



Hamburg, December 10, 2001

The General Assembly was held in connection with the sixth European Maya Conference, which took place at Hamburg University on Monday December 10, 2001 from 9.30 to 17.00 at the Institute of Archaeology, Abteilung für Altamerikanistik, room 304, Johns Allee 35, 20148 Hamburg.

### The General Assembly was attended by the following:

Geneviève Le Fort (President), Philippe de Carlos (Vice-President), Christian Prager (Treasurer), Bodil Liljefors Persson (Secretary), Alexandre Safronov, Yuriy Polyukovych, Frauke Sachse, Pierre-Robert Colas, Agnès Cougnaud, Andreas Fuls, Daniel Graña-Behrens, Rogelio Valencia Rivera, Roland Crüseman, Sven Gronemeyer, Nikolai Grube, Elisabeth Wagner, Clara I. Bezanilla, Liz Graham, Simon Martin, Alfonso Lacadena, Markus Kuhnert. Megan O'Neil, Matthias Gorissen and Jessica Jacob also stopped by.

### Were represented:

Catherine Leluc (by Agnès Cougnaud) and Jan Matze (by G. Le Fort).

The General Assembly meeting followed mainly the proposed Ordre du jour, but with minor changes in the order of the separate paragraphs. This minute follows the actual order of the paragraphs as presented at the meeting.

## §1

### (§2 originally) 2<sup>nd</sup> SAB Colloque in Brussels 2002

The Belgian Society of Americanists will have its second colloque on November 16-17, 2002, in collaboration with WAYEB. The call for papers is announced on the Wayeb website. There will be 4 panels in two rooms. Wayeb will be responsible for one panel, one day (about 8 lectures). Nikolai Grube, as a guest lecturer, will give a general presentation on Maya warfare. The meeting voted for Wayeb to have participants in the reviewing committee, so if you are an interested active member and not presenting an abstract, please contact Geneviève Le Fort as soon as possible.

## §2

### (§3a originally) Internal organisation. Wayeb general structure

The General Assembly agreed to keep the structure as it is now in the status (see the document on general structure), but decided to apply it at the 2002 General Assembly only. This year, again, the Board was directly elected by the Active Members and not by the elected Administration Council as it will be in the future.

## §3

### (§5 originally) Votes

The Elections for the Board took place, and the General Assembly voted again for:

- Geneviève Le Fort as President
- Philippe de Carlos as Vice-President
- Christian Prager as Treasurer
- Bodil Liljefors Persson as Secretary.

The General Assembly also elected Nikolai Grube to hold the new position of Academic Advisor for the Conference Board from 2002-2006.(see also paragraph 6).

The meeting also made the decision that active members interested in participating in the Administration Council should sign up to Geneviève Le Fort before the next General Assembly.

## §4

### (§1 originally) 7 EMC in London 2002

The main organisers are Clara Bezanilla, Elizabeth Graham and Simon Martin and they presented the organisation around the next European Maya Conference, which is to be held at the British Museum in Bloomsbury, London. The Conference will continue the EMC tradition that begun at the British Museum in 1996 and thus Wayeb will be actively participating in the organisation. The 7<sup>th</sup> EMC will be held between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2002 and the central theme will be the ancient Maya beliefs and practices regarding the passage from life to the afterlife and is entitled: *Jaws of the Underworld: Life, death and rebirth among the ancient Maya*.

The EMC will begin with a three-days intensive workshop (5-7 Nov) probably at the UCL, and on Friday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> there will be research presentations. A call for papers will be announced early in 2002. On Saturday and Sunday (9-10<sup>th</sup> Nov) there will be more public lectures by, among others: Norman Hammond, Mary Miller, Robert Sharer, Stephen Houston and Karl Taube.

It is obvious that this EMC will attract a lot of interest and it is therefore strongly recommended that bookings will be made well in advance. The fees have been set up as follows:

- Conference (including research papers, Friday evening lecture by Ian Graham, Saturday and Sunday conference) - £ 50, £25 for students and Wayeb members!
- Workshop - £ 30, £ 20 for students and Wayeb members!
- Conference and Workshop - £ 70, £ 45 for students and Wayeb Members!
- Ian Graham talk on Friday evening - £ 7, £ 4 concession for Wayeb members.

However, these fees are for booking in advance, and there will be extra charge of £ 10 for those who register on the arrival day.

At present the Workshops will have a limit of maximum 120 participants!!

This conference will be advertised on the Web sites of the British Museum, UCL and Wayeb as well as in journals. There will also be a possibility for small groups to visit the Alfred Maudslay casts collection on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. London is also hosting a great Aztec exhibition during the fall of 2002.

The General Assembly also decided that Wayeb will compile a EMC check list of what needs to be done in London and on future EMC events.

Christian Prager will be responsible for the Workshop Hieroglyphic Notebook for the next EMC. The deadline for critics and comments of the previous notebook is September 1, 2001. Send your comments directly to Christian Prager. On October 1, 2002, Christian will send the Notebook to UCL, London, and they will arrange for copies to be made for the Workshop.

## §5

### (§4 originally) 8EMC 2003 – where?

As Geneviève reported, it won't be possible to organise the 8 EMC in Basel, but there will be a 8 EMC anyway. Alfonso Lacadena happily announced that after London the direction will be southwards, and the 8 EMC will take place in Madrid, Spain.

A suggestion for upcoming 9 EMC was presented by Pierre-Robert Colas who have had some contacts with the American Indian Language Institution of Venice, Italy. Geneviève LeFort also had contacts concerning a collaboration with the Swiss Americanist Society, but nothing has been decided. Each member is also encouraged to pursue contact with organisations interested in cooperating with Wayeb, for EMCs or other events such as the SAB ´s Colloque in Brussels 2002.

## §6

### (§3b originally) Organisation of EMC's. Proposal by Frauke Sachse and Christian Prager

Frauke and Christian presented their proposal in a very condensed and well-structured way. The main idea is to establish an organisation of the European Maya Conference Series that correlates with, and reflects the ideas of Wayeb's intentions – to be a democratic body for European Mayanists.

The main part of the discussions concerned the establishment of a Conference Board, which according to the proposal should consist of:

1. National Delegates (X) - each country, which has at least 3 active members can elect and send a national delegate to the Conference Board (countries can join to meet the requirements)
2. Founding Member (1)
3. Academic Advisor (1) - elected for a period of 5 years by the General Assembly.

This Conference Board will have the following functions:

1. Decision on place/institution via application
2. Guarantee of academic quality – advising role (topic/specialists)
  - a. papers (>50% via Call for Papers, double-blind-review procedure)
3. constitution of a Review Committee – 3-7 persons being: >3 Active Wayeb members, >1 Member of hosting institution and >1 Academic expert on the conference theme.
4. Public relations.

Apart from the Conference Board, Wayeb will also be responsible for organising the Workshop (self financed).

The General Assembly elected Nikolai Grube to hold the position of Academic Advisor for a period of five years, which is from 2002-2006.

After the presentation and discussions, the General Assembly agreed with, and voted for the proposal of Frauke and Christian. Only some details will be rewritten and the final version will be sent out soon. The General Assembly can revise the proposal when necessary and changes can be made in the future.

Some more general discussions also took place during this paragraph, and for instance it was generally agreed that the workshops should precede the Conference, as it is done now, to allow the participants a better understanding of the more technical lectures during the Conference.

The meeting also agreed on the fact that the Ancient Maya should be the main theme for the EMCs, and that all papers shall relate to the topic of the conference. The papers can approach the theme from different perspectives (ethnohistory, social anthropology, archaeology, etc.) but the focus shall always be on the Ancient Maya.

It was decided that the Conference Board should be formed by the end of January 2002, and that Geneviève Le Fort will contact each active member with information concerning this. The Conference Board will deal with the organizers at London 2002, and Madrid 2003. The CB will also actively try to find an institution willing to host the 2004 EMC.

It was also decided that the Secretary is responsible for all addresses and e-mails. So it is important that all members send new addresses to Bodil Liljefors Persson in order that we always have a data base as updated as possible.

## §7

### (§3c originally) Organisation of Working Groups

The General Assembly agreed on the proposal by Geneviève Le Fort (see document on WG). Working Groups will be formed to work on specific tasks and projects, a leader will be designated and reports will be available to all on the Baaytah section of the web site.

A Workshop WG will be formed by the end of January 2002.

## §8

### (§6 originally) Publication

Anton Saurwein has offered to collaborate with Wayeb and publish the proceedings of the coming EMCs. Christian Prager, as Treasurer, already discussed the financial matters a little with him, and a discount of 20% for Wayeb members has been agreed upon. The goal is to get a continuity of the publications, and

Anton Saurwein has also agreed to publish the 4<sup>th</sup> EMC from Copenhagen if it is still possible to collect the papers presented. Bodil Liljefors Persson will look into that matter.

It has been agreed that the editing work will be in the hands of the local organising team, but that Wayeb will help if needed. Wayeb will also designate a person responsible to make the link with Anton Saurwein on one side, and the local editing team on the other.

The General Assembly also discussed the possibility of forming a EMC Workshop Library in the future. As a symbol of this cooperation, Anton Saurwein honoured Wayeb with one exemplar of the newly published proceedings of the 3 EMC, that also took place here in Hamburg in 1998. The meeting decided that the Secretary, Bodil Liljefors Persson, should be the "book-keeper" of the Wayeb Library, until further.

## §9

### (§8 originally) Technical Stuff

**Financial situation:** Christian Prager presented the lists of all the income and expenditure for 1998, 1999 and 2000. Everything was found to be all right and the General Assembly expressed its gratitude to Christian for keeping the lists of transactions in such good conditions. For the moment Wayeb have the amount of 1541 Euro on its account.

The meeting briefly discussed the idea of selling T-shirts and other things with Wayeb logos during the workshops and conferences, in order to expand the financing possibilities for Wayeb in the future.

**Registration fee payments:** It was decided that Christian Prager will contact those who have not paid, Founding Members included, to see if they still want to be part of WAYEB. The General Assembly also agreed to let the Board decide about free or reduced admission for certain poorer members.

**Status:** The status need to be reviewed. A Working Group, to be formed by the end of January 2002, will be in charge and work on a proposal.

## §10

### (§7 originally) Web site

Sven Gronemeyer presented the actual status of the web site.

Rogelio Valencia Rivera is at the moment programming the database that will help us establish an effective search key and improve the site as a whole. The General Assembly agreed to spend the money necessary (ca 25 USD/month) to host that database.

Elisabeth Wagner worked on a link category list. It will be presented soon in the web site.

Efforts will also be made in order to promote Wayeb much more in the future.

## §11

### (§10 originally) Others

Geneviève Le Fort informed the group that Dr. Vollemaere, frustrated of not being accepted to give a paper at the 6EMC, threatened to take to court WAYEB and the Hamburg local team. Matthias Gorissen read us the answer him and Geneviève were about to send him back.

## §12

### Concluding remarks

The Wayeb General Assembly 2001 was a very good and energetic meeting with many members participating in colourful and vivid discussions that hopefully will result in a fruitful Wayeb year 2002. During the lunch break all members ended up at one of the good restaurants located near the university in Hamburg and here the friendly talks continued. This has almost developed into a tradition of Wayeberos – The practice to engage eagerly in eating, drinking and talking with the same enthusiasm that always characterises the evenings during each European Maya Conference.

Then Geneviève le Fort, president of Wayeb, finished the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly.

Limhamn, Sweden, December 20, 2001.

Bodil Liljefors Persson  
Wayeb Secretary

Geneviève Le Fort  
Wayeb President