo, Egypt): 21st International Conference on Biological Anthropology, Human Nature and Evolution.**

**February 18-23 (Baltimore, Maryland, USA): 71st Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Info:**  
<https://www.aafs.org/home-page/meetings/aafs-71st-annual-scientific-meeting-baltimore-maryland-2019/>

**March 27-28 (Cleveland, Ohio, USA): Human Biology Association Annual Meeting. Info:**  
<https://www.humbio.org/register-for-annual-meeting/>

**March 27-30 (Cleveland, Ohio, USA): 88th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.** Info:  
<http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/88th-annual-meeting-2019/>

**September 9-11 (Oxford, UK): 60th annual Symposium of the Society for the Study of Human Biology**  
**'Cohort Methods and Applications in Human Biology'**

Since the inception of the Society in 1958, cohort studies (in which a group of individuals are recruited and followed-up over time) have played a central role in the advancement of many of the key pillars of human biology, including growth and development, structural morphology and physiology, ageing and functional decline, and more-recently lifelong health and well-being. While previous Symposia of the SSHB have focused on such topics, none has considered the contribution of cohort studies to the field of human biology. This is particularly relevant given that the UK has a long history of investing in birth cohort research and also particularly timely given recent UK and international initiatives to collate data across multiple studies for cross-cohort investigation.

The 2019 Symposium will include a mixture of invited talks and accepted abstracts on

1. The methods employed within cohort studies that are relevant to human biology (e.g., measurement of novel phenotypes, linkage to routine health records, and statistical analysis techniques for biological data)
2. Applications that demonstrate the use of cohort data from one or more studies to answer novel, important human biology research questions (e.g., on life course processes and relationships, integrational effects or transmission, and secular trends or geographical variation)

Researchers who might not view themselves as human biologists per se, but who work on cohorts

with biological data are encouraged to submit abstracts.

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**November 20 (Vancouver, Canada): Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.** Info:  
<http://www.americananthro.org/AttendEvents/Content.aspx?ItemNumber=1929>

## 2020

**27-31 May (Šibenik, Croatia): ISGA XVth International Congress of Auxology**

**26-29 August (Vilnius, Lithuania): 22nd Congress of the EAA**

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**We hope that you find the newsletters interesting and that they keep you informed of the core activities of the EAA. However, the editors would like your input into future editions. The Newsletter is not only a record of what has happened in the EAA but should also serve as a method of communication between European anthropologists. We think that there are many services that the EAA Newsletter could provide not only through its twice-yearly production, but also through a page on the EAA website that would carry ongoing news, views and items about anthropology in Europe. Tell us what you think about this idea – we look forward to hearing from you!**

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