

Newsletter

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AACAI Report

The National Executive Committee members for AACAI, elected at the AGM of 2 December 2013, are as follows:

Lynley Wallis	President
Fiona Hook	Vice President
Diana Neuweger	Secretary
Matthew Schlitz	Treasurer
Jen Burch	Membership Secretary
Peter Kuskie	Public Officer

News From the State Chapters

WA State Chapter

The Western Australian State Chapter held its Annual General Meeting on 21 November 2013.

AACAI (WA Branch) Committee members for 2014 are:

Phil Czerwinski	Chairperson
Joe Dortch	Vice-chairperson
Diana Neuweger	Secretary
Jo-Anne Thomson	Treasurer
Jane Ogilvie	State Delegate
Aidan Ash	Alternate State Delegate

NSW/ACT State Chapter

The NSW Australian State Chapter held its Annual General Meeting on 29 November 2013.

AACAI (NSW Branch) Committee members for 2014 are:

Andrew Costello	Chairperson
Jenna Weston	Vice-Chairperson/Secretary
Michelle Lau	Treasurer
Jenna Weston	State Delegate
Lyndon Patterson	Alternate State Delegate
Alan Williams	Committee Member

VIC State Chapter

AACAI (VIC Branch) Committee members for 2014 are:

Andrea Murphy	Chairperson
Vanessa Edmonds	Vice-Chairperson
Adrienne Ellis	Secretary
Oona Nicolson	Treasurer
Matthew Schlitz	State Delegate
Josara de Lange	Alternate State Delegate

AACAI Secretariat Office closure for the holidays

The AACAI Secretariat Office will be closed from Tuesday 24 December 2013 to Thursday 2 January 2014. We wish you all a well-earned rest and a safe and happy festive season.

Archaeological News from around the World

Cat Domestication in China 5,300 Years Ago. A study conducted by researchers at the Chinese Academy of Sciences has produced the first direct evidence for the processes of cat domestication. Yaowu Hu and his colleagues analyzed eight bones from at least two wild cats excavated from the site of the ancient Chinese village of Quanhucun, using radiocarbon dating and isotopic analyses of carbon and nitrogen traces in the bones of the cats. The analysis showed that the cats were preying on animals that lived on farmed millet -- probably rodents. In essence, the cats and the villagers had developed a kind of symbiotic relationship. (Popular Archaeology)

Archaeologists Uncover One of Civilization's Oldest Wine Cellars. Here is one for the quaffers amongst us. While excavating within the palace ruins of Tel Kabri, a 75-acre ancient Canaanite city site in northern Israel that dates back to 1700 BCE, a joint American-Israeli team came across a three-foot-long jar. More jars soon appeared. The 40 jars, each of which could have held 50 liters, had a total capacity of about 2,000 liters, meaning the cellar could have held the equivalent of nearly 3,000 bottles of red and white wine. This places the cellar among the largest ancient wine cellars in the world. Researchers now want to continue analyzing the composition of each solution, possibly discovering enough information to recreate the flavour.

<http://popular-archaeology.com/issue/12012013/article/archaeologists-uncover-one-of-civilization-s-oldest-wine-cellars>

New Zealand Shipwreck Could Pre-date Cook. New dating of timbers from a shipwreck in the North Island's Kaipara Harbor shows it was built around 1705. Made of wood native to Southeast Asia, it would probably not have lasted more than 50 years as a sea-worthy ship, meaning it would have reached New Zealand between 1642, when Dutch explorer Abel Tasman first explored the islands, and 1769, when Captain Cook made landfall. University of Auckland tree ring specialist Jonathan Palmer, who dated the wood, is urging archaeologists to consider a full excavation of the site. The vessel is now buried in over 30 feet of sand. <http://www.archaeology.org/news/1669-131220-new-zealand-shipwreck-might-predate-cook>

A Slice of AACAI History

This snippet of news is from Newsletter No. 27 published in December 1985.

“MAWSON'S HUT - FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

Subsequent to the Occasional Meeting detailed above, it has come to the attention of the AACAI that an expedition of amateur archaeologists, entitled PROJECT BLIZZARD is about to embark for the Mawson's Hut site in the Antarctic. The AACAI has appealed to the Minister for Science and Technology, pointing out that the site is of great national and international interest and that such an expedition may jeopardize the success of future archaeological investigations at the site.”

The letter to the Minister is available in Newsletter No. 27 on the AACAI website.

For those with an interest in the Antarctic, have a look on the Events list at “Across the Pacific”.

Events

January 2014

Siem Reap Conference *The 20th Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association*

Date: 12-18 January 2014

Venue: Siem Reap (Angkor), Cambodia

The 20th Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association will be held in Siem Reap (Angkor), Cambodia, from Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 January 2014. Membership and registration instructions can be found in the tab headed ‘Membership & events’. A dedicated conference website has been set up in Cambodia and can be accessed at

<https://sites.google.com/site/ippasiemreap2014/home>.

February 2014

Northern Links: Chinese Networks and Nation The Fifth “no fuss” Conference

Date: 22-23 February 2014

Organiser: Organised by Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia Inc. (CHINA Inc)

Venue: The Sheridan Plaza Hotel, 295 Sheridan Street, Cairns, QLD

Following on from the successful previous four Rediscovered Past conferences held in Cairns, a fifth conference will be held in 2014. This is a “no fuss” multidisciplinary event run over two days and open to contributions from all fields of Chinese Australian studies – including history, archaeology, heritage management, law, literature, linguistics, art and library science. The conference will maintain the previous casual, friendly atmosphere that everybody has enjoyed

The theme of the conference, ‘Chinese Networks and Nations’, aims to demonstrate the connections between northern Australia, the nation and the Pacific.

Please let us know by email if you plan to attend: china_nth@yahoo.com.au

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March 2014

The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Sponsored by Archaeological Institute of America

Date: 13 March 2014 at 19:30
Organiser: AIA Society Event
Venue: Art Auditorium, University of Hawaii at Manoa 2535
McCarthy Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822 United States
Lecturer: Jodi Magness

Abstract: <http://www.archaeological.org/lectures/abstracts/11088>

Joukowsky Lecture

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June 2014

Fragments, Holes, and Wholes: Reconstructing the Ancient World in Theory and Practice

Sponsored by Polish Academy of Sciences, University of Warsaw, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan

Date: 12-14 June 2014
Invited Speakers: Hans-Joachim Gehrke, Annette Harder, Wolfgang Kaiser, Dirk Obbink, Paul Zanker
Venue: University of Warsaw, Krakowskie Przedmiescie 26/28
Warsaw 00-927 Poland

The full version of the below information is available for download at https://knoka.pan.pl/images/Fragments_Holes_and_Wholes.pdf

We are inviting scholars from all areas of Classics to an emphatically interdisciplinary conference whose purpose is to encourage reflection on what is the essence of classical scholarship: Fragment, Non-Completeness, Lacuna, Absence, and the relationship of these phenomena to the Whole. The conference is intended to reflect the broad scope of the organizing institutions. We hope that the conference will become a forum for established scholars as well as for those in the earlier stages of their careers.

The registration fee for participants is 150 €; this includes meals and conference materials. Accommodation at special reduced rates will be available to the registered participants.

Website: https://knoka.pan.pl/images/Fragments_Holes_and_Wholes.pdf

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Across the Pacific - *The 20th annual conference of the New Zealand Studies Association, together with the Norwegian Maritime Museum and the Kon-Tiki Museum, Oslo in association with the University of South Australia*

Date: 25-28 June 2014

Venue: Oslo, Norway

This special 4-day conference marks the centenary of the Norwegian Maritime Museum and of Thor Heyerdahl's birth. It focuses on a range of themes addressing the Pacific, Oceania, New Zealand, Maori culture, ocean and coastal cultures, voyaging and migration, and includes a half-day focus on the Antarctic.

August 2014

Quarantine: History, Heritage, Place

Sponsored by University of Sydney

Date: 14-16 August 2014

Venue: Quarantine Station North Head Australia

The practice of quarantine has always been grounded in contested locations. The history and heritage of quarantine stations and places of isolation the world over, remain in these landscapes as built environments and artifacts.

This international conference builds from a large multidisciplinary investigation of more than 1,000 sandstone inscriptions that cover the stunning Quarantine Station in Sydney, Australia (www.qstation.com.au). This unique site will form our venue for the conference, inspiring themes that are both local and global: mark-making, isolation, identity, and place.

Keynote speakers:

- Nadav Davidovitch, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
- Gareth Hoskins, Aberystwyth University
- Harold Mytum, University of Liverpool
- Nayan Shah, University of Southern California
- Alexandra Minna Stern, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

University of Sydney Organizing Committee: Alison Bashford, Annie Clarke, Ursula Frederick, Peter Hobbins.

Website: <http://sydney.edu.au/arts/research/quarantine/>

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June 2015

9th International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific (EIPC 2015)
CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DYNAMICS

Date: 21-26 June 2015

Venue: Ethnological Museum Dahlem, Berlin

We are pleased to announce the 9th International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific to be held from June 21st to June 26th 2015 at the Ethnological Museum Dahlem, Berlin (Germany).

The German Archaeological Institute (DAI), the Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel, and the Hafen City University Hamburg will jointly organize the conference.

The call for papers, details about conference registration and fees, lodging options, and the conference excursions will be given at <http://9th-eip-conference.org/#http://9th-eip-conference.org/> in early 2014.

Welcoming New Members to AACAI

We would like to welcome the following new members to AACAI:

Andrew Morris	Full Member
Donald Kerr	Affiliate Member
Leisa Clements	Affiliate Member
Steven O'Reily	Associate Member
Erica Walther	Full Member
Benjamin Watson	Full Member
Lynley Wallis	Full Member from Associate Member



Where are you and what are you up to?

A snapshot of where various members were in 2013

Sarah Ward was in Vietnam

Andrew Costello was in Weipa, Western Cape York

Joseph Brooke was working on the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Hwy

Belinda Leibelt was doing research on York Peninsula

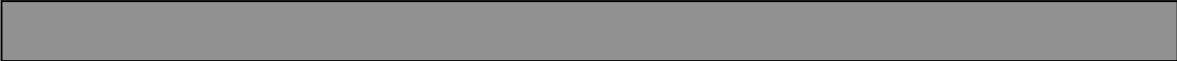
Laura Farquharson was in the Lower Hunter Valley in NSW

Richard Fullagar was in the Pilbara, WA, Kakadu NT, Fraser Island, Sweden and Belgium


Matt Schlitz was in Far North Queensland

Oliver Brown was in Terrigal, NSW

Jodie Mitchell was in the former Sandhurst Cemetery in Bendigo VIC



We would like to invite you as members to submit items of interest to this Newsletter which will be published every second month.



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