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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction
The EAA Annual Meetings, held every September in a different country of Europe, represent the main forum for EAA members to interact. The EAA conferences aim to bring together archaeologists from all parts of Europe and beyond with the purpose of exchanging ideas, developing partnerships, stimulating academic debate in a variety of archaeological fields, and coordinating the management of cultural resources and the development of the archaeological profession.

The Annual Meeting in Istanbul was by far the best attended in EAA’s history with the number of delegates exceeding 2,100; 1,929 papers were presented in 150 sessions and 267 posters were received. Such a massive academic and social event was truly an appropriate celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Association. The EAA has come of age and grown to become a highlight for archaeologists from Europe – for all archaeologists from Europe, disregarding their home country political and economic background; regarding the latter, the EAA owes gratitude to the Wenner-Gren Foundation for its continuous support which made it possible.

1.2 Organization of the Conference
The 20th EAA Annual Meeting was held in Istanbul, Turkey, 10 - 14 September 2014. The meeting was organized at the Istanbul Technical University; the conference venues were the “Taşkışla” Building – Faculty of Architecture, and the “Gümüşsu” Building - Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, conveniently located near each other in the city center. The venues provided all the facilities needed to sustain a conference of this size with regard to conference rooms, display areas, catering facilities and equipment; the Oasis Travel Agency ensured excellent logistics.

The Organizing Committee, co-chaired by prof. Mehmet Özdoğan and prof. Turgut Saner, included:

- Zeynep ERES (Executive Secretary)
- Zeynep SUNAL (Scientific Secretary)
- Nur BALKAN ATLI
- Murat ÇAKAN
- Kemalettin KÖROĞLU
- Aslı ÖZYAR
- Aygül AĞIR
- Tuğçe AKBAYTOGAN
- Umut ALMAÇ
- Carolyn ASLAN
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- Zeynep KUBAN
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- Deniz MAZLUM
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- Aslıhan YURTSEVER
- Bilge AR
- Zeren ATALA
- Mert Bertan AVCI
- Ceren BILGE
- Verda BİNGÖL
- Yavuz ERDİHAN
- Zeynep İNAN
- Orkun KAYCI
- Çağhan KESKİN
- Gizem MATER
The National Advisory Board supported the Organizing Committee, and was composed by representatives of the following bodies:

- Ministry of Culture and Tourism: Zeynep KIZILTAN
- Boğaziçi University: Edhem ELDEM, Aslı ÖZYAR
- Istanbul University: Úguz TEKİN, Nur BALKAN ATLI, Baha TANMAN, Mustafa Hamdi SAYAR
- Istanbul Medeniyet University: Kadir PEKTAŞ
- Istanbul Technical University: Zeynep KUBAN, Nüzhet DALFES, İlkınur KOLAY, K. Kutgın EYÜPGİLLER, Şehvar BEŞİROĞLU
- Istanbul Kültür University: Nur AKIN
- Koç University: K. Aslıhan YENER
- Marmara University: Kemalettin KÖROĞLU
- Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University: Christine ÖZGAN, Demet BİNAN
- Yıldız Technical University: Can BİNAN, Kadriye TEZCAN AKMEHMET, M. Cengiz CAN
- DAI - German Archaeological Institute Istanbul: Felix PIRSON
- ICOMOS Turkey: Martin BACHMANN
- IFEA – French Institute in Istanbul for Anatolian Studies: Aksel TİBET
- Istanbul Research Institute: Baha TANMAN
- Italian Institute of Culture in Istanbul
- NIT - Netherlands History and Archaeology Institute: Fokke GERRITSEN
- RCAC – Research Center for Anatolian Studies: Buket COŞKUNER
- SRII - Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul: Birgit SCHLYTER
- TEBE - Turkish Institute of Archaeology: Haluk ABBASOĞLU
- Association of Archaeologists, Istanbul Branch: Necmi KARUL
- Casa Garibaldi: Sedat BORNOVALI
- Cultural Awareness Foundation: Faruk PEKİN
- Europa Nostra Türkiye: Nuran ZEREN GÜLERSOY
- Tourist Guides' Guild of Istanbul

The Scientific committee evaluated all session proposals along a new, earlier time schedule to guarantee higher academic standards of the meeting, and indeed achieved a well-balanced and utterly interesting scholarly programme (as detailed below). Members of the Scientific committee were:

- Zeynep AHUNBAY
- Nur BALKAN ATLI
- Nevra NECİPOĞLU
- Turgut SANER
- K. Aslıhan YENER
Franco NICOLIS  
Robin SKEATES  
Mark PEARCE  
Monique VAN DEN DRIES

The smooth running of the conference was possible thanks to 135 student volunteers who in return for their enthusiastic help were granted free EAA membership for 2014 and 2015.

The conference was inaugurated at the Opening Ceremony at the Hilton Convention Centre on Wednesday 10 September, followed by an Opening reception. Professor Turgut Saner, Co-Chair of the Organising Committee, opened the ceremony, Prof.Dr. Sinan Mert ŞENER, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, ITU, Prof Dr. Mehmet Karaca, Rector of the Istanbul Technical University, OMER Çelik, Turkish Minister of Culture and Tourism, and Dr. Friedrich Lüth, President of the EAA, welcomed the participants.

Carsten Paludan-Müller, Chair of the EAA Heritage Prize Committee, presented the EAA Heritage Prize to Marie Louise Stig Sørensen in recognition of her ground breaking achievements in promoting heritage studies on academic grounds and leading important projects, and to Erzsébet Jerem in recognition of her outstanding multi-faceted contributions to both the protection and the presentation of the European archaeological heritage. Archaeological Heritage Protection Award of the Turkish Scientific Board was awarded to ... . Robin Skeates, EJA Editor and Chair of the EAA Student Award Committee, presented the 2014 Student Award to Can Aksoy and Ziyacan Bayar for their paper “Archaeological Ethnography of the Battle of Aslıhanlar (29-30 August 1922): A Case Study of Public Archaeology, Visual Storytelling and Interactive Map Design.”

After a musical performance “Instrumental Music from the Ottoman Court”, two keynote lectures were pronounced: Prof.Dr. Christos Doumas spoke about "Aegean Sea: the Connecting Divide" and Prof.Dr. Aslıhan Yener gave an overview lecture “Bringing Anatolian Archaeology into the Future: Past, Present and New Directions”.

Major social events during the lecture days (Thursday to Saturday) included

- the EAA Anniversary exhibition of conference memorabilia,
- opening of “Gustave Mendel – Pascal Sébah, Documenting the Imperial Museum” exhibition followed by reception by the General Directorate of Cultural Assets and Museums at Istanbul Archaeological Museum,
- opening of “The Forgotten Kingdom: Archaeology and Photography at Ancient Alalakh” exhibition at Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC),
- the Annual party at Orient Express Sirkeci Train Station,
- the Annual dinner at Park Hotel Bosphorus, and many other parallel events.

Approximately 150 EAA members gathered at the Annual Business Meeting on the Friday afternoon to discuss the current situation of the Association. Pre- and post-conference excursions were organized to places of interest.

1.3 The Academic Content

Annual meetings of the EAA have become an essential part of the agenda for archaeologists working in Europe and beyond. They have grown to be one of Europe’s most important meetings for all those who are dedicated to the Archaeological Heritage of Europe. EAA annual meetings are a platform for the exchange and transfer of knowledge and they act as a fair for news, personal contacts and as a market place of ideas for ongoing or planned research or management projects - simply the place where you meet colleagues.

Thanks to the support of the Wenner-Gren Foundation in the past, the EAA Meetings have been extremely successful in attracting significant numbers of delegates from the countries of the former socialist bloc, thus raising the profile of Archaeology and Anthropology in general in this region.

Academic sessions took place from Thursday morning (11 September) to Saturday afternoon (13 September). Altogether 1929 papers were collected and presented in 150 EAA_tanitim_ENG.docx sessions, along with 267 posters. Papers were timetabled for 20 minute speeches and the set order and times of presentations were observed so that delegates can plan attendance of selected papers in different sessions; poster session took place on Thursday 11 September, but posters were displayed during the whole congress.
Sessions and round tables focused on six major themes:

1) Connecting seas - across the borders
2) Managing archaeological heritage : past and present
3) Ancient technologies in social context
4) Environment and subsistence: the geosphere, ecosphere and human interaction
5) Times of change: collapse and transformative impulses
6) Retrieving and interpreting the archaeological record

The printed program (available to the delegates for a fee) and the conference web page contained abstracts of all the papers and posters; every delegate got a concise hard copy programme.

The publishers and exhibitors listed below featured at the conference:
- Antiquity Publications
- University of Reading
- T&T Academic GB174
- The American University of Rome
- Archaeolingua Foundation and Publishing House
- Intrasis
- Leuven University Press
- Society for American Archaeology
- Equinox Publishing Ltd
- Bresciani – TR
- Archaeological Institute of America
- Wiley
- Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
- Springer-Verlag GmbH
- Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey
- Wehbi Koc Foundation
- SENSYS
- Oxbow Books
- Maney Publishing
- ArkeoLab
- Beta Analytic Limited
- National Geographic Society
- Kirkkareli Municipality and City Council
- Archaeopress
- Kiel University
- Glasgow 2015
- Cambridge University Press
- Homer Bookstore and Publications
- Zero Books / Ege Publications
- Archaeology and Art Publications
- Aktüel Arkeoloji
- Cornucopia Magazine
- Antique Carpet
- TÜBİTAK-MAM Marmara Research Center AMS Lab
- Allevents
- Adatepe Olive Oil Museum

1.4 The Delegates
The 2,107 registered participants to the conference came from 56 different countries as contributed in the following table (the country of origin was not recorded in 38 cases). Only 20% of the conference attendees (421) reside in a Central or Eastern European country - a clear reflection on the financial constraints that still affect them. This fact is however being redressed to a degree by the grants offered thanks to the support by the Wenner-Gren Foundation: in 2010 (The Hague,
Netherlands) the percentage of delegates from Central or Eastern European countries was as low as 7.5%, in 2011 (Oslo, Norway) it reached 15%, and rose to 19% in 2012 (Helsinki, Finland).

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Sweden | 130
Switzerland | 15
Turkey | 145
Ukraine | 6
United Kingdom | 317
United States of America | 117
Vatican | 1

Table 1: Number of delegates per country attending the 2014 Conference

1.5 The Sponsors

The 20th EAA Annual Meeting in Istanbul was funded by the following institutions and amounts (EUR):

- Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey
- Tübitak
- Vehbi Koç Foundation
- Türkmedya
- Türsab
- Garanti Bank
- Tav Airports
- Özyeğin University
- Star Alliance
- Wenner Gren Foundation
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