

Notes from the 9th EXARC meeting in Foteviken (Sweden), March 13th, 2005 as remembered by Roeland Paardekooper.

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1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 10:00h.

The recently died Ildikó Poroszlai (H) was remembered with a short speech and one minute of silence. She will be sadly missed.

At this meeting, we have two new participants, who haven't been in our circle before: *Barrie Andrian* (Scottish Crannog Centre (UK) and *Rüdiger Kelm* from the AÖZA (D).

Last meeting, we had 26 organisations as member, totalling 41 people. Right now, these are 35 (!) organisations with 65 people. The total amount of people on our mailing list is quite constant: 67 + 31 = 98 people.

2. Last Year in Europe: reports by members

In order to get a year report by EXARC itself, all members are requested to fill out a form to answer just a few questions. The form was sent by e-mail two months before and will be sent a second time for those who haven't filled it out yet.

Archeon: (Jack Veldman, Annette & Nico Geerlings) 2004 showed a small increase, but we dropped down in the party arrangements with 10.000 visitors. By the end of year we had counted 198.000 visitors, which is the same as last year. We realised a large reduction in costs in comparison to 2003. We did – with Unteruhldingen and Arais – the Delphi project: we construct a Viking house building, which will be finished 6 weeks after Easter. We want as well to build roman wall from the local city. More effort for advertising, some of it nation wide advertisement. We have a turnover of E 3.6 million turnover but want to go to E 4.0 million.

Foteviken: (Björn Jakobsen): we built new entrance building, and will be launching 3 more houses in the reservation before the season. We changed the school program, see the website. The weather was bad in June, but good for Foteviken: no possibility for going to the beach. The number of tourist visitors increased with some percentages. We'd like to join with the new member, the cog museum as separate partner.

Unteruhldingen: (Gunter Schöbel): Weather..hm. We had 264.000 visitors which was slightly worse than 2003. The first half of the year was rather wet and summer holidays were too much concentrated – not diversified. In 2005 this is changed again and might be better. FIFA will influence the figures in June and July. Most important project was in 2004 the Pfahlbauquartett: the 150 years anniversary of lake dwelling archaeology. The coordination of Delphi keeps the people busy. Houses of Questions are built already in 3 places, we are creating the paths and Time Islands. It will be ready by the end of May 2005. Pity that only a few other EXARC members sent in their questions for the website. We didn't only invest in ourselves, but as well in EXARC. Please send in the questions and answers.

Middelaldercentret: (Helle Krogh, Peter Vemming) 2004 : rain and bad weather: all our major events drowned, lost 6.000 visitors because of that. Further we had a fine season. We will finish in 2005 the reconstruction of a merchant's house (3 year project). Our research project into guns and gunpowder will continue.

Kalmar/Eketorp: (Arwo Pajusi, Jan Olofsson) 2004 was a bad year. Eketorp counted 47.000 visitors, the worst we ever had. Because of the bad weather in June and football championships where Sweden was successful. We are going to start an EU project: developing Eketorp in a cultural centre on Southern Öland: locals and local businesses. More local cooperation. We will use the fortress also for other events. Living History: we will organise a few large re enactment battles and a market: 23 – 29 July.

HOME: (Bert van Valburg): we rearranged the organisation with 4 people in new staff positions. The number of visitors was 17% higher. 2005, hopefully we will have more than 60.000. We increased the costs, but the income was 20% more as well. Best was that the local government decided in April to support the museum, in contrast to 2003. We are rebuilding a modern house and an Iron Age farm, both originally burnt down in 2003.

Oerlinghausen: (Christian Schürmann): our number of visitors is increasing, especially on events. The problems with our website are finally solved – soon we will launch our new website. During next two years we plan to build a new longhouse.

The Scottish Crannog Centre: (Barrie Andrian):we had 23.500 visitors in 2003, last year 26.500. This is due to two reasons: there was a 50 minute documentary on TV and the general tourist trends are increasing. Increase in spend: the shop went better and we had more events. 2005 will show more collaboration locally and within EXARC, and an increasing range of events. We are doing a lot of diving, digging as well. Hopefully we will have a new exhibition in 2006.

Lejre: (Lars Holten): the Summer weather (June – July) was awful in Denmark; we lost a lot of families. The numbers remained stable. We increased the income with 12%: because of team building activities and school service programmes. In 2005 we will try to follow the successes. We just hired a new B2B person (part time at first). In our Research Grant for 2005 we sponsor 10 projects, 8 of them are foreign. Some network building, we do through this grant. Theme this year will be flint, the first time we actually do a theme – so we can market it better. We'd like to publish a book to the 40 year's jubilee, on the Iron Age houses. It will as well contain a chapter on virtual reconstruction of architecture. Another book is from the school service: iron age activities. We have a new nature reserve opened: with aurochs and Tarpan horses – it is good for the Stone Age experience and having the landscape becoming more alive. We developed a new Marketing Strategy. We probably will have 2 big funds for a large project for a welcome centre and rooms for the employees.

AOZA (Rüdiger Kelm): 2004 was a good year, more visitors. 12.000 guided (!) visitors. We are as well a kind of nature reserve, so we can't count the amount of visitors. We began last year on having activity days (small events). We will do that more. The county archaeology museum will come to Albersdorf; this new museum opens July 2005, only 800 metres away. Further planning: a new parking place, a new service building..

To be continued...

3. The EXARC Members' meeting

Björn sets out to lead the members' meeting of EXARC. EXARC is a Swedish organisation and should follow in these the Swedish statutes.

1. The year meeting is opened at 10:50h.
2. Did everybody receive the invitation for this meeting at least two weeks before this meeting? The answer of all is: "yes".
3. *Björn Jakobsen* is chosen as chairman of this session. *Bert van Valburg* and *Björn Jakobsen* set up the agenda
4. *Roeland Paardekooper* is chosen as secretary to this session.
5. A year report has been drawn up, *Roeland Paardekooper* reads it and it is accepted by the members present.
6. Financial report: according to *Gunter Schöbel*, our balance at 31-12-04 was € 623,56. *Peter Walter & Marlise Wunderli* did the job of auditor in January 2005 and declared the books and balance in order. It is estimated, we will have in 2005 an income of € 1424, making the total maximum budget € 2.000.
7. The old board is freed from its responsibilities; there is not a single objection of the members present.
8. The statutes are changed in respect to the chairman being chosen for two years. This way, ½ of the board is chosen in even years, the other half in odd years. In order to have this schedule taking effect, this is the only meeting, some people are chosen for 1, other for 2 years.
9. For one year in the board are chosen: *Björn Jakobsen* for chairman and *Gunter Schöbel* for treasurer. As members to the board for one year are chosen *Paloma González Marcén* and *Wolfgang Lobisser*. In 2006, for these functions, people will be chosen for 2 years, just like for the other functions in 2007.
10. For two years on the board are chosen: *Lars Holten*, *Roeland Paardekooper* and *Arwo Pajusi*. In a separate board meeting, the board will appoint from their midst a vice president and a secretary.
11. For the year 2005, an economic auditor and a reserve are elected. These people will be *Marlise Wunderli* as auditor and *Peter Vemming* as reserve.
12. The commission for 2005 suggesting new board members will be *Jack Veltman* running and *Anda Vilka* as assistant.
13. The members' fee for 2006 is agreed upon to be equal to the one in 2005. It is important for EXARC to develop a broad partnership, involving as many as possible new members. The membership fee is divided in a E 10,00 members fee and E 40,00 / E 5,00 as a service fee.
14. *Roeland Paardekooper* gets the mission to find a member to look into the possibilities for membership fees in 2007. In this meeting, three different scenarios are mentioned, among which a doubling of fees and a fee based on the amount of visitors.
15. Were there any other suggestions for this year meeting sent in on paper two weeks before the meeting? No.
16. Are there any other questions which should be dealt with in this year meeting? No.
17. The year meeting is closed. 11:32h.

4. A European Yearbook

Roeland proudly mentions, the first EuroREA – a joint venture between the Czech SEA and EXARC has been printed a few days ago. All members receive for 2005 one free copy of this yearbook, with the request to order 20+ copies of this first volume.

Buy these books for E 8,00 for a single copy, (excl. P&P, which is E 3,50):

Resellers price (when > 10): E 5,00 pp, selling for E 8,00.

Besides becoming member to EXARC, one can as well simply subscribe to the yearbook (E 12,00 per year, incl. P&P).

For the 2nd yearbook we need more articles and suggestions. It will be published still in 2005. For the 3rd yearbook, we need some extra funding, any member volunteering for this is welcome.

5. PR of EXARC

All paying members present receive a pass, proving their membership. This card allows them free entrance when visiting another member. But do call in advance, this makes things easier.

New members still receive a shield with 'Member of EXARC' on it near their gates.

Roeland will see if EXARC is linked to from all members' own pages. There might be a possibility to steal back our old domain.

6. The EU plans of EXARC

The EU Workgroup has worked hard and both Delphi and LiveARCH will be points of debate this afternoon.

7. Next EXARC meeting

The next meeting will preferably be held in Southern Europe, hopefully November 12 – 13.

EXARC is as well invited by *the Crannog Centre (Spring 2007)*, *Kernave (2007) HOME*, *Zug*, and the *Middelaldercentret*.

8. Last round of remarks

Roeland: please send in interesting happenings in your centre and anywhere in your country for the EXARC calendar.

Bert: I would like a document from the board, stating the prospective future of EXARC. The new EU project will not be there before 2007. What are we going to do, what do we need? How do we solve our financial situation, how do we get more members? EXARC needs a strategy document, a vision on and by EXARC.

The board promises to have this ready at next meeting.

Jack: more time should have been planned for this members meeting. The board agrees the planning needs to better next time.

Closed at 11:40h

9th EXARC meeting, Foteviken (S), March 2005. Members of EXARC present

02.1	Paardekooper	Roeland	Historisch OpenluchtMuseum Eindhoven	NL
02.2	Valburg	Bert van	Historisch OpenluchtMuseum Eindhoven	NL
04.2	Christian	Schürmann	Archäologisches FreilichtMuseum Oerlinghausen	D
06.1	Pajusi	Arwo	Kalmar Läns Museum	S
06.2	Jan	Olofsson	Kalmar läns museum - Eketorps Borg	S
09.1	Schöbel	Gunter	Pfahlbaumuseum Unteruhldingen	D
14.1	Veldman	Jack	Archeon	NL
14.4	Geerlinks	Annette	Archeon	NL
14.5	Geerlinks	Nico	Archeon	NL
17.1	Holten	Lars	Historical Archaeological Research Centre Lejre	DK
19.1	Jakobsen	Björn M.	Foteviken Maritima Centret	S
19.2	Rosborn	Sven	Foteviken Maritima Centret	S
	Pedersen	Susanne	Foteviken Maritima Centret	S
20.1	Andrian	Barrie	the Scottish Crannog Centre	UK
23.1	Vemming	Peter	Middelaldercentret	DK
23.2	Krogh	Helle	Middelaldercentret	DK
29.1	Kelm	Rüdiger	Archaeological-Ecological Centre Albersdorf (AÖZA)	D

Members of EXARC absent with notification

01.1	Schmidt	Martin	Niedersächsisches Landesmuseum Hannover - Urgeschichte	D
03.1	Apals	Janis	Institute of History of Latvia - Āraiši Lake Fortress	Lv
03.2	Apala	Zigrida	Institute of History of Latvia - Āraiši Lake Fortress	Lv
03.3	Vilka	Anda	Institute of History of Latvia - Āraiši Lake Fortress	Lv
04.1	Banghard	Karl	Archäologisches Freilicht Museum Oerlinghausen	D
05.1	Hein	Wulf	Archäo Technik	D
07.1	Peise	Fabian	Museumsdorf Düppel - Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin	D
07.2	Strassmeir	Andreas	Museumsdorf Düppel - Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin	D
07.3	Todtenhaupt	Dieter	Museumsdorf Düppel - Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin	D
08.2	Vicze	Magdolna	Matrica Múzeum és Régészeti Park	H
09.2	Walter	Peter	Pfahlbaumuseum Unteruhldingen	D
11.1	Wunderli	Marlise	AEAS	CH
11.2	Osimitz	Steffi	AEAS	CH
12.2	Pothaar	Annemarie	VAEE	NL
12.3	Schuitert	Judith	VAEE	NL
14.2	Bloema	Miriam	Archeon	NL
16.1	González Marcén	Paloma	UAB - Dept. d'Antropologia i Prehistòria Facultat de Lletres	ES
17.2	Rasmussen	Marianne	Historical Archaeological Research Centre Lejre	DK
18.1	Tichý	Radomir	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	CZ
18.2	Thér	Richard	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	CZ
18.3	Dvorakova	Katerina J.	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	UK
20.2	Dixon	Nicholas	the Scottish Crannog Centre	UK
24.1	Jonikienė	Audrone	State Cultural Reserve of Kernave	Lt
24.2	Grigonienė	Dalia	State Cultural Reserve of Kernave	Lt
25.1	Lobisser	Wolfgang	Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Wien	A
26.1	Johansen	Geir Are	Vikingsmuseet på Borg	N
27.1	Lauermann	Ernst	Museum für Urgeschichte des Landes Niederösterreich	A
28.1	Barisauskas	Kazimieras	Pajauta, National Experimental Archaeology Club	Lt
28.2	Luchtaniene	Daiva	Pajauta, National Experimental Archaeology Club	Lt
29.2	Trube	Manfred	Archaeological-Ecological Centre Albersdorf (AÖZA)	D
31.1	May	Armin	Bajuwarenhof Kirchheim BHK	D
31.2	Volpert	Hans Peter	Bajuwarenhof Kirchheim BHK	D
32.1	Fasnacht	Walter		CH
33.1	Siemers	Sven-Hinrich	Bachritterburg Kanzach im ArchäoPark Federsee	D
35.1	Lücke	Arne	Archäologischen Zentrum Hitzacker (AZH)	D
35.2	Braun	Ulrike	Archäologischen Zentrum Hitzacker (AZH)	D
10.1	Wellin	Lars	Skåttekårr Ekonomiska Förening	S

Members of EXARC absent without notification

13.1	Zajączkowski	Wiesław	Muzeum Archeologiczne w Biskupinie	PL
13.2	Piotrowski	Wojciech	Muzeum Archeologiczne w Biskupinie	PL
15.1	Bartoli	Angelo	Antiquitates	It
15.2	Ghirardi	Danilo	Antiquitates	It
21.1	Kern	Anton	Prähistorische Abteilung des Naturhistorischen Museums	A
21.2	Reschreiter	Hans	Prähistorische Abteilung des Naturhistorischen Museums	A
22.1	Saint-Georges	Ingeborg	ARV Fortidspark	N
22.2	Wegter	Jurgen	ARV Fortidspark	N
30.1	Pulini	Ilaria	Parco Archeologico e Museo all'aperto della Terramara di Montale	It
30.2	Cardarelli	Andrea	Museo Civico Archeologico Etnologico	It
34.1	Frere-Sautot	Marie-Chantal	Association pour la promotion de l'Archéologie de Bourgogne (APAB)	F
34.2	Amar	Laetitia	Association pour la promotion de l'Archéologie de Bourgogne	F
34.3	Bontemps	Christophe	Association pour la promotion de l'Archéologie de Bourgogne	F