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Dear Wayeberos,

there has not been that much going on in the past few months on the Wayeb-front, which is why you have not heard from us. But now we would like to update our members about the latest news regarding future EMCs and our website.

Best regards,

Frauke Sachse

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1. NEW MEMBERS

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

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2. DECISION ABOUT EMC 2008 and EMC 2009

The Conference Board had received two applications, one from Paris the other one from Cracow, competing for hosting the European Maya Conference in 2008. As both proposals were extremely intriguing the Board has decided to accept both applications and close EMC competition for 2009.

EMC 2008 – Paris, France

The EMC 2008 will be organised by GERM (*Groupe d'enseignement et de recherche maya*) as a joint cooperation of the *Musée du Quai Branly*, the *Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne*, the *INHA, Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art* and the *CNRS, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique*.

The organisers are Dr. Philippe Nondédéo, Dr. Charlotte Arnauld, Dr. Valentina Vapnarsky, Dr. Alain Breton and Dr. Ramzy Barrois.

The dates for the event are 1-6 December 2008.

The symposium will be held in the *Musée du Quai Branly*.

The theme of the EMC 2008 will be:

La vida cotidiana de los mayas

El tema de la vida cotidiana podría constituir un eje de convergencia y abrir un espacio de discusión entre nuestras disciplinas (arqueología, epigrafía, etnografía, etnohistoria, etnolingüística e iconografía), las cuales están enfocadas desde hace décadas sobre sus respectivos temas de predilección (lo político-religioso, lo mito-histórico, la tradición oral, la lingüística, los patrones de asentamiento y las viviendas,...). La vida cotidiana es sin embargo un aspecto a la vez básico e ineludible para cada una de ellas y permite una confrontación pluridisciplinaria de puntos de vista. En efecto, atañe tanto a la mayoría campesina de la sociedad, como a las élites y se refiere a los ámbitos tanto doméstico como público y tanto social como político. La vida cotidiana se revela no sólo a través de la cultura material (tipología de las residencias, definición de los espacios domésticos, producciones artesanales y artísticas, medios de subsistencia) sino también de otras actividades como la preparación de fiestas, ceremonias, celebraciones y rituales. Incluye aspectos esenciales como el aprendizaje y la transmisión (oral o escrita), la percepción del Otro (a través, entre otros, de la vestimenta) o la relación fundamental a los difuntos.

More details about the EMC 2008 in Paris will be announced in the end of this year.

EMC 2009 – Cracow, Poland

The EMC 2009 will be organised by Wieslaw Koszkul and Dr. Jaroslaw Zralka and the Institute of Archaeology of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland.

The EMC will be held in early December, however, exact dates have not been confirmed yet.

The theme of the EMC 2009 will focus on political relations and socio-political organisation. The exact title and description of the topic will be announced some time in 2008.

3. 12 EMC IN GENEVA – CALL FOR PAPERS (FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT)

The 12th European Maya Conference organized by the University of Geneva (Institute of History of Religions), the Swiss Society of Americanists, and Wayeb (European Association of Mayanists), will be held from December 3 – 8, 2007 in Geneva, Switzerland. A three-and-a-half-day Workshop (Dec. 3-6) will precede a two-day Symposium (Dec. 7-8).

SYMPOSIUM

The Theme of this year's conference is «**The Maya and their Sacred Narratives: Text and Context of Maya Mythologies**». Presentations will cover the analysis of sacred texts and mythological epics, as well as their derived ritual actions. Some anticipated approaches include the reconstruction of mythologies, the interaction between sacred narratives and the socio-political spheres in general and kingship in particular, the study of paraphernalia, the physical layout of ritual locations, and the spacio-temporal perspective.

Keynote speakers will include Allen Christenson, Raphaël Gardiol and Philippe Borgeaud, Nikolai Grube, Simon Martin, Alain Monnier, Christian Prager, Karl Taube, and Fátima Tec Pool.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Wayeb Conference Board invites the submission of abstracts concerning the conference topic. 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 should 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 e-mail 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 30 June, 2007.

Please send your abstract to callforpapers@wayeb.org

MAYA HIEROGLYPHIC WORKSHOP

The Symposium will be preceded by a three-and-a-half-day long hieroglyphic workshop that will comprise several groups ranging from beginners to advanced level. All groups will be taught and supervised by experienced tutors. Tuition will be available in English, Spanish and French. The workshop will include an opening lecture by Simon Martin.

Separate registration will be available for both events.

For further information, please, contact emc2007@wayeb.org

4. WEBSITE UPDATES

Sven has launched a new management system for our Events Calendar. Anybody who would like to announce a conference, lecture or exhibition which regards Maya culture may now use our new website feature which will post the information automatically. The new Events Calendar works in the same way as the Who Is Who?-Section, in that you may complete or change the information you have

posted at any time. Please, help us to spread news about this new feature and let institutions you are in contact with know that they may post their Maya-Events on the Wayeb website. At the moment, the section is rather empty, so please, help us to fill it.

By the way: You may have noticed that the website has slightly changed in layout and features. Sven is constantly working to keep the website technically up-to-date. However, this may sometimes cause interruptions which we would like to apologize for.

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