



MINUTES OF THE SEAC 10TH AGM IN TARTU, AUGUST 30TH 2002

In Estonian Literary Museum (Tartu, Estonia) at 17:30 hours of August 30th 2002.

1. The President of SEAC proposes the Agenda of the Meeting.
 1. Adoption of the Agenda
 2. Receive and approve the minutes of the 9th AGM, Stockholm 30 August 2001
 3. President's Report for the period 2001-2002
 4. Treasurer's Report for the period 2001-2002
 5. Publications of previous meetings and of the present meeting.
 6. Newsletter.
 7. SEAC Web Site
 8. Annual Fee
 9. Standards for SEAC conferences/publications
 10. The problem of elections
 11. Carlos Jaschek Memorial Award
 12. Transformation of SEAC Conferences
 13. Dates and venues for future SEAC Meetings.
 14. Any other business
 15. Provisional date and place of next AGM

It is adopted by the Assembly, moving point 10 before point 8 (proposal of Dr. Ziolkowski).

2. The Secretary presents the minutes of the 9th AGM in Stockholm and they are approved with minor modifications.
3. The President presents his report for the period 2001-2002.
4. Treasurer's Report.

Balance of Funds as at 21 August 2001	994.21 Euro
Income (membership)	243.21 Euro
Expense (Travel Grant)	461.78 Euro
<u>Funds as of August 8 2002</u>	<u>775.63 Euro or 755.84 US\$</u>

Total Number of Paid membership 2001-2002 14

It is decided that this number is too low and that it must be incremented somehow.

It is proposed to include the annual fee in the Registration Fee of the Meetings but this idea is not accepted.

It is decided that the morose members of the Society will have to pay 2 years of delay plus the Registration Fee before being admitted in any other SEAC conference.

Those who has not paid for three year will be removed from the Society.

Dr. Lebeuf proposes to advise those non-paying members before driving them out.

5. The President informs on the status of the publication of previous SEAC Meetings.

The Proceedings of SEAC 2000 in Moscow has been published. Several volumes have been on disposability at Tartu in SEAC 2002 Meeting and distributed to contributors by Prof. Tamila Potemkina.

The Proceedings of SEAC 1995 in Sibiu has been re-edited. The volume was to be mailed to the members of the LOC in Tartu but it was not. It is not clear how its distribution will be made.

The Proceedings of SEAC 1998 in Dublin has been published and mailed to contributors.

The Secretary informs that most of the volumes of Oxford VI SEAC 99 conference in La Laguna were destroyed in the severe flooding of Santa Cruz de Tenerife on March 31st 2002. He will investigate what is the status and number of those remaining.

It is not clear what has happened with the Proc. of SEAC 1996 in Salamanca. The Secretary will investigate further its situation with Dr. Fernando Atrio.

The Proceedings of Stockholm 2001 count on good financial support and will be edited along 2002 and published in 2003.

Ocarina Books will take care of distribution of Proc. from Bochum (SEAC94) and Dublin (SEAC98). They take 35% for distribution.

6. Newsletters.

The President announces the delay in the preparation of the Newsletter specially due to the incoming elections to be handle in 2002 that should be announced in them. There is already a delay of 2 years. It is decided to proceed with the elections even if they are not announced in the Newsletter.

Once the elections had been produced and the EC has been renewed, the Secretary will take charge of the responsibility of the Newsletter once more.

7. The Secretary informs that the SEAC Web site, which had been successfully installed at the end of 2000, has being actualised. The venues for meetings and the publications are updated. Following a suggestion of the treasurer, also, a map with those countries with SEAC active members (paying and non-paying) has been implemented

8. It is decided to keep the membership (Euros) at exactly the same quantities:

Western Europe and North America	20 Euros
Countries passing to UE in 2004	5 Euros
Rest of the World	2 Euros

9. About the standards of SEAC conferences and publications.

The President proposes some guidelines.

There is not a clear position in this respect. It is decided to delay such a very important discussion to the next AGM once the new EC has been elected.

However, it becomes clear that a very serious presentation and publication politics must be addressed sooner than later.

10. There must be elections for the EC in 2002.

The Nomination Committee to deal with all the process is formed by Dr. Magda Stavinschi and Dr. Katalyn Barlai.

There should be a new NC every 3 years and it should be nominated by the AGM one year prior to the EC elections.

There is a proposal of renewing the EC with the same President, Secretary and Treasurer for another 3 years.

It is decided to propose a list of new candidates for vice-President. The following are proposed at the AGM itself:

- Arnold Lebeuf
- Mary Blomberg
- Emilia Pasztor
- Ivan Sprajc (he must be contacted)
- Jonas Vaiskunas
- Alla Lushnikova
- Izold Pustylnik
- Michael Rappenglueck

The agenda of the elections should be as follows:

- End of September. Limit to propose new candidates, apart from those proposed at AGM.
- Elections in November
- Beginning of December. Results of Elections.

Note: *At the moment of writing these notes (June 2003) the elections have not taken place yet due to some organization problems. Hopefully, they must be solved as soon as possible.*

11. Carlos Jaschek Memorial Award.
Drs. Kaurov, Lebeuf and Rappenglueck have prepared a proposal about this particular issue that will be studied by the new EC, coming out from the elections, and that will hopefully be published in the incoming Newsletter so that it can be discussed in one of the following AGMs.
12. Transformation of SEAC conference format.
It is decided that Round Tables are useful and they will be kept in future venues.
It is proposed a round table on Archaeoastronomy and Archaeotopography for the next meeting.
Dr. Pasztor argues that it must be included in the program of SEAC 2004 in Hungary.
13. Dates and venues for future SEAC meetings.

As proposed by Prof. Clive Ruggles, **Leicester** is accepted as **SEAC 11th-2003** location.

A mini-SEAC Conference would follow INSAP IV Conference in Oxford.

Under the title 'The future of Archaeoastronomy', the conference would be held in August 11-12 2003, at the University of Leicester.

It would consist of:

- A round table on Education in Archaeoastronomy
- A couple of keynote conferences
- A special session devoted to young researchers
- The AGM in the morning of the 12th

The lodging will be at the University Campus.

There is a WEB page of the meeting at: <<http://www.le.ac.uk/archaeology/rug/SEAC03>>.

As proposed by Dr- Emilia Pasztor, it is approved that **SEAC 12th-2004** would very likely be held somewhere in western **Hungary** (Koszeg or nearby) in the straddle week between August and September 2004.

It is stressed that it is the intention of the EC that this meeting may act as a bridge with the European archaeological community and that this meeting could be crucial for the future of SEAC.

In the following years, there are the following possibilities (totally open at this moment):

13th-2005: Isili (Sardinia). At the summer solstice. The Secretary will further investigate the actual possibilities of this venue. If it is not appropriate, a new site must be found.

14th-2006: The Meeting may be held in Callanish (Scotland). Together with Oxford VIII. The aim of this meeting is to coincide both in time and space, with the possibility to observe a major lunar standstill (occurring once every 18.6 years) at the very well known cromlech.

15th-2007: Preliminary fixed at Lithuania.

16th-2008: Preliminary fixed at Lanzarote (Canary islands, Spain).

14. Any other business.
The instructions to edit SEAC 2001 at Tartu are given.
15. We will meet for the next AGM of the Society at Leicester (UK) on Tuesday August 12th 2003 in the morning.

In La Laguna, June 10th 2003

Juan Antonio Belmonte

SEAC Secretary