



WAYEB Newsletter

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Dear Wayeberos,

I hope you all had a pleasant summer and everybody is in a good mood for the new season. This Newsletter will give you an update on Wayeb's new online features and the upcoming EMC in Leiden. I hope that you will like the advances we are making...

Best regards,

Frauke Sachse

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1. NEW MEMBERS

Please give a very warm welcome our new members:

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2. WEBSITE - ONLINE REGISTRATION

As announced in our last Newsletter, we have modernized our website and introduced online registration for Wayeb Membership and EMC Registration.

As a registered member you have now your own Wayeb account, where you can change your particulars (addresses, interests etc.), make your payments, check your payment history etc. You should have received an email with your username and password. Please, use these data to access your account. Since we had to type in all the members information manually, there might be mistakes in your particulars or payment history. Please, check your information. You can change your own data by clicking on the Edit-link. If you don't agree with the information we have about your payment history, send us an email, and we will check it again.

We know that most of our members welcome this new feature – in fact, several of you have been requesting the opportunity to pay only for many years. However, we have also received a few emails from members who are unhappy with this modernization and would like to keep the traditional way of paying their membership. It is therefore that I would like to explain again, why we introduced it.

Administration & Database

The Wayeb Board has made the decision to facilitate administration that has been rather difficult in the past with all Board members living in different countries. All the members data are now stored in a central database that can be accessed by the Wayeb Board and the Webmaster only.

We will use the database for all administrative purposes in Wayeb. Newsletters, reminders etc. will be sent automatically to all addresses in our Wayeb database. Those members, whose memberships have expired due to non-payment, will be automatically exempted from receiving updates. The Database is a self-organising system that is updated by the members themselves who are registering

through it or changing their personal data. And it will be the only available system from now on. We do not want to offer the opportunity to pay by registration form anymore, because we simply cannot guarantee that we will be able to keep the information properly updated. This has been a problem in the past years with the community getting bigger and bigger. We hope you understand this.

Notes on Relevance & Security

If you have any doubts – the system is safe! The Wayeb website has been transferred to a new provider and is hosted on a secure server. The payment is run via PayPal, one of the biggest online payment systems. If you do not want to pay by credit card, you may use the PayPal service to open your own PayPal account and then pay by bank transaction. Just follow our instructions on the web.

Paying your Wayeb fees or registering for the EMC will be the same as booking a train or plane ticket online – it is as safe or unsafe as any other online booking services that you may regularly use. And besides: until now we always had to use our bank's online services to process your credit card information; so in the end, what is happening now is not much different from what used to happen – just that you type in your data yourself.

Notes about Membership Fees

If you have not paid your dues 2005 yet, please, make use of our new payment portal to be eligible for benefits (EMC discount, Mexicon & Saurwein discounts).

From now on, the new system will take care of sending out automatic reminders for payments of annual membership fee. Since, annual payments are always due until May, please be prepared to receive a reminder from Wayeb in the beginning of next year – irrespectively from when you have paid your annual fee 2005. As this is all automatic now, we require all members to pay their dues 2006 until May, otherwise the system will store you as a "sleeper" and Newsletters as well as discounts will not be granted.

Notes about EMC Registration & Book Discounts

The EMC Registration will run through the same system. As a Wayeb member you will register via a different path, or link, than other EMC-Participants. Like this, you will be granted a special Wayeb fee. Wayeberos who have not paid their dues are automatically in-eligible for the discount. Please, login and check your payment history before registering for the EMC! Once you have paid your Membership fee the system updates you automatically and you will be able to register at a reduced rate.

We plan to have a similar system for all Mexicon and Saurwein Orders in the near future (see below).

We also hope to provide Wayeb members very soon with more attractive benefits that will make the payment of an annual membership fee worthwhile (such as specific resources, articles that are only accessible to those who are members).

3. WAYEB GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2005

This year's Wayeb General Assembly will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 7 December 2005 during the 10th EMC at Leiden. The exact time and location will be announced on the website and by email notification.

All members are invited to attend. Active members who are unable to attend are requested to send a procuracy.

I apologize that this is such an inconvenient date for most members who will not be attending the workshop, but just as during the EMC in Bonn, the evening during the Symposium's weekend will be packed with other events, and no other evening would give us the time we need.

4. 10th EUROPEAN MAYA CONFERENCE – LEIDEN 2005

The Maya and Their Neighbours - Internal and External Contacts Through Time
5 - 10 December 2005

Leiden University (Faculty of Archaeology, CNWS) and the National Museum of Ethnology at Leiden (The Netherlands) will be hosting the 10th European Maya Conference from 5th - 10th of December 2005. The conference will combine a workshop on Maya hieroglyphic writing (December 5th - 8th) and a two-day long symposium (Friday, December 9th - Saturday, December 10th).

The Symposium

The symposium will be held at Leiden University, Kamerling Onnes Gebouw (KOG), Steenschuur 25, 2311 ES Leiden.

Papers will be presented by:

Ruud Van Akkeren (Museo Popol Vuh)
Charlotte Arnauld (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, CNRS)
Dimitri Beliaev (Russian State University, Moscow)
Erik Boot (Leiden University)
Allen Christenson (Brigham Young University)
Albert Davletshin (Russian State University, Moscow)
Nora England (University of Texas at Austin)
Teri Erandeni Arias Ortiz (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
Marianne Gabriel (Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán)
Nikolai Grube (University of Bonn)
John Hoopes (University of Kansas)
Maarten Jansen (Leiden University)
Wieslaw Koskul (Jagellonian University, Cracow)
Alfonso Lacadena (Universidad Complutense, Madrid)
Raquel Macario (Ministerio de Cultura de Guatemala)
Simon Martin (University of Pennsylvania Museum)
Lucero Melendez (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) & Carlos Pallan (INAH)
Frauke Sachse (University of Bonn)
David Stuart (University of Texas at Austin)
Eric Velásquez García (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
Marc Zender (Peabody Museum, Harvard University)

The Maya Hieroglyphic Workshop

The conference will be preceded by a three-and-a-half-day long Maya Hieroglyphic Workshop at the same address: Kamerling Onnes Gebouw (KOG), Steenschuur 25, 2311 ES Leiden. **NOTE:** the opening lecture will take place at: Academiegebouw (ACAD), Rapenburg 73, Leiden.

Several groups from beginners to advanced level will be available. All groups will be taught and supervised by experienced tutors. Beginners tuition will be available in English, Spanish, German, and French. An introductory workbook written by Harri Kettunen and Christophe Helmke will be provided to each participant.

The EMC Workshop programme starts with an introductory lecture on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday morning participants will be assigned to their individual workshops. The programme will finish on Thursday afternoon with recapitulating sessions in each workshop.

Workshop-Schedule

Monday, 5 December:

Opening Lecture by Erik Boot (Leiden University), Simon Martin (University Museum of Pennsylvania), and Marc Zender (Peabody Museum, Harvard University)

Tuesday, 6 – Thursday 8 December:

Three full days of workshops. Participants may choose between the following groups:

- Beginners Workshop (Tutors: Pierre Robert Colas, Sven Gronemeyer, Geneviève Le Fort, Christian Prager)
- Intermediate Workshop 1: "Inscriptions of Caracol, Belize" (Tutors: Christophe Helmke & Harri Kettunen)
- Intermediate Workshop 2: "Royal Ritual in the Inscriptions and Iconography of Temples XIX and XXI at Palenque" (Tutors: Elisabeth Wagner & Yuriy Polyukovych)
- Intermediate Workshop 3: "Classic Maya Ceramics: Regional Variation in Primary and Secondary Hieroglyphic Texts" (Tutor: Erik Boot)
- Advanced Workshop: "Words and Rules: New Insights into Classic Maya Grammar" (Tutor: Marc Zender)
- Special Workshop: "Reading the Mixtec Codices" (Tutor: Maarten Jansen)

Registration

Separate registration is available for both events, if you just want to attend the symposium or the workshop. If you register for the entire week you will get a reduced rate. The fees for Wayeb members are as follows

	until 30 November 2005	on day of arrival ¹
Workshop	€ 40	€ 50
Symposium	€ 40	€ 50
Both Events	€ 75	€ 90

Important: To register online you go to the link Registration for "Wayeb Members". Please, type in your Login Data. After that you will be able to select your choice of event from the Dropdown menu. To indicate your choice of workshop, you will have to click on the link "[Edit Profile](#)" and save the settings!!!

Don't forget: The reduced fees for Wayeb members will only be available once you have paid your annual membership fee.

5. THE NEW WAYEB EDITORIAL BOARD

At the last General Assembly, it was decided that Wayeb will need to install an Editorial Board of Honorary Fellows who will have an ultimate say in editorial questions about the European Maya Conference Proceedings. I am happy to announce that the following honorary fellows have accepted to form the new Wayeb Editorial Board:

Prof. Dr. Alain Breton
Prof. Dr. Andrés Ciudad Ruiz
Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Graham
Prof. Dr. Nikolai Grube
Prof. Dr. Norman Hammond

Thank you for taking on this job!

6. SAURWEIN ONLINE STORE

A new feature is planned for the Wayeb Website. Publisher Anton Saurwein and Wayeb will cooperate more closely in the near future. We cannot give any precise dates yet, but soon you will be able to order books from Anton Saurwein online via the Wayeb website. Wayeb members will receive discounts. We will update you on latest developments in the matter...

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