

Chiang Mai University/ online,
October 27, 2023, 5 pm Thai time

Meeting chair: Paul Sidwell

Minutes: Tobias Weber

Attendees: 23

1. Review of the minutes of the ICAAL10 business meeting

Paul Sidwell reminds attendees of the decisions taken at the ICAAL10 business meeting:

- Publications: A combined ICAAL 9/10 proceedings volume will be published
- Annual meetings: Attendees expressed their support of continuing annual meetings and were comfortable with the current format of the program consisting of two days with a single session; by default, the meetings are to be held virtually, but some in-person meetings will also be welcome.

2. Website report by Ryan Gehrman and Nathaniel Hiroz

- Paul Sidwell notes that the icaal.net website is working well and thanks Ryan Gehrman and Nathaniel Hiroz for their work as webmasters
- Ryan Gehrman and Nathaniel Hiroz are willing to continue as webmasters
- Ryan Gehrman also mentions that they are open to suggestions to add or change content on the website

3. Treasury report by Paul Sidwell

- The March website renewal cost amounted to AUD 584 (4 years hosting and 1 year domain registration)
- This left Paul Sidwell temporarily AUD 253 out of pocket
- For ICAAL11 AUD 848 were collected in registrations (after PayPal fees)
- The current balance is thus AUD 595

Comments on the AUD 40 meeting fee

- Nathaniel Hiroz suggests that AUD 40 might be too much for some scholars
- Mathias Jenny replies that AUD 40 is fairly low and thus reasonable
- Several attendees agree with Mathias
- Wenjiu Du asks if a special discount for students could be offered
- Paul Sidwell can see this as an option but suggests that the present rate should be continued for now

4. Publications report

- Mark Alves reports that 7 papers will be ready for the publication of the combined ICAAL9/10 proceedings volume in December
- Nathan Badenoch published an obituary of Gérard Diffloth, available here: <https://hdl.handle.net/10524/52514>
- Paul Sidwell proposes a publication of a physical volume in honor of Gérard Diffloth and mentions that 4 non-AA scholars are also interested in contributing
- A total of 9 people so far express their interest in contributing
- Paul Sidwell proposes Lincom as the publisher; the advantage of Lincom is that an electronic version of the volume can be shared easily
- Mark Alves expresses his support
- Paul Sidwell will set up a Google sheet and invite people

5. Future meeting proposals

ICAAL12 in 2024:

- Ryan Gehrman proposes Payap University as the host of ICAAL12; facilities are available, the meeting could be hybrid
- Timing: Ryan Gehrman reserved October 23 to 25; the meeting could take place on 2 out of these 3 days
- Paul Sidwell addresses the format, suggests that a hybrid meeting might be challenging
- Ryan Gehrman is open to suggestions
- Paul suggests to leave the format of the meeting open for now and ask people for their preference later, e.g. during the abstract submission, which could take place by May or June 2024
- Mathias Jenny thinks that an in-person meeting might be nice and suggests to follow the format of the SEALS meeting of this year, with an in-person day and a virtual day rather than mixed sessions
- Paul Sidwell notes that there are no counter proposals

ICAAL13 in 2025:

- Paul Sidwell asks if the 2025 meeting could be held at Chiang Mai University again
- Mathias Jenny expresses his willingness to organize another meeting at Chiang Mai University but suggests that it could also be held at a different university in Thailand; but in principle, it is easy and practical to organize a virtual meeting at Chiang Mai University

6. Other business

- Mathias Jenny suggests that the website could also be used as a dynamic collaboration platform where people can post their projects and other people can comment
- Mark Alves proposes to set up a spreadsheet for the reconstruction of proto-AA vowels and lexicon; this would be useful and interesting for various people
- Paul Sidwell is willing to provide his list of 750 reconstructions but suggests that the form of a spreadsheet might be problematic due to the high number of columns, instead it would be better to start with a simpler design
- Mark Alves suggests that columns could still be added later
- Paul Sidwell notes that it is important to start somewhere, which is better than to wait since in that case the project will likely never be finished; it could be a spreadsheet or another form of database
- Mark Alves notes that it should be interactive
- Paul Sidwell suggests that the list would be available online; anyone can match that list and merge data
- Nathaniel Hiroz notes that a forum is easy to set up; he suggests to use a Google spreadsheet rather than a website to share the data
- Paul Sidwell suggests not everybody should be able to edit
- Mark Alves notes that it has to be ensured that no accidents happen
- Paul Sidwell suggests to set up a Google sheet that he can edit and have a form where people can contribute data and comments; alternatively comments could be added on the Google sheet by more people; a Zoom meeting can be called for details; this is thus another AA project that should be mentioned on the website
- Paul Sidwell also notes that at the conference dinner of a lexicography conference in Chiang Mai in 2004 Gérard Diffloth mentioned preparing and presenting a database of AA reconstructions but speculated that it might be a 50 year project

7. Closure of the meeting

Paul Sidwell declares the business meeting closed at 5:44 pm