

## **Annual General Meeting of the Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 12.30pm – Durham University – Arnold Wolfendale  
Lecture Theatre**

Standing Committee in Attendance: Matthew Mandich – Chair (MM), Lisa Lodwick – Vice Chair (LL), Thomas Derrick – Secretary (TD), Sergio Gonzalez Sanchez – Treasurer (SGS).

Apologies: Emily Hanscam – Durham 2017 Local Organising Committee Liaison (EH), Roberta Cascino - Rome 2016 Local Organising Committee Liaison (RC)



- 1) The 2016 Minutes were all agreed upon by those in attendance.**
- 2) Report on TRAC's activities since the Rome 2016 conference**

- a. 2016 Proceedings**

The 2016 Proceedings was released at the conference, published with Edizioni Quasar and available to purchase at the conference. The SC thanked the editors (Roberta Cascino, Francesco De Stefano, Antonella Lepone, & Chiara Maria Marchetti) and contributors. The volume contains 11 papers presented at the conference, contributors from UK and (primarily) EU institutions. Four Italian editors from TRAC Rome LOC. Chris Smith (BSR) noted that this was a unique opportunity for ECRs to publish, as this commonly does not happen in Italy.

- b. *TRAJ* A New Open Access Journal**

The SC revealed plans to launch a gold-standard open access journal to replace the annual proceedings. The SC made a request that any detailed information not be made public until the arrangements were finalised and a press release issued. The press release is expected in early May.

- c. The TRAC Themes Series**

The TRAC Standing Committee also officially launched the TRAC Themes in Roman Archaeology series published by Oxbow Books, and its first volume *Romans and Barbarians Beyond the Frontiers: Archaeology, Ideology and Identities in the North* edited by Sergio Gonzalez Sanchez and Alexandra Guglielmi was available at the conference. The volume was very well received and work is already underway on a second volume, proposals for more are actively sought. Interested parties were directed towards the website for

more information: <http://trac.org.uk/publications/trac-themes-in-roman-archaeology/>

#### d. TRAC Website and Social Media

The SC revealed that the website has had a small overhaul, but that a more substantial one is required and an increased bandwidth package is being looked in to, to ensure the website remains available in the busy period immediately before the conference. This will be re-evaluated after the journal application reaches a result.

They will continue to maintain the website and social media channels.

- Twitter [https://twitter.com/TRAC\\_conference](https://twitter.com/TRAC_conference) - 743 followers
- Website <http://trac.org.uk/> 60-600 views a day
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TRAC.committee> 1270 likes

### 3) TRAC Financial Update

Annual Financial Report (March 2016-February 2017)		Concepts	
<b>Funds</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	£3616.51		
<b>Income</b>	£1100	£700 RS funds	£400 BRA funds
<b>Expenditure</b>	£2333	£2200 bursaries TRAC 2016	£133 SC meetings travel expenses
<b>Funds</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017	£2533.51		

The following bursaries were provided for the conference, they will be reflected in the next Financial Update at the 2018 Annual Conference. The SC thanked the Roman Society and Barbican Research Associates for their continued support in widening access at the annual conference. This year TRAC also offered a total of

£495 in Worldwide Participation Bursaries to build upon this core tenet of our organisational ethos.

- Roman Society (£700)
- Barbican Research Associates (£400)
- TRAC (£495)

#### **4) Proposed Changes to the Constitution**

All proposed changes to the constitution were passed with well over the 60% required to carry each motion, with one minor exception, Constitution 9.vi the word “print” is to be removed from the wording. This motion passed in its amended form. Full constitutional changes are listed here:

<http://trac.org.uk/2017/02/constitutional-amendments-proposed-for-the-trac-2017-agm/>

#### **5) Standing Committee Nominations and Elections**

There were two places available on the Standing Committee, one place resulting from Lisa Lodwick’s first term elapsing, and one newly created position of Ordinary Member. A closed paper ballot election was undertaken and votes were counted by neutral AGM attendee Henry Clarke. Candidates standing for election were: Lee A. Graña (University of Reading), Francesca Mazzilli (Cambridge Archaeological Unit), Lisa Lodwick (University of Reading), and Carlos Cáceres Puerto (University of Edinburgh).

Lisa and Francesca were elected to the Standing Committee.

#### **6) TRAC 2018 Nominations and Presentations**

RAC 2018 will be held at the University of Edinburgh, TRAC will be following it there after Lucia Michielin gave an excellent pitch to host TRAC, including updates on the facilities and envisaged academic and social activities.

Lucia Michielin joins the Standing Committee as Edinburgh 2018 Local Member.

#### **7) AOB**

The Standing Committee would like to thank Roberta Cascino for her service (2015-17) on the committee as Rome 2016 Local Member which has elapsed as of this conference.