
TRAC Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference

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AGM 2014: Minutes

Date: Saturday 29th March 2014, 1.15-1.45pm

Standing Committee Members Present: Darrell Rohl, Ian Marshman, Tom Brindle, Jason Lundlock, Alexandra Guglielmi

Introduction

The meeting was held in the Palmer building of Reading University, during the joint RAC/TRAC 2014 conference.

1. Report on TRAC's activities since previous AGM – Jason Lundlock, Ian Marshman

- ❖ The committee only had two meetings – as opposed to the three scheduled in the constitution – but they resulted in a great organisation for the 2014 conference.
- ❖ The Standing Committee produced a TRAC Organisers Handbook to help future local committees organize TRAC in their own university.
- ❖ TRAC 2013 proceedings have just been released by Oxbow, the editorial committee did a great job, especially Hannah Platts.

2. Finances – Ian Marshman

- ❖ Not much change since the 2013 AGM. £1251.12 in 2013.
- ❖ £1050 income during the year, given by the Roman Society and the Barbican centre. Given out as bursaries for TRAC 2014.
- ❖ Current balance: £1031.12

3. TRAC website – *Darrell Rohl*

- ❖ Website launched at last year's AGM, including the digitisation of previous TRAC proceedings, up to three years prior to the current publication. Currently available until 2008. In the next months, the papers from 2009 and 2010 will be uploaded.
- ❖ Papers will be referenced individually soon.
- ❖ So far more than 740 000 visitors, inc. USA, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, China and Japan.
- ❖ TRAC community – 120 registered members. Social media interface, to continue the discussion that begins at TRAC. TRAC standing committee needs to be involved.
- ❖ Fora set up to discuss TRAC 2014 sessions.

4. TRAC publication initiatives – *Darrell Rohl*

- ❖ It was decided at the last AGM that TRAC would publish more than just the proceedings: for instance, one-off thematic books and monographs.
- ❖ One such volume will be a special edition for TRAC anniversary in 2015, on a theme such as the state of theory in Roman archaeology today, and taking an international approach.
- ❖ A second volume that has been proposed is thematic publication on Roman-Barbarian interaction beyond the frontiers, gathering two of TRAC sessions (2013 and 2014) on this topic.
- ❖ The aim is to make TRAC a vehicle for more than just a conference and its proceedings.
- ❖ TRAC digital editions. The first volume is *Rural Settlements in Roman Britain*, by Richard Hingley, with a new introduction to set it into the context of new research in the field.

5. TRAC advisory panel – *Darrell Rohl*

- ❖ So far, only Dr. Ben Croxford. Who else could join?

6. TRAC 2015 venue – *Tom Brindle*

- ❖ Voted by show of hands.
- ❖ Matt Mandich presentation for Leicester University, no other proposals.
- ❖ Proposed logo: Cyparissus mosaic found at Leicester.
- ❖ Stress the anniversary of TRAC with special celebrations, e.g. anniversary publication.
- ❖ Wine reception in the Jewry Wall museum.
- ❖ New ideas for the conference: “just a minute”, photo competition, 25 years of TRAC

7. Elections

- ❖ New Standing Committee member Lisa Lodwick from Oxford University was elected and has been chosen by Standing Committee to serve as Treasurer.

- ❖ Matt Mandich (Leicester) is now the organising committee member on the TRAC Standing Committee.

8. Other matters

- ❖ Changes in TRAC representation at the Roman Society Archaeology Committee: from now on, a member of the Standing Committee will be present, and not a member of the local organising committee.
- ❖ New relationship between the TRAC local committee and the standing committee: a member of the local committee becomes a member of the standing committee and vice versa. Ian Marshman will be on the local committee this year and we shall see how this works.
- ❖ RAC 2016 will be held in Rome. Will TRAC 2016 also be in Rome? We need to find a contact person on the ground. Otherwise, we will need another location.

Minutes prepared by Alexandra Guglielmi, TRAC Standing Committee Secretary, 6 April 2014