

EAA – European Anthropological Association

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Editorial

Words from the President

Dear EAA colleagues,

It has been a great pleasure to meet so many members of the European Anthropological Association during my first year as President. The 21st Conference of the European Anthropological Association organised by Professor Jesper Boldsen at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense from August 22-25th 2018 provided my first opportunity as President to meet members at our biennial meetings. The science being presented was wide ranging and of a high standard. The delegates were treated to a traditional evening dinner of sausages and beer in the unusual venue of the skeleton storage warehouse!! At this event the outgoing President, Professor Nick Masie-Taylor DSc from the Department of Biological Anthropology at Cambridge University, was presented with an award in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the EAA.

I have just returned from a trip to Lithuania to visit Professor Janina Tutkuvienė at Vilnius University which is celebrating its 440th anniversary! The EAA will be holding its biennial conference in Vilnius in September 2020 and I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to visit this very beautiful and interesting city.

Vilnius is known for the Baroque architecture of its Old Town, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. But the buildings lining the Old Town's cobblestoned streets also reflect diverse styles and eras, from the neoclassical Vilnius Cathedral to Gothic St. Anne's Church. The 16th-century Gate of

Dawn, containing a shrine with a sacred Virgin Mary icon, once guarded an entrance to the original city and is the only remaining gate from the five original portals. Before World War II, Vilnius was one of the largest Jewish centres in Europe described as "the Jerusalem of the North" by Napoleon as he was passing through in 1812. In 2009, Vilnius was the European Capital of Culture, together with the Austrian city of Linz. The University of Vilnius was founded in 1579 receiving its royal charter from King



Stephen Bathory which transformed it from a Jesuit college, founded in 1570, into an establishment of higher education, Academia et Universitas Vilmensis Societatis Jesu. During the four centuries of its existence, the University of Vilnius has seen periods of growth and decline, revival, and closure reflecting and witnessing the often turbulent history of the country with annexation and occupation by foreign powers. The independence of Lithuania in 1918 and its reaffirmation in 1990 are reflections of the desire for freedom and self-determination fundamental to the people of Lithuania. Throughout the last 440

years the university has preserved cultural and scientific traditions and has played a significant part in the cultural life not only of Lithuania, but also of neighbouring countries.



Professor Janina Tutkuvienė and her team are planning an excellent programme of plenary lectures, free papers and posters that will appeal to the eclectic membership of the EAA. Students are particularly encouraged to attend and will be able to access a variety of accommodation possibilities to suit their budget. Note that student support from the EAA to participate in the Vilnius congress is available through a pre-congress award and best poster presentation award. So, plan early, register as soon as possible, and enjoy the academic and social programme of the EAA in Vilnius!



The EAA summer school will be taking place in Poznan from 3-13 July 2019. Professor Maria Kaczmarek from the Faculty of Biology at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, and the EAA and are delighted to offer a ten-day summer school on "Research Methods in Human Biology from the Field to the Lab". The aim of this summer intensive course is twofold: to provide self-motivated international students and young researchers who are studying human biology with conceptual understandings of various methods and the practical skills to put those methods into their own research work both in the field and the laboratory. The lecturers include myself, Professor Nick Mascie-Taylor, DSc, from the Department of Public Health and Primary Care at Cambridge University, UK, and Dr Irena Martinovič Klarič, PhD, from the Centre for Research in Social Inequalities and Sustainability in the Institute for Social Research, Zagreb, Croatia. The summer school is free of charge for EAA student members

The EAA Board will meet in Poznan on Tuesday July 9th, if any members would like to make any suggestions of topics they would like to be discussed by the Board please send them to Dr Zsákai to be added to the Agenda.

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

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News

News from ADBOU

The building housing the ADBOU skeletal collection of the Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Southern Denmark (SDU) will be abandoned in a short while.

Many of you will know the building and the facilities from the EAA congress last summer. It was there we had the party. In many ways the former industrial building formed an excellent frame for the collection and the researched focused on the bones. But early in March this year it was discovered that the building was seriously infested with a variety of mould to a degree that it would not be possible to renovate the building without tearing down the inner walls and all insulation material. So, the SDU building department decided to cancel the lease of the building and move labs, offices and the collection to other facilities.

The offices were moved immediately to a newly built part of the SDU Campus complex. Here we have got excellent office and lab facilities. The downside of this move is that there is insufficient room for the collection. At the present the collection comprises between 16000 and 17000 skeletons in 10000 standardised cardboard boxes. In connection with our new offices and the lab we can house some 2000 boxed. The rest must be placed in storage facilities in another part of Odense. Where these facilities are, how the boxes will be cleaned for fungal spores, and when the moving is going to take place is not clear yet.

Of course, this is affecting our research and particularly our ability to accommodate guests who want to work on the bones. As soon as the moving is over, and we know about the accessibility of the part of the collection that is not close to our offices and labs, we can start to make appointments for research visits again. So, do not hesitate to get in touch if you have research ideas involving Danish medieval and early modern skeletons. It might end up taking a little longer for us to respond; but we are still keen on having guest researchers visit the collection.

EAA Board Meeting

The forthcoming EAA Board meeting will be held during the EAA Summer School in Poznan, Poland on the 9th of July 2019 (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, 13.30-15.30). Reports from the board meeting will follow in the next edition of the newsletter.

EAA Summer School

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The aim of this summer intensive course is twofold: to provide self-motivated international students and young researchers who are studying human biology with conceptual understandings of various methods and the practical skills to put those methods into their own research work both in the field and the laboratory. The summer school is free of charge for EAA student members.

Prof. Maria Kaczmarek, organiser of the summer school

Other Summer Schools

We are very happy to remind you of the 3rd International Student Summer School, to be held again at Potsdam and Gülpe, July 15-20 2019.

from Prof. Michael Hermanussen (michael.hermanussen@gmail.com)

The International Summer School "Problematizing Morality - Ethnographic Approaches to the Normative Dimensions of Everyday Life" will be held in Tübingen, Germany (September 24-29, 2019), which is targeted to ethnographically working PhD candidates and post-docs.

For more details: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/146559>
from Helen Franziska Veit

Meetings

2019

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

REGISTRATION CLOSES 14th JULY 2019:

<https://www.sshb.org/registration-costs/>

Since the inception of the Society for the Study of Human Biology in 1958, cohort studies 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 SSHB conferences have focused on such topics, none has considered the contribution of cohort studies to the field of human biology.

The 2019 conference will include a mixture of invited talks and presentations (oral and poster) on:

- 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)
- 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, intergenerational effects or transmission, and secular trends or geographical variation).

We look forward to seeing you in Oxford!

Dr Will Johnson and Professor Tim Cole

DOHaD 2019

**'Investing in a healthy future for all: Research,
education and policy
October 20-23 (Melbourne, Australia)**

REGISTER NOW:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2019-dohad-international/event-summary-828d23c3caf043c0ae6449de8d7bfb3.aspx>

**Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological
Association**

November 20-24 (Vancouver, Canada)

Info:

<https://casca-aaa-2019.com/>

2020

89th Annual AAPA meeting

April 15-18 2020 (Los Angeles, USA)

For further information:

<http://physanth.org/annual-meetings/89th-annual-meeting-los-angeles-california-2020/>

**ISGA 2020 – XV International Congress of
Auxology**

**'Growth and health – a life course perspective'
May 27-31 2020 (Šibenik, Croatia):**

<https://isga2020.conventuscredo.hr/>

**22nd Congress of the EAA
August 26-29 2020 (Vilnius, Lithuania):**

<https://www.mf.vu.lt/mokslas/mokslas#renginiai>

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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