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The Wayeb General Assembly 2003 was held in connection with the 8th European Maya Conference on Friday, 28 November 2003 - 3-6 pm at the Museo de América, Madrid, Spain.

Minutes held by: Elisabeth Wagner

Session's president: Frauke Sachse (Wayeb Vice President)

The following members attended the General Assembly:

Active members: Dmitri Beliaev, Pierre Robert Colas, Albert Davletshin, Andreas Fuls, Sven Gronemeyer, Nikolai Grube, Annette Kern, Harri Kettunen, Frauke Sachse (Vice President), Alexander Safronov, Alexander Tokovinine, Rogelio Valencia Rivera, Elisabeth Wagner

Supporting members : Ramzy Barrois, Valery Meyer-Holdampf

Non-members: Christopher Helmke,

Represented by procurations were the following six active members:

Alfonso Lacadena (by Rogelio Valencia), Geneviève LeFort (by Frauke Sachse), Catherine Leluc (by Harri Kettunen), Julie Ludwig (by Andreas Fuls), Jan Matze (by Nikolai Grube), Christian Prager (by Elisabeth Wagner)

In sum, 13 active members attended the General Assembly, 6 active members were represented by procurations, yielding a total of 19 votes. This number corresponded to the minimum of required votes (50% + 1).

The discussion mainly followed the proposed agenda for the meeting; the minutes follow the actual order of the agenda.

1. EMC Update; Report from Conference Board

1.1 9EMC in Bonn 2004 (see webpage): General update

Another invited speaker, Jan de Vos, confirmed his participation at the 9 EMC. Other invited speakers (Patricia McAnany, Awexnim Cojti, Ulrich Köhler) have not yet replied.

1.2 Future EMCs (2005 & 2006): Leiden, Warsaw, Stockholm

It has been proposed to contact Laura van Broekhoven for Leiden, and Bodil Liljefors Persson for Stockholm as potential EMC hosting locations for the years 2005 and 2006.

Further, Paris has been proposed as a potential EMC host for 2006 when a new ethnographic museum will be opened.

Basel as a potential host for a future EMC will not be possible before 2007/2008 because of closure and renovation of the Museum der Kulturen at Basel (pers. comm. by Alexander Wüst to Christian Prager).

Finally it has been pointed out that the deadline to apply as potential hosts of the 2005 application will be the end of January 2004.

1.3 Proceedings

- 8 EMC Madrid

Genevieve LeFort offered to do the editing of the 8EMC Proceedings in case of no one else might be available for this job.

- Past EMCs:

7EMC London (Pierre): 7EMC Proceedings are in process of being edited (Geneviève LeFort, Bodil Liljefors, Pierre Colas). Report about a problem regarding one article which does not meet scientific standards.

6EMC Hamburg (Annette): 8 articles are ready to be published. Many other authors have not responded because of internal problems at the Institute of Archaeology, Abteilung für Altamerikanistik at Hamburg.

5EMC Bonn (Frauke): The 5 EMC proceedings are in the process to be sent to the printer. A pre-print of the 5EMC proceedings was circulated among the members present at this year's General Assembly.

1.4 Report on approved changes of CB regulations (see EMC regulations)

change of statutes: see website

- CB will be renewed in January; the AC accepts applications

Anyone who is interested in being a member of the future Conference Board shall apply by contacting the President or Vice President.

1.5 Discussion: suggestion by Bodil Liljefors Persson (see supplement 1)

Elisabeth Wagner commented that there should be no separation of invited and call-for-paper speakers in different session as there could be a favouring of the invited speakers by the audience. Further, she noted that 20 minutes for a presentation of a call-for-papers speakers is too short. Perhaps poster-sessions of 15 minutes could be introduced as a new presentation format in addition to call-for-paper presentations. Elisabeth further wondered, whether there was the possibility of adding an extra half day for the symposium.

Frauke Sachse agreed that there could be more sessions. But extending the conference by another day may raise financial problems (e.g. higher costs for room rent). Therefore, it would not be feasible to add another day.

Albert Davletshin does not agree with the proposal to have different sessions at the same time.

Andreas Fuls annotated that in the case of extending the conference by another day it may be difficult to get holidays from work.

Pierre Robert Colas pointed out that both invited and call-for-papers speakers should be treated the same in the arrangement of the conference schedule and length of presentations. Further, quality should prevail.

Alexander Tokovinine favours shorter presentations like 20 minutes or shorter.

It was then generally agreed that the Conference Board should discuss about the time for presentations on the basis of Bodil's proposals. The CB will then distribute their decisions, proposals and ideas. Anyone with further proposals regarding the conference should contact the Conference Board.

1.6 Installation of an Editorial Board of Wayeb (Conference Proceedings)

A new working group was formed that will be concerned with setting up a Wayeb Editorial Board for the EMC proceedings. As suggested by Nikolai Grube, the Wayeb Editorial Board's main responsibility would be to guarantee a certain standard and format for the EMC proceedings and to deal with questions and problems as reported for the 7th EMC proceedings (see above). As a guideline for the general organisation and composition of the Wayeb Editorial Board the editorial board of the journal *Ancient Mesoamerica* was suggested. Nikolai Grube proposed to set up such an Editorial Board for a period of 4 to 5 years.

The following members make up the "Editorial Board" working group: Annette Kern, Alexander Tokovinine, Rogelio Valencia, Elisabeth Wagner.

The "Editorial Board" working group will be concerned with:

working out guidelines for the general organisation of the Wayeb Editorial Board contacting established scholars in the field (so-called VIP's), preferably Wayeb members, who would agree to be on the Wayeb Editorial Board

Anyone interested in contributing to the setting-up of the Wayeb Editorial Board is asked to contact the working group.

It was agreed upon that the "Editorial Board" working group will report about their activities regarding the setting-up of a Wayeb Editorial Board at the 2004 General Assembly.

Vote: 19 of 19 for the "Editorial Board" working group.

2. Note on Wayeb workshop organisation

2.1 Workshop working group: report, votes

Pierre Robert Colas presented a paper with proposals by Christian Prager and Pierre Robert Colas regarding the organisation future workshops (see supplement 2)

Frauke Sachse pointed out that general guidelines for future workshops needed to be worked out. These should e.g. include the organisation of workshops according to different knowledge levels of the participants as beginners, intermediate and advanced, the financing of the workshops as well as the workbook. The working group should be concerned with developing certain standards for future workshops (especially for the beginners workshops) comparable to the beginners' workshop at Austin.

A new workshop working group was set up: Pierre Robert Colas, Nikolai Grube, Christopher Helmke, Harri Kettunen, Christian Prager, Elisabeth Wagner

Vote: 19 of 19 votes

2.2 General issues of workshop organisation

A written proposal by Christian Prager and Pierre Robert Colas about the organisational aspects of the Wayeb workshops was discussed. Regarding the selection of workshop leaders, it was decided to select future tutors in agreement with the Conference Board.

It was pointed out that budget would always be a decisive factor in the selection and invitation of workshop leaders. Tutors from Europe should be preferred as workshop leaders.

Rogelio Valencia pointed out that certain improvements in workshop organisation were necessary since there had been several complaints by workshop participants about the organisational aspects at Madrid that concern the responsibility of Wayeb. He will send his proposals to the workshop working group.

2.3 Surplus and loss

Pierre Robert Colas reported about the costs of the 2003 Madrid workshop as follows:

The expenses for workshop leaders (Dmitri Beliaev, Pierre Robert Colas, Sven Gronemeyer, Annette Kern, Elisabeth Wagner) were as follows:

Transportation (flight tickets)	€ 440
accommodation (Hotel)	€ 434
Total	€ 874

The costs for workshop materials were approximately EUR 100.

3. Wayeb Website

3.1 Report about activities 2003 (new provider, problems etc.)

Webmaster Sven Gronemeyer reported that the Wayeb website has a new provider, Invidia. But certain problems with that provider which could not be retraced, have lead to delays in launching and updating the website.

There have been made 3 new additions to the website:

- 1) Wayeb Notes
- 2) A link to order books from Anton Saurwein
- 3) Wayeb e-mail addresses

To date, the planned secure SSL-server has been not been installed, yet, because of the problems with the provider Invidia. Frauke Sachse pointed out that Wayeb needs to change to another provider and it is necessary to find a trustworthy one. The provider Invidia has proven to be unreliable, since many requests were never answered.

Elisabeth Wagner proposed to ask Christoph Wagner if he could recommend a trustful provider capable to provide also the following services: web mailing, SSL-server, Linux server.

Rogelio noted that he will look for an acknowledged provider and that it may be better to pay a higher fee for its services. (current rate as charged by Invidia: 12 €/ month).

Andreas Fuls pointed out that it is necessary to check the rules of the potential new provider for e.g. changing the domain.

Frauke Sachse pointed out that the transfer of the website to the new provider should be before February 2004 because the contract with Invidia ends and a new contract year starts by then.

3.2 Costs involved (vote)

It was decided that Wayeb would be willing to cover higher costs involved in the transfer, maintenance and improvement of the website.

3.3 Website working group

Proposal by Sven Gronemeyer on Internal Regulations for website management (see baytaah section on website).

4. Wayeb Notes

4.1 reconfirmation of general editor

Vote: 19 of 19 votes confirmed Christian Prager as general editor of the Wayeb Notes.

4.2 Report by Christian Prager on the Wayeb Notes Board (see supplement 3)

4.3 Formation of the Wayeb Notes Editorial Board

In order to guarantee a certain scientific standard for the new Wayeb online journal "Wayeb Notes", an editorial board has been formed. The following members are involved: Dmitri Beliaev, Nikolai Grube, Harri Kettunen, Christian Prager (general editor), Elisabeth Wagner

Vote: 19 of 19 votes for the Wayeb Notes Editorial Board.

Alexander Tokovinine proposed to send a letter to all Wayeb members to disseminate information on the existence of the Wayeb Notes as a medium for publishing articles.

5. Official Documents

5.1 Statutes update (new version turned in for official registration)

Vote: 19 of 19 votes ratified the statutes update

5.2 Voting on Charter (see supplement 4) and Internal Regulations (acc. to Art. 21) (see supplement 5).

Vote: 19 of 19 votes ratified the Charter.

6. 2003 Activities and News

6.1 Maudslay Project

Update (Rogelio)

6.2 Wayeb Archaeological Fellowship project:

Update by Geneviève Le Fort (see Supplement 06)

The following members commented on the archaeological projects reported upon by Geneviève Le Fort: Nikolai Grube annotated that it is not yet clear, whether the Naachtun project will come about. Thus far there has been no confirmation on that matter. The Guatemalan policy that for any foreigner working in Guatemala a Guatemalan student needs to be hired and paid, was regarded a problem.

Christopher Helmke proposed that Caracol may be a good and inexpensive alternative to working in Guatemala. Christopher Helmke is willing to contact archaeological projects in Belize. Furthermore, he asked for a written statement from Wayeb as a reference for contacting archaeological projects in Belize.

Nikolai Grube replied that with regard to Belize, the future perspectives of the Caracol Projects are not clear. As an alternative he mentioned that Francisco Estrada-Belli is willing to invite people to his

projects but the agreement with Guatemala is that Wayeb would have to pay a fee of US\$ 2,000 - 3,000 per season.

Nikolai Grube also proposed a French archaeological project directed by Pierre Becquelin and Eric Taladoire as a potential candidate for Wayeb cooperation.

Frauke Sachse proposed that in the future Wayeb might be able to provide a limited amount of money for financing archaeological fellowships, e.g. € 500 per year.

It was decided to leave the issue until next year and meanwhile (Nikolai Grube, Christopher Helmke, Geneviève LeFort) try to clarify the details.

7. Finances Report

The finances report by the treasurer (Christian Prager) for the 2002 financial situation was presented (see supplement 7).

8. Elections

8.1 Administrative Council

Rogelio pointed out that there is a problem with non-active founding members.

In addition to the six permanent members, three more members have been voted into the Administrative Council 2004:

Dmitri Beliaev, Bodil Liljefors Persson, Rogelio Valencia Rivera

Vote: The AC was voted upon by 19 of 19 votes

8.2 Two Account Auditors

According to the Statutes, the Wayeb GA needs to install up to two account auditors who revise the treasurer's activities.

Jan Matze has presented himself as a candidate for an account auditor.

Vote: the account auditor was ratified by 19 of 19 votes.

9. Variae

9.1 Extension of member benefits

Discussing the extension of members benefits, it was suggested to search for sponsors and for more publishers that would provided benefits in the form of discounts for Wayeb members as it is already the case with Verlag Anton Saurwein

9.2 The issue of voluntary work

A clarifying comment on active member status was made. Active member status involves the participation in the statutory rights of the Association and it assumed that Wayeb members who become active members know that they do voluntary work.

In 2003, two supporting members have done extraordinary voluntary work for Wayeb:

- Juan Ignacio Cases Martín (translation of the EMC workbook into Spanish)
- Christina Warriner (english correction of all official documents and website contents)

It was decided that in this exceptional event, these two members would be granted free Wayeb membership in 2004 for their voluntary work:

Vote: 19 of 19 votes.

Supplements:

- Supplement to be discussed under Paragraph 1. The Organisation of Future EMC's (Bodil Liljefors Persson)
- Organisational Structure of Future Maya Hieroglyphic Workshops (Christian Prager and Pierre Robert Colas)
- Wayeb Notes Board - Commentary and Suggestions (Christian Prager)
- Wayeb Charter
- Wayeb - Internal Regulations of the Association, Version July 2003
- Wayeb Archaeological Fellowship Project - Report for the 2003 General Assembly (Geneviève Le Fort)
- A Report by the Treasurer for the 2002 Financial Situation (Christian Prager)

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SUPPLEMENT TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER PARAGRAPH 1. THE ORGANISATION OF FUTURE EMC ´s.

I think that now, when the EMC ´s have been more established, it should be possible to allow for more papers to be presented. I suggest that it is time to enlarge the symposium.

My argumentation for this is as follows:

As it is now, the WAYEB Symposium always have about half of the papers from invited speakers, and half from the "call- for -papers-procedure". As you all know we always have many applicants to the symposium, and we always have to choose a very limited number from them.

Why could we not accept many more papers?

Couldn´t the Symposium be organised so that we - for instance - always have invited speakes before noon in larger conference rooms, and then organise the other paper presentations in double or triple sessions in smaller rooms after lunch?? Another suggestion is that we cut the time for presentations from 30 minutes to 20 minutes for the "Call for papers- participants". Then we could have much more opportunities for scholars, already well established PhD ´s as well as students and doctorate candidates, to present their research as well.

If we look at the list of speakers from the latest EMC ´s, a lot of the speakers are the same, from Bonn, Hamburg, London and now in Madrid. I do not want to change the fact that WAYEB always should invite wellknown researchers and of course top-speakers. Also WAYEB practices the "double-blind-procedure" to select from the "call-for-papers-applicants", so it is always the best papers that are selected. But, still... WAYEB EMC ´s has developed into an established conference by now, and many participants attend both the workshops and the conferences. So, I suggest that we try to enlarge the active participation at the symposiums as well.

Arguments:

1. One of WAYEB ´s main goals, also formulated in the statutes, is to promote and encourage Maya studies and research/researchers in Europe, also in countries were it is not already well-established academic institutions. Then I think we should let a larger number of speakers to be allowed to present their often ongoing research. Many of us "Wayeberos" are working and studying in countries where we do not have many great opportunities to present our research/studies to a "Mayaknowledgeable" audience. - One of the best opportunities for many of us to do this, is to attend the EMC ´s.

So I think that with the experience we now have gained from previous EMC ´s, we know that we have more papers that could be of interest, and that could have deserved a chance to be presented, - and above all - to be discussed. We only have EMC ´s once a year! And this will also conform better with Wayeb intentions to promote and encourage Maya studies and research in Europe.

2. Another important argument in this context, is that in many countries it is only possible to get the travel expenses to attend a conference paid from your institution - if you also give/present a paper. And, if you do not have a position, the possibilities to get financial support from fundings, scholarships etc is depending upon if you participate actively in a conference or a symposium. Also, in many countries, at least in the Scandinavian countries, an active participation in a conference gives you credit, and counts beneficial when you apply for job positions, doctorate scholarships etc. So one opportunity to help promote Maya studies and research in Europe is to enlarge and develop the opportunities for graduate students and researchers to present and discuss their research studies.

In conclusion:

I argue for that Wayeb offer part of the symposium to open up for more paper presentations. Then more students and researchers will also have better possibilities not only to receive academic response to their work, but also to get financial support to attend and participate in future EMC ´s, which in turn might lead to an increasing of Maya studies on the whole in Europe, since more graduate students get better chances to pursue their post graduate studies.

I suggest that the Wayeb GA in Madrid discusses this at the meeting, and if the suggestion receives a positive response, then the GA could decide that the AC and the CB develop the Symposium-organisation in order to open up for more paper presentations.

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Supplement 2: Organisational Structure of Future Maya Hieroglyphic Workshops (Christian Prager and Pierre Robert Colas)

The General Assembly of active members decided in 2002 (London) that future Maya hieroglyphic workshops of the European Maya Conference series would be organised by WAYEB in order to have a small source of income for the benefit of WAYEB. Wayeb therefore is fully responsible for the organisation and financing of future workshops. For this reason a workshop group was assembled (at present consisting of Pierre Robert Colas, Harri Kettunen and Christian Prager) that would be in charge of organising this event. This year's event was organised by this group plus local residents of Madrid (Ignacio Cases, Alfonso Lacadena). While Kettunen was in charge of the workshop book, Colas, Cases, Lacadena and Prager organised the event. In various discussions we decided that we would need regulations in order to prevent problems that have occurred in the preparation of this year's event. One issue was and still is the election of possible workshop tutors and the other is the assembly of the workshop working group. Because WAYEB will pay airfare and hotel costs of each tutor this may cause envy against those who are invited to be workshop tutors. In the following we have compiled a list of European scholars that could be workshop tutors in future events:

Søren Wichmann	Daniel Graña Behrens	Alexander Tokovinine
Alfonso Lacadena	Erik Boot	Alexander Safronov
Chris Helmke	Geneviève Le Fort	Luis Lopes
Sven Gronemeyer	Nikolai Grube	Ignacio Cases
Pierre Robert Colas	Harri Kettunen	Annette Kern
Christian Prager	Albert Davletshin	Philippe de Carlos
Elisabeth Wagner	Dmitiri Beliaev	
Stefanie Teufel	Yuriy Polyukovych	

One important issue in the preparation of workshop is the financial aspect. Since we have low fees for workshop participants we need to calculate on a very low basis, which means that we cannot pay too much money for travel costs. On the other hand workshops should be guided by competent tutors that have a broad experience in Maya Hieroglyphic writing. It has to be our aim that workshops need to be affordable for students and that the quality of the workshops and their tutors is on a very high level. Both issues are the maxim for future workshops and for this we have put together a list of ideas and concepts that may help to fulfill these maxims.

1. The workshop working group must consist of scholars that have a good experience in Maya hieroglyphic writing and that have an academic background. Members of the workshop working group need to have experience in the preparation of workshops and they need experience as tutors. One member of the Workshop working group needs to have experience in financial matters. Another member of the WSWG will be in charge with the workshop documentary (Workshop book and other materials). One member of the WSWG should be a local from the city where future Maya conferences will be organised. He will be in charge with local arrangements. Another member coordinates all activities and will be in contact with the Conference Board.

2. Workshop tutors should be European residents and speak English and Spanish. They should have an academic background and published articles or books on Maya epigraphy. In order to keep the travel costs low some of the tutors should be local residents, but this is not compelling, since the quality of the workshop should prevail. This quality can only be guaranteed by the invitation of internationally acknowledged European epigraphers. Their appearance may attract more participants and thus increase the income for WAYEB. With respect to the list of possible workshop tutors and in order to prevent that tutors are treated preferential we suggest that tutors can only be invited two times consecutively and then suspend one workshop. Each year the workshop working group will put together a list of people that will be invited and this list (plus budget) will be sent to the CB. The CB should reject or accept the list and it will be evaluated each year. The surplus should be transferred to the WAYEB

bank account. It has been suggested that the surplus should be used in order to pay the hotel costs for the workshop tutors during the symposium. The General Assembly should vote about this.

Modalities

The WSWK will contact the tutors in June and ask if they would be interest in participating at the workshop. The list will be evaluated by the CB. In June the WSWG will contact again the tutors so that they might book a CHEAP flight in July (because in July the flight schedules for November / December will be available online).

Bonn, 22. November 2003

Supplement 3: Wayeb Notes Board - Commentary and Suggestions (Christian Prager)

The Wayeb Notes series was initiated by Christian Prager to "provide scholars with a platform for fast and uncomplicated dissemination of research results from all subdisciplines of Maya Studies" (cited from our web page). It is intended that submitted research notes should be revised by a (not yet elected) Wayeb Editorial Board whose assembly and competences will be discussed as follows. Interim general editor is Christian Prager. I propose that the general editor needs to be confirmed by vote of the General Assembly. I herewith volunteer my services to Wayeb to be elected general editor of the Wayeb Notes series.

As interim general editor of the Wayeb Notes series I propose that we form a board of scholars that are competent in the subdisciplines of Maya Studies and who can advise the general editor in these matters. The Wayeb Notes board should include several scholars, among them archaeologists, epigraphers, linguists and ethnohistorians. Due to the multi-language character of the Wayeb Notes series board members should not only include scholars that are experts in a subdisciplines of Maya but should also speak and read one of Europe's languages. Since most scholars are now working or residing in Spain, France, Germany, Portugal, England, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Ukraine or Latvia I would favour board members who are native speakers of the respective language. The general editor will decide about the assembly of the editorial board.

In order to provide a quick and uncomplicated publication of research results the general editor will email a copy of each research paper to three board members who should revise the papers within 3 days. Each board member should write a short comment about the submitted paper and advise the general editor whether the paper should be published or rejected. If no comments by board members arrive within 3 days the general editor may accept or reject a paper on his own responsibility. This modality ensures a quick and uncomplicated publication of papers. Accepted research paper will formatted and transfered into a PDF file by the general editor to post it online as soon as possible.

Bonn, 22. November 2003

Supplement 4:Wayeb Charter

WAYEB - CHARTER

This Charter defines the General policy of the Association:

- 1) Wayeb is a democratic, non-discriminating and non-racist association. Members are admitted regardless of sex, race, nationality or religion.
 - 2) Wayeb is not a political or ideological association and does not interfere with national or international political issues.
 - 3) Wayeb respects the national and indigenous rights of the countries (Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras and El Salvador) that form the Maya cultural area.
 - 4) Wayeb membership must not be employed or instrumentalized for any public or commercial activity without the permission of the Wayeb Board.
 - 5) Wayeb dissociates from any form of commercially oriented activities which negatively affect, damage or destroy the basis of Maya research in a lasting and irreversible way.
- Wayeb members are expected not to willingly disregard these policies.

Supplement 5: Wayeb - Internal Regulations of the Association, Version July 2003

As sent out in invitation to the GA 2003; see also Wayeb website

Supplement 6: Wayeb Archaeological Fellowship Project - Report for the 2003 GA

WAYEB Archaeological Fellowship Project (Geneviève Le Fort)

As part of its efforts in promoting in Europe research and knowledge of the ancient Maya civilisation, WAYEB should try to offer European Students to get field work experience in one important archaeological project in Mayaland.

Dr. Kathy Reese-Taylor (Associate Professor in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada), and Dr. Peter Mathews (Professor at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia), directors of the Naachtun Project starting this Winter in Peten, Guatemala, would be more than happy to collaborate with us and offer room and board to a graduate European student sent by Wayeb.

Four field seasons are planned so far, starting in Feb. 2004. The first field season is scheduled to run from approx. Feb. 1 to April 30, 2004, followed by 6 weeks of lab work in Guatemala City.

The problem, thought, is that for each non national worker, they need to hire a Guatemalan. The cost would be approx. 400 US per month stipend, plus travel, room (approx. 400 US) and board (approx. 6.00 US/day). Way too much for us.

There is no way we can ask a EU student to pay for a Guatemalan in addition to its own travel expenses. A colleague at Brussels University told me that indeed, they (the University and officials) would never accept such a deal. I guess that the reaction would be the same in other EU institutions. From what I know, EU students indeed, unlike in the US, are not used to pay for field school.

I heard that the University of Texas at Austin is also involved in the Naachtun project and asked Nikolai if, by any chance, they are planing to hire a Guatemalan for whatever project. If so, Wayeb could maybe send in a EU student to make the match. No answer yet, but if we find an institution ready to hire a Guatemalan, we may have a solution to our problem.

Kathy is still waiting for a Canadian grant. If they get that money, she says they should be able to afford the extra Guatemalan. But no news there yet.

Any other idea/proposal???

If that doesn't work out, I'll try to find other partners. Nikolai told me last year already that Jaime Awe, working in Belize with EU money, would probably welcome a EU-Wayeb student. But I've never met Jaime and I need someone who knows him to make the first contact. Then I can follow up.

Any volunteer???

Another option may come from Liz Graham, working in Lamanai, Belize. She would like to open her project to EU students, but still needs to talk to the Belize officials.

I'm sure we'll find a nice project to collaborate with, but it may take some time. I'm still alone working on this and, I must confess, it's not always on the top of my to-do list.

Any help, suggestion, idea, etc. is welcome!!

Supplement 7: A Report by the Treasurer for the 2002 Financial Situation (Christian Prager)

General statement

WAYEB's total assets is composed of a giro account and a time deposit (both Fortis Banque, Bruxelles). By November 14, 2003, the balance of WAYEB's bank account amounts to €4622,05. However, this sum includes also some fees that WAYEB collected for this year's conference and workshop in Madrid. A detailed account will be drawn up and presented to the AC after the Madrid conference. A final report about the financial situation of the workshop account will be written and presented at the General Assembly 2004 in Bonn.

WAYEB's time deposit account amounts to € 2000,10 and will presumably yield an interest of about € 30,00. Together with the giro account (€ 4622,05) the total assets of Wayeb are currently € 6622,15 cash.

Financial Report for 2002

For the financial year 2002 we have revenues that include annual membership fees of € 2780,00, a donation amounting to € 105,02 and interest rates. Expenses for administrative costs and costs of material are € 660,25. This sum includes the purchase of a plastic laminator and material in order to prepare the membership cards. This yields a surplus of € 2224,77. Together with the balance yielded in the year 2001, we close with a balance of € 3897,93. This amount will be forwarded to the financial year 2003.

By December 31 we have credit amounting to € 3897,93 at the Fortis Banque. This amount splits into a time deposit of € 2000,10 and a credit of € 1897,83 at our giro account.

Middle and long-term financial budgeting

Since our net current assets are good and due to lack of alternative financial plans I propose that we soon increase our time deposit by another € 1000,00. This would yield an interest of about € 55.-for the year 2004. Actual revenues are management costs (about € 250) and cost for our web presence (about € 150). Since we are thinking about changing the web host and buying an SSL security server this cost centre will increase. I suggest that

regular revenues for web host should not exceed € 500 a year. Another extraordinary cost centre are the alterations of the statutes in 2004, which will cost us about € 650 .

Finally I recommend the AC and the General Assembly to take up this matter and to discuss financial plans for the next years. Generally speaking we should save as much money as possible to get a secure financial basis.

Membership fees

74 members have paid the annual fee, only 6 are due to present. For the year 2004 we can expect a total amount of fees of at least € 2800.

Bonn, 22. November 2003