



European Society for Astronomy in Culture
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NEWSLETTER

Spring 2026

Happy Equinox everyone! This newsletter brings two sad news that you can read about. We also have a new book out by one of our colleagues!

SEAC2026 EXTENDED DEADLINE

Dr. Themis Dallas informs us that the abstract deadline for the 33th European Society for Astronomy in Culture (SEAC) in **Volos Greece**, has been extended to **16th April 2026**. If you missed the initial equinox deadline this is your chance!

The website : <https://seac2026.uth.gr/>

SEAC ELECTIONS 2026-2029

2026 is a SEAC election year – the following positions in the Executive Committee of SEAC

are to be filled:

- 1 president
- 1 secretary
- 1 treasurer
- 4 vice-presidents

All SEAC members who are up to date with their membership fees are eligible to stand for election for one of these offices and to actively participate in shaping the future of our association. **If you wish to stand for one of these positions**, please send a brief bionote of approximately half a page to the secretary (seac.correspondence@gmail.com) **by 31 March 2026**, stating clearly which position you are applying for.

Voting itself will be done online – you'll receive information about the process in due time together with the bionotes of all candidates. The voting will be supervised by an election committee consisting of Juan Antonio Belmonte and Stanislaw Iwaniszewski. The results will be communicated and confirmed at the next AGM in Volos in early September 2026.

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Dr. César González-García informs us that his latest book *Archaeoastronomy: Data Collection and Analysis* is out and you can download a free copy from the publisher's website (before 2nd April):

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/elements/archaeoastronomy/45B392000920F3696008A8D7938419B5>

Passing of Dimiter Kolev

It is our sad duty to pass on the news provided by Vesselina Koleva about the passing of her husband Dimiter Kolev in November 2025. Please send any messages of condolence to Vesselina Koleva (vkoleva@gmail.com). Please find attached to this message an obituary and a

remembrance note. We will remember him as a researcher dedicated to archaeoastronomy. May he rest in peace.

An obituary has been sent with this newsletter.

Passing of Arnold Lebeuf

It is our sad duty to pass on the news provided by Mauro Zedda about the passing of Arnold Lebeuf in early February 2026.

Arnold Lebeuf was a historian of religions, professor at the University of Krakow, and one of the experts in archaeoastronomy. He spoke French, English, Italian, Polish and Spanish fluently. For the last twenty years, he lived in Sardara (Sardinia), devoting all his resources to the study of the well of St. Christina in Paulilatino, a Nuragic monument. After a return from Mexico in fall 2025, where he had visited his last wife and his son, he had to be taken to hospital. He was cared for in Sardinian healthcare facilities until he died.

You can find a more extensive and personal remembrance note (in Italian) here:

<https://archeologianuragica.blogspot.com/2026/02/a-arnold-lebeuf.html?m=1>

We will remember him as a researcher dedicated to archaeoastronomy. May he rest in peace.

CARLOS JASCHEK AWARD 2026

We have received 3 nominations by the deadline and the jury is now evaluating each. The winner will be notified during the AGM in Volos.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our colleague **Ilaria Cristafaro** informed us of the following EAA session (independent of the regular EAA-SEAC session). EAA will be held a few days before SEAC this year in Athens. A perfect opportunity to attend both and enjoy Greece!

SEAC webpage call for contributions

The new version of the SEAC webpage is online since November 2024 at <https://www.archeoastronomy.org/>

Not all sections contain material yet and your help is needed to fill the gaps!

1. If you are teaching a course or a whole program related to cultural astronomy, archaeoastronomy or ethnoastronomy please send course information to rita.gautschy@unibas.ch or seaccorrespondence@gmail.com to be added to the SEAC Course registry. Please use the course information sheet which you can download on the bottom of this page: <https://seactest.archeoastronomy.org/content/education/seac-course-registry.html>

2. If you have images which we may use for the webpage and which others may use as well, please send them to rita.gautschy@unibas.ch together with a short description, a link with further information, licence and copyright information. Examples: <https://seactest.archeoastronomy.org/content/images/>

Please register to access the membership area of the webpage. Use the same email address for registration which we have in our membership list – otherwise you won't be unlocked without further ado. Once registered and unblocked, you can access the **membership area** containing inter alia *meeting minutes* and *the payment details (links) for the annual membership fees*.

Register and log in: <https://seactest.archeoastronomy.org/content/members-area/>

Journal of Skyscape Archaeoastronomy CFP

The Journal of Skyscape Archaeology (JSA) is concerned with **the role and importance of the sky in the interpretation of the material record**. Currently, elements of this study can be found separately in the disciplines of archaeoastronomy, archaeology, cultural astronomy, anthropology and history. JSA brings them together under the aegis of a new academic journal to promote cross-fertilization towards an understanding of the cosmologies of the societies that constructed and used the rich archaeological heritage we study today.

The journal accepts various forms of manuscripts ranging from theory and method, research articles and research notes to commentaries, forums and book/conference reviews.

Those interested can find more on the journal's webpage <https://journal.equinoxpub.com/JSA>.

Journal of Astronomy in Culture CFP

The International Society for Archaeoastronomy and Astronomy in Culture (ISAAC) is pleased to announce the resumption of publication of its Journal of Astronomy in Culture (JAC), and the journal is open for submissions. **JAC focuses on original research of Cultural Astronomy, emphasizing Archaeoastronomy and Ethnoastronomy.** The journal is fully **open access** and practices continuous digital publication of accepted articles on its website, which later will be assembled into periodic issues. Published articles will highlight the advancement of research in the field of Cultural Astronomy and will enhance our understanding of many world cultures that have used astronomy throughout history. As an open-access publication, there are no fees for authors or readers. The new version of the journal will deepen and broaden the impact of its predecessor. The Journal of Astronomy in Culture also has an agreement of collaboration with Cosmovisiones/Cosmovisões, the journal of the Sociedad Interamericana de Astronomía en la Cultura (SIAC), that publishes research on Cultural Astronomy in both Spanish and Portuguese. The two journals publish each other's abstracts and also translate selected articles to be published in the language of the opposite journal for increased world exposure. You can use this link to find the journal or simply put its name into a search engine: <https://escholarship.org/uc/jac>. JAC is one of 92 journals published by the University of California's eScholarship. We look forward to receiving many insightful submissions!

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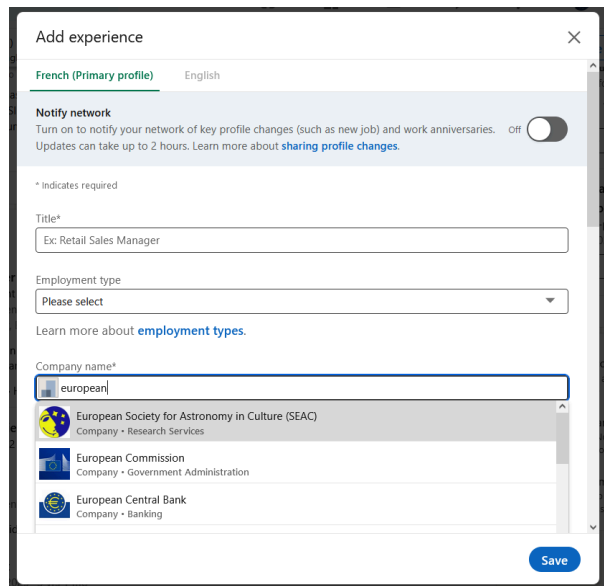
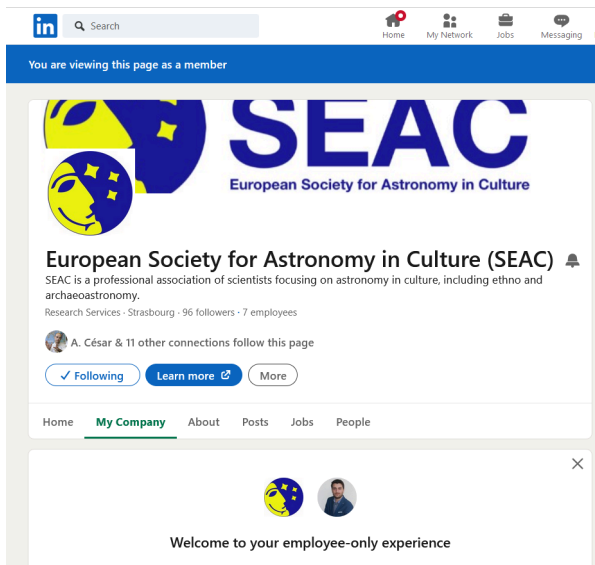
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SEAC LINKEDIN PAGE

Prof. 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 147 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 2025-2026 FEES

This serves as a reminder for those who did not pay their SEAC fees. While **an email has been sent out** to all of our members we just want to let you know that you can pay through the SEAC member's area (to recover the email or create an account email Dr. Michael Rappengluck) or pay through *bank transfer*.

The membership fees are as follows:

- For **fellows and associates**:
 - **Western countries**: 25 Euros
 - **Rest of the World** (including Eastern European countries): 8 Euros
- For **students**:
 - **Western countries**: 10 Euros
 - **Rest of the World** (including Eastern European countries): free

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