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## Looking back



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## 30th SEAC Conference in Warsaw Poland

The anniversary SEAC conference took place in the beautiful and quiet city of Warsaw in Poland between 6-9 September. Participants from around the world presented 35 papers and 1 poster. For those that missed it, more details are available on [the conference website](#). We thank the organizers for the excellent event!

The **full papers are due on the 1st of February 2024** and any prospective author should declare his/her interest to submit a full paper by the 15th of November 2023 by sending an email to [seacwarsaw2023@gmail.com](mailto:seacwarsaw2023@gmail.com). An email with instructions has been sent out by the organizers to all SEAC 2023 participants.

## New EC elected for the 2023-2026 term!

Following the elections that took place at the GA on the last day of the SEAC Conference the new EC was elected for the 2023-2026 mandate. The new members are:

- president: **Rita Gautschy**
- secretary: **Marc Frincu**
- treasurer: **Georg Zotti**
- vice-president elect: **Michael Rappenglück**
- Vice-presidents
  - **A. Cesar Gonzalez-Garcia**
  - **Kim Malville**
  - **Penka Maglova**
  - **Manuela Incerti**

We wish them all the best and good luck!



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International Summer Course on Cultural Astronomies in Europe,  
17-21 July 2023



John Mandeville, Illustrations for Mandeville's Travels, British Library Ms 24189

## IN MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN EUROPE

Dr. **Josefina Rodriguez-Arribas** from the Polish Academy of Sciences reports on this event that took place this summer. The focus of the school was on **Medieval and Early Modern Europe and its cultural forms of understanding, theorizing, and practicing astronomy between the 13th and 17th centuries**. Topics such as what 'cultural' means in the astronomy practiced by astronomers in Europe during these periods were explored. Check out the program on [academia.edu](https://academia.edu).

A practical application of Stellarium for orientation research  
around the Newport Tower, 24 August 2023

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**Dr. Georg Zotti** reminds us of this interesting talk and discussion. Online video at

[▶ Newport Tower Investigation](#)

## David Elder Lecture Speaker - Dr. Jarita Holbrook, 28 September 2023, Glasgow UK

**Dr. Jarita Holbrook** was the first *David Elder Lecture* speaker for the 2023-2024 season at the Glasgow Science Center on the 28th of September. Their talk was titled "[Astronomy in your Culture & Society](#)".

## Upcoming events

### Two conferences on myths and symbolism in Germany, October 2023

**Sep Rothwangl** brings to our attention two conferences that will take place at the end of October in Germany. The first is the **Soest Niflungen Conference 2023** which will take place between 20-22 October in Soest (in the Tagungsstätte der ev. Frauenhilfe Soest). The second is the **Sangerhäuser conference** that will take place between 26-28 October in Sangerhausen (in the Kreisvolkshochschule Sangerhausen). Both conferences will be in German. Contact Sep for details.

### Conference on Skycultures in Planetaria and in Stellarium, 1-3 November 2023, Jena Germany

**Dr. Georg Zotti** announces this amazing event that you do not want to miss taking place in early November. More details on [the event website](#).

*Cultural Astronomy: The meeting point of Sea, Sky, and Land*  
Special Session - The Society for the Social Studies of Science  
annual meeting, 8-11 November 2023, Honolulu Hawaii

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**Dr. Jarita Holbrook** organizes a **hybrid special session** on cultural astronomy during the Social Studies of Science Society annual conference. More details on the event's [website](#). You must be registered for the conference to get Zoom access.

## Call for papers for the Handbook on Cultural Astronomies in Medieval and Early-Modern Europe is now open!

Josefina Rodriguez-Arribas, Nicholas Campoion and Henrique Leitão will edit the book. **The deadline for submissions is 30th November 2023**. Check out the details [here](#).

## 4th Annual Series on Skyscape Archaeology (2023-2024) - online

**Dr. Liz Henty** reminds us of this exciting series on cultural astronomy that can be attended **online**. The event is co-organized by the Journal of Skyscape Archaeology, the Sophia Centre at UWTSD UK, and the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology of Bournemouth University. The **full announcement including event dates and method of attending** can be found [online](#).

## Special session on *Astronomy During Epidemics and Pandemics* - The Historical Astronomy Division of the AMS, 7th January 2024, Louisiana USA

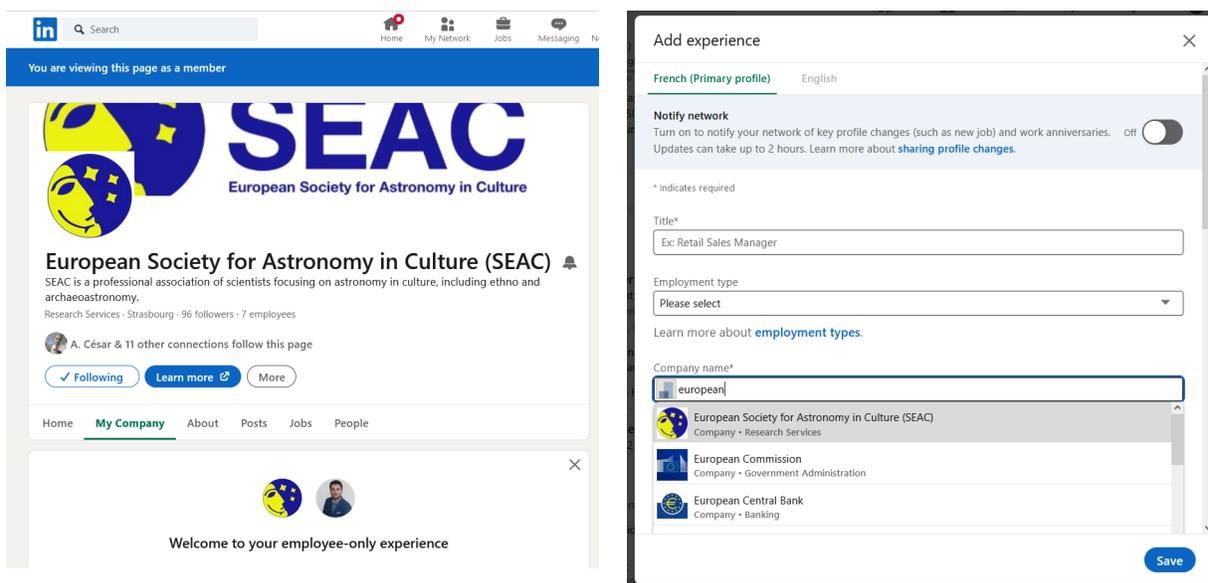
**Dr. Jarita Holbrook** informs us about this interesting **in-person-only event** that she organizes on the 7th of January 2024 at the New Orleans Convention Center, Louisiana, USA.

## Reminder: SEAC-EAA Community

**Dr. Nicolas Balbi** reminds us about the creation back in 2021 of the **SEAC-EAA community** as part of the [European Association of Archaeologists](#). It now consists of over 63 members. More details can be found on the official [Archaeology & Astronomy in Culture Community website](#).

## SEAC LINKEDIN PAGE

Dr. Marc Frincu reminds us that **we can all add to our LinkedIn profiles the SEAC affiliation**. This will not only help promote our society by increasing its visibility but also enable us to proudly share our affiliation. The public [LinkedIn website](#) already has 96 followers and posts regular updates on our society's activities. The easiest way to add your affiliation is to add a new professional experience and type European Society for Astronomy in Culture in the company name field.



## SEAC 2023-2024 FEES

It is again time for all of us to pay our annual SEAC fees. While **an email has been sent out** to all of our members here is a gentle reminder that you can use [Paypal](#) (even without an account) or pay through *bank transfer* (preferred to avoid additional fees - details were provided in the email) to **pay your member fees by 30th November 2023**.

The membership fees are as follows:

- For fellows and associates:
  - **Western countries:** 25 Euros
  - **Rest of the World** (including Eastern European countries): 8 Euros

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- For **students**:

- **Western countries**:10 Euros
- **Rest of the World** (including Eastern European countries): free

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