



WAYEB Newsletter

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Dear Wayeberos,

it is the time of the year when many of you are preparing to cross over the Atlantic to "Mayaland", so before everybody is leaving, I would like to take the opportunity to send you a short newsletter with the latest Wayeb-news and the minutes of the last General Assembly in Geneva. So far, we have been busy in Wayeb starting to plan the workshops for the EMC in Paris and getting all sorts of other EMC-related issues under way. We will keep you updated on the forthcoming EMCs in Paris and Cracow by means of this newsletter and our website.

Best regards,

Frauke Sachse

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1. NEW MEMBERS

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

Andrea Ruf, Germany

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2. FORMATION OF BOARDS

In the December the Administrative Council elected during the General Assembly in Geneva confirmed the Wayeb Board:

President:	Frauke Sachse
Vice-President:	Geneviève Le Fort
Secretary:	Bodil Liljefors-Persson
Treasurer:	Christian Prager

Applications for the Conference Board were received until the 31 December. In early January, the Conference Board for the next two years, 2008 and 2009, was formed. It consists of the following statutory members:

Christophe Helmke
Harri Kettunen
Geneviève Le Fort
Bodil Liljefors-Persson
Christian Prager
Frauke Sachse

and Nikolai Grube as Academic Adviser (elected by the General Assembly 2007)

For all matters of conference organisation regarding the EMC in Paris and Cracow the local organisers are included in the decision making processes of the Conference Board.

3. MINUTES OF THE WAYEB GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2007, Geneva

(for full version including appendices, see website, Baytaah section)

The General Assembly was held in connection with the twelfth European Maya Conference which took place at University of Genève, Switzerland (4-6 Workshops, 7-8 Symposium). The GA was held on Thursday, December 6th, 2007, in Maison de Associations, Rue de Savoises 15, 1205 Genève, from 16.00 –19.00.

The General Assembly was attended by the following:

Frauke Sachse, President (Germany), Geneviève Le Fort, Vice-President (Switzerland) Christian Prager, Treasurer (Germany), Bodil Liljefors Persson, Secretary, (Sweden).

Ramzy Barrois (France), Falken Forshaw (USA), Lloyd Anderson (USA), Julie Ludwig (Germany), Catherine Leluc (Switzerland), Werner Zien (Germany), Simon Martin (UK), Philippe de Carlos (France), Dmitri Belieaev (Russia), Alexander Safronov (Russia), Olivia Bourrat (France), Philippe Nondedeo (France), Alexander Tokovinine (Russia/USA), Albert Davletshin (Russia), Pierre Robert Colas (Germany/USA), Elizabeth Wagner (Germany), Karl-Herbert Mayer (Germany), and Andreas Fuls (Germany).

Represented by proxy:

Agnes Cougnaud, France (represented by Catherine LeLuc), Jesper Nielsen, Denmark (represented by Bodil Liljefors Persson) Sven Gronemeyer, Germany (represented by Frauke Sachse), Christophe Helmke, Denmark (represented by Ramzy R. Barrois) and Harri Kettunen, Finland (represented by Geneviève Le Fort) and Annette Kern Germany (represented by Christian Prager).

The General Assembly meeting followed the proposed Ordre du jour/Agenda and this minute follows the order of the paragraphs as presented at the meeting.

§1. EMC Update; report from Conference Board (report by Frauke Sachse)

-13 EMC 2008 - will be organised in Paris by Philippe de Nondedeo, Ramzy R Barrois and Charlotte. Dates will be from December 1 to 6th in 2008. The Conference theme will focus on Maya Daily Lives.

-14 EMC 2009 – will be organised in Cracow by Wieslaw Koszkuł and Jaroslaw Zralka of the Jagellonian University.

The Conference Board decided in early 2007 to accept both applications and close the competition for the EMC 2009.

For future EMC's suggested options were named and discussed:

- Berlin 2010 – various organisers represented at GA by Andreas Fuls and Julie Ludwig; suggested conference theme "Maya History of Science and Technology"
- Madrid 2011 - Alfonso de Lacadena as official organiser
- Brussels is another option

The named institutions/organiser are invited to apply for the upcoming EMC's.

A short discussion occurred on the question about possibilities to organise the EMC 2012 a little bit later in order to include December 21, but no decision was made.

A suggestion about a change of the EMC Regulation was discussed, see Appendice 1, and the GA voted for the New Section in EMC Regulations §3, quoted by Frauke at the GA.

Also it was decided that appointments of the EMC Conference Board should be selected by the Board. Interested members should apply formally to Frauke by sending an email as soon as possible. The Conference Board will then appoint the Workshop Group early in January 2008.

§2. -EMC Proceedings:

-Recent/pending publications are the 7th, 10^h and 11th Proceedings volumes. London proceedings from 2002, Madrid proceedings from 2003 and Bonn proceedings from 2004 are published and out.

The Hamburg proceedings volume from 2001 is currently being edited.

The Leiden proceedings volume from 2005 is currently being edited.

-Wayeb strives at speeding up the editing processes and the Malmö Proceedings have now a final date for collecting the articles at the end of January 2008 and then the editing process will start, as reported by Bodil Liljefors Persson.

Ideally the editing process should not take more than 8 months, but this is of course due to the fact that all articles is sent in accordingly to the scheduled dates.

- The Standardized Guidelines for the Editing process of EMC Proceedings should be used. Editor of the EMC Proceedings is always the person(s) responsible for collecting and editing the volume, and often also the person(s) who organise the EMC.
- the Advisory Editorial Board should continue to give their approval of publication of the EMC proceedings (as has been the case with the last three volumes).
- The GA discussed different possibilities to speed up the whole publication process and it was decided that Catherine Leluc would make inquiries about alternative publishing companies among others from Singapore.
- Concerning the distribution process with Anton Saurwein also suggestions were made to structure this in a good way. Elisabeth Wagner offered to be of assistance in this process.

§3.Active Member Status (report by Frauke Sachse)

- The GA discussed and decided on Appendix 2 of the Agenda.

Active [Statutory] membership registration will be deleted as an option from the Membership Registration System. It was decided to go back to the procedures for Active [Statutory] membership application as described in the Internal Regulations; i.e. by formal letter to the Wayeb Board including a statement of motivation and proposal for active engagement.

It was also decided that Wayeb should change the terms "active members" and "supporting members" to "Voting members" and "members" and that this should be visible on the website. The criteria for Active (voting) membership is defined in the Internal Regulations. [see Newsletter 28 December 2007: 'Members' and 'Statutory Members']

§4. Wayeb website (by Sven Gronemeyer)

Sven could not attend the GA this year; the GA refers to the Agenda, Appendix 3, for Sven's full webiste report.

§5. Finances report (report by Christian Prager)

-general overview

-workshop and EMC finances

-amount of money available for Wayeb "scholarships"

Christian presented the financial report, also attached (attachment 4) to this Minute.

§6. Elections

- The GA voted for Bodil Liljefors Persson, Rogelio Valencia and Ramzy Barrois to constitute the Administrative Council together with the Founding members (Alfonso Lacadena, Philippe de Carlos, Geneviève LeFort, Christian Prager, Laura van Broekhoven and Frauke Sachse)

- Account Auditeurs: The GA voted for Andreas Fuls and Alfonso Lacadena

- Academic Advisor of Conference Board: The GA voted for Nikolai Grube as academic advisor 2008-2013.

A proposal was made that at the next GA, in 2008, a second Academic Advisors should be nominated.

§7. Variae

- The Maudslay Project by Rogelio Valencia has as yet no funding.

- Events Calendar – is the possibility for all members to add information on the website – and every member is requested to submit information.

§12. Concluding remarks.

The Wayeb General Assembly 2007 must be considered to be a good and energetic meeting with many members participating in colourful and vivid discussions that hopefully will result in a fruitful Wayeb year 2008.

Limhamn, Sweden, December 2007

Bodil Liljefors Persson
Wayeb secretary

Frauke Sachse
Wayeb president

4. CALL FOR SOME HELP

Our webmaster, Sven, has been swamped with work over the past months. He is doing a lot of maintenance on the website, but as you may have noted, some links and addresses have become outdated. If you want to help us to maintain the website and update it, we need somebody to check links in the resources- and research section and send the current URLs to Sven. We also need links for more electronic texts as this section has not been updated in more than a year.

Also, most data in the research section are not the latest state of the art, we need an updated list of institutional addresses etc. – if you want to help us with this, please contact Sven.

This call for help addresses statutory members and those members who would like to apply for statutory status at some point.

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