



# WAYEB Newsletter

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Dear Wayeberos,

here comes an update with the latest Wayeb News. We have new members, some new website updates, administrative notes and would like to remind you again of the EMC 2006 in Malmö as well as announce the host for the EMC 2007. Hope you are enjoying the Spring.

Best regards,

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## 1. NEW MEMBERS

Please, give a very warm welcome to our new members:

Marjukka Bastamow, Finland  
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## 2. WEBSITE NEWS

The Wayeb website can now also be found under the address: [www.wayeb.eu](http://www.wayeb.eu)

The former addresses [www.wayeb.org.com/.net](http://www.wayeb.org.com/.net) are still valid, and we continue to use [www.wayeb.org](http://www.wayeb.org) as the main reference to our internet presence.

(a) We have updated the WAYEB RESOURCES SECTION with a few new features:

### Theses & Dissertations

Wayeb invites graduates with university degrees related to the field of Maya Studies to send us their BA-, MA-theses and PhD-dissertations for online publication in this section of our website. Like this, we hope to provide you with another platform to disseminate your research and get some feedback from the scholarly community.

If you send us your thesis/dissertation for online publication, please make sure to attach some proof that your academic work has been graded and approved by your university. Wayeb will not publicize unapproved writings in this section.

Please indicate:

- type of thesis/dissertation (i.e., BA, MA, PhD, Lic. etc.)
- awarding academic institution (university, department, institute)
- year of submission/graduation

Please, send your thesis/dissertation properly formatted as a PDF-File to: [webmaster@wayeb.org](mailto:webmaster@wayeb.org).

Authors are responsible for checking with their universities/departments that the online publication of their thesis/dissertation does not violate the university's/department's rights. Authors are also requested to not send us their document, if the thesis/dissertation has been submitted for publication elsewhere.

### Wayeb Drawing Archive

We have also started to build up a download drawing archive, where members and non-members may post their drawings of Maya hieroglyphic texts or artifacts. If you have produced drawings of Maya monuments or ceramics that you would like to share with others, please take a look at the new Wayeb Drawing Archive.

Drawings may be sent to [Webmaster@wayeb.org](mailto:Webmaster@wayeb.org). Please, submit Images in the following format:

- 360 dpi scan at 100% from your original drawing
- 1 bit black and white bitmap
- saved in PNG or GIF format (no compression!)

We would be happy to post your drawing for download.

### (b) BAYTAAH SECTION

We have to apologize for having neglected our Baytaah Section for such a long time. The Baytaah Section was designed as an area where we post Wayeb internal documents (e.g. addresses, minutes etc.) that are of interest to our members.

You can access the Baytaah Section with your login-data, i.e. the login name and password that you also use to renew your membership.

### Members List 2006

We have now started to take care of this section again and have posted a new MEMBERS LIST (dated May 2006) which lists all current members and their email-addresses.

Now you can finally see who is currently in Wayeb, and how you can contact them!

There are a few Wayeb members who have not renewed their membership – we have not included them in the list, as we do not know whether they would like to continue their membership. They will be added again, once they renew.

Former members lists always contained the full mail addresses and telephone numbers. We have decided to stop this practice for reasons of general data protection. In the list you find the other members' email addresses – you can always contact them personally, if you need their phone numbers or mailing addresses.

Some members are listed with their addresses in the Maya Research in Europe/Individuals – Section. (We are working on modernizing this former WhoIsWho-section and hope to be able soon to offer you an interactive database, where members and non-members can advertise themselves and change their own data. We will keep you updated on this).

### Wayeb Newsletter Archive

From now on we will also post all the Newsletters that have been sent out to the members in the Baytaah Section. Like this, you can always access the information, in case you might have lost the email with the Newsletter that we sent to you.

We will continue to post more information in the Baytaah-Section and make more use of this member-restricted webpage.

### 3. MEMBER'S DATABASE – ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

For administrative and technical reasons, we have deleted all details of EMC Participants who are not Wayeb members from the Wayeb registration database. That is, for next EMC, online registration will only distinguish between "Wayeb Members" and "Others" – the category of "Returning Participants" has been deleted.

The reason for this is that our membership software cannot properly distinguish Wayeb Members from EMC-registrants, which complicates the sending of newsletters etc.

The addresses of EMC-participants who are not in Wayeb-members have been retained in a different database and they will all be updated on the upcoming EMC in Malmö.

#### 4. EMC 2006 – MALMÖ (CALL FOR PAPERS)

We would like to remind you again of the EMC in Sweden in December. The **Call for Papers** is still announced – the deadline for submission of abstracts is **30 June 2006**:

Wayeb welcomes scholars and students to participate in the 11th European Maya Conference that will be hosted by Malmö University, Sweden, December 4–9, 2006.

The conference combines a Maya Hieroglyphic Workshop (December 4–7) and a Research Symposium (December 8–9). The theme of the 11th EMC Research Symposium is *Ecology, Power, and Religion in Maya Landscapes*.

Keynote speakers include Nicholas Dunning, Elizabeth Graham, Nikolai Grube, Stephen Houston, David Stuart and Karl Taube.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

The WAYEB Conference Board invites the submission of abstracts concerning the conference topic:

#### **Ecology, Power, and Religion in Maya Landscapes**

We would like to encourage participants to reach beyond their area of immediate expertise to explore the relationships between environments, cosmologies and religious practices, and socio-political organisation in the Maya area, either over the long-term or at particular time-windows. Contributions breaking the discursive barrier between social constructivist and bio-geophysical perspectives on Maya landscapes are also strongly encouraged. Intentionally setting a broad theme of the Research Symposium, our ultimate ambition is to provide the stage for a scholarly exchange of data, models, and interpretations that will spur further post-symposium debates between, e.g., archaeologists, epigraphers, iconographers, ethnohistorians, historians of religions, geographers, and anthropologists on a host of mesmerizing issues relating to the human–nature interface in Maya landscapes.

Papers will be selected from all subdisciplines of Maya Studies. Presentations will be accepted in English and Spanish. Abstracts may not exceed 250 words. Contributions of authors who submit more than one abstract will not be considered. Co-authorship needs to be indicated on submission.

Please submit in electronic format (Word attachment) in the following order:

1. Author's name and affiliation
2. Address, Phone Number and email address
3. Title of Paper
4. Abstract

The abstracts will be forwarded without the author's particulars to an anonymous Review Committee that will be selected by the WAYEB Conference Board.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is **June 30, 2006**.

Please send your abstract to the following address: **callforpapers@wayeb.org**

Proposals will be evaluated anonymously by a Review Committee appointed by the Wayeb Conference Board.

#### MAYA HIEROGLYPHIC WORKSHOP

The 11th EMC Research Symposium is preceded by a three-and-a-half-day long Maya Hieroglyphic Workshop. The workshop includes an opening lecture by Simon Martin.

When registering, workshop participants may select from a number of available groups based on previous experience, ranging from beginners to the advanced level. All groups are taught and supervised by experienced tutors. Tuition will be available in English and Spanish.

Separate registration is offered for both events.

For further information and on-line registration, please visit the Wayeb webpage at [www.wayeb.org](http://www.wayeb.org), or contact the organisers, Dr. Bodil Liljefors Persson (Malmö University) and Dr. Christian Isendahl (Uppsala University), at **EMC2006@wayeb.org**.

#### 4. EMC 2007 – GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The Wayeb Conference Board has selected a host for the European Maya Conference 2007.

The Department of History of Religions at Geneva University will host the conference from Monday, 3 December – Saturday, 8 December 2007. The preliminary title of the EMC is: *The Maya and their Sacred Narratives: Text and Context of Maya Mythologies*.

The organising committee includes: Dr. Alain Monnier and Raphael Gardiol (Dept. of History of Religions) as well as Dr. Geneviève Le Fort (University of Neuchâtel, Wayeb vice president).

We will inform you about this event again in the end of this year.

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