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2006 Public Lecture Series Manning Clarke Centre Theatre 1 7:30pm Wednesday 9 August

Michael Westaway will be talking about a range of topics from his PhD and work interests. Where does Homo erectus fit in with Homo sapiens in Java? What is happening in the Willandra Lakes area? He has even started to look at some of the earliest Homo sapiens from Africa and will talk about Ethiopian specimens in particular.

Michael will be bringing copies of the latest book on Lake Mungo, Mungo Over Millennia, to the lecture for members to purchase. The book is edited by Helen Lawrence and includes by Michael Westaway, Jack Goldon and many others. He will also give everyone an update on what has been happening at the Mungo Festival.

Also, remember that this months lecture is on a week earlier on Wednesday the 9th of August in Manning Clark Lecture Theatre 1.

All welcome. Entry is by gold coin donation at the door.

Please join us afterwards for light supper and a chat - find out how 'down to earth' archaeologists really are.

Call for contributions

We have had a few articles written by CAS members for Old News...have you got something archaeologically interesting to say? An anecdote? A joke!?...contact us at contact@cas.asn.au and send in your contributions. This is your newsletter and it can only be as interesting as you make it!

Note from the President

Apologies to all members for the lack of lecture last month. Our speaker had to withdraw at the last minute due to family matters. I trust we let all of you know of the cancellation, and that no-one was inconvenienced.

Helen Cooke
CAS President

Ad Space

Do you have anything archaeological to advertise? If you know of, or are running field-work this year and you need volunteers, or you want to volunteer yourself, then contact us at contact@cas.asn.au and we can advertise it for you in Old News or on the mailing list. Websites and archaeology-related events are also welcome!

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Joke O' the Week

When I was a kid, Archaeology sounded like the funnest career ever. You got to dig around and find old things.

When I became a teenager, I lost interest, because nothing's duller than watching other people dig old things up on TV.

Then I moved into an apartment, and I became an Archaeologist every time I got hungry and had to search the fridge.

A while after I got married, my wife would dig into me by telling me my humor was getting old.

Then I started to get old, and archaeology took on a new meaning as I dug through old boxes trying to find a yearbook so I could get in touch with people from college.

I've started to have new sympathy for the ancient mummys as my skin comes to resemble theirs more and more. Maybe, having been around longer, they've found a good moisturizer.

Once I die and am buried, I'm sure it'll only be a matter of time before they dig me up!

CALL FOR THESIS ABSTRACTS

Have you recently (in the last few years) completed an honours, Masters or PhD thesis in archaeology at an Australian university or relevant to Australian archaeology? If so, then you should consider forwarding an abstract for publication in the journal "Australian Archaeology". We are seeking thesis abstracts on all aspects of Australian archaeology, Indigenous, historical and maritime. This is a great opportunity to have your abstract published and available to a wider audience, both nationally and internationally. Published abstracts are also made available through the AAA website at <http://www.australianarchaeologicalassociation.com.au/thesis/>

Postgraduate supervisors are urged to encourage their students to submit an abstract. Abstracts should be up to 500 words in length, submissions can be made by email to journal@australianarchaeology.com. Be sure to include your name, your degree and university (including relevant school/department within the university) and the date your thesis was submitted. In preparing your submission please refer to the Notes to Contributors available at <http://www.australianarchaeologicalassociation.com.au/australianarchaeology/notesforcontributors.php>

Lets hear about all the exciting postgraduate work going on in Australia!

Steve Nichols

Thesis Abstract Editor, Australian Archaeology

Date: Monday, 31 July 2006

The World Archaeological Congress Statement on Middle East Conflict and its Consequences for Human Rights, and Archaeological and Environmental Heritage.

The World Archaeological Congress (WAC) is an international organization that represents professional archaeologists in tertiary institutions, museums, government agencies and the private sector in more than 90 countries. WAC has a particular concern to promote the protection of sites and objects of the past, and the ownership and conservation of archaeological heritage.

The current humanitarian crisis involving Lebanon and Israel prompts WAC to condemn the impact of armed conflict on civilians through the loss of hundreds of lives and extensive displacement of communities. WAC calls for a halt to the violence against people, their belongings, and the cultural and natural environments that is happening. The Mediterranean area contains a legacy for the whole of humanity, as a locus where many cultures, religions and forms of organization have been created since ancient times. Our nature as humans is based both in our existence and in the legacies of our cultures. Both of these are being seriously injured in this war, since it involves civilians as victims (especially women and children) and the destruction of their belongings-including some objects and places that are considered the heritage of all of us.

WAC calls on the governments of both countries in this struggle to follow United Nations mandates to find a reasonable and peaceful solution to this conflict. The heritage we have a responsibility to preserve and make visible to all humanity is not only the ancient remains, buildings and places, but also the descendants of the creators of this patrimony, and the stakeholders who use it in their everyday life.

WAC members are united by their belief in the values of respect and human dignity, and the need to build hope in the future here. The WAC Statutes address the need for members to take into account human rights in archaeological education and research, and other practices particularly in the light of the principles and conventions of the United Nations and UNESCO. The current humanitarian crisis involving Lebanon and Israel gives WAC cause to condemn the impact of armed conflict on civilians through the loss of hundreds of lives and extensive displacement of communities. WAC deplores the violence and devastation brought about by this conflict.

The Congress views with concern the potential for damage to significant cultural property in the north of Israel and in the southern areas of Lebanon. In the past, WAC has urged governments to request compliance with the UNESCO 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and the principles of customary international law. The Hague Convention calls on parties involved in armed conflict to avoid targeting of, and minimizing damage to, cultural sites, monuments and antiquities. A number of sites in each of the two countries have been inscribed on the World Heritage List, or are in an advance stage of declaration as World Heritage Sites, because they contain the cultural remains of diverse time periods recorded from the occupation of early human existence.

WAC endorses the recent call by the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Schools of Oriental Research to safeguard human rights, and preserve cultural heritage in the circumstances that have resulted from the ongoing armed conflict in Israel and Lebanon. WAC urges the parties in the conflict to operate within the terms of the Hague Convention to prevent the loss of more lives, and to minimize the damage of the significant cultural sites that contribute to the heritage of the Middle East that is valuable to all people.

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Background on WAC

The World Archaeological Congress is the major global organisation in archaeology, with elected representation from all parts of the world. It holds an international congress every four years to promote the exchange of the results of archaeological research; professional training and public education for disadvantaged nations, groups and communities; the empowerment and betterment of Indigenous groups and First Nations peoples; and the conservation of archaeological sites.

The last Congress, WAC-5, was held from June 21-June 26 at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. WAC-5 was the first full World Archaeological Congress to be held in North America. It was attended by some



Hi there!

Is anyone interested in getting archaeology experience? As part of my PhD I will be conducting excavations on Mabuyag Island in the Western Torres Strait. I will be leaving in early-mid September this year for three months returning in early December.

I have funding to pay board and lodging for two interested archaeologists or keen archaeology students. You would be working with a small, fantastic community and excavating a number of village sites around the island. The conditions are humid and the island isolated so only the intrepid should apply! Similarly you will need to be able to commit to at least two and preferably three months. For those interested in getting more info give me a call.

Cheers,

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