

EDITORIAL

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This is the third volume of papers to be published from our 17th congress, held in Taipei in September 2002 (for a description of this congress, see the Editorials in Volumes 23 and 24). The supply of papers from this conference has now almost run out, so this will probably be the penultimate Taipei issue (the final one will be BIPPA 26). We are preparing ourselves for another flow of excellent papers from our 18th congress, to be held in Manila in 2006 (see below).

This issue contains two sessions on Palaeolithic archaeology in Siberia, and archaeology in Vietnam. Four other papers commence the volume, including one, by linguist Bob Blust, that was not contributed through the Taipei congress. It will be of considerable interest to Southeast Asian prehistorians.

Readers will note that this volume, as most previous ones, contains a large number of papers contributed by authors who live in developing countries in Asia (and sometimes the Pacific), and who often do not have English as a first language. The policy of this journal is to encourage the publication of such papers whenever possible, to allow these authors to express themselves to a wider audience than they would reach through local in-country journals. Unfortunately, the editorial demands required to maintain this policy can sometimes be considerable, and we often face communication and technological difficulties that keep perfection at bay. But this is a policy that I hope IPPA will maintain.

18TH IPPA CONGRESS, UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, MANILA, 20-26 MARCH 2006

The 18th Congress of IPPA will be held from March 20-26, 2006, on the campus of the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City in Metro Manila. The meeting will be hosted by the Archaeological Studies Program at the University of the Philippines, by the Archaeology Division, National Museum of the Philippines, and by the W.G. Solheim II Foundation.

An official conference website has been set up at http://www.upd.edu.ph/~asp/ippa_congress/. This contains at present the same information as can be found on the normal IPPA website run from ANU, but details of accommodation and tours will soon be added. An email address, IPPA@up.edu.ph, is available for people to make bookings for accommodation and tours.

If you wish to attend the congress and give a paper, please contact a relevant session organiser from the draft program below. Emails can be found in the website program. You should also send a copy of your email to ippa@anu.edu.au. If your paper does not fit any of the sessions listed below please send it to IPPA and we will hold it in case further sessions are proposed. We cannot guarantee that all papers will be accepted.

To see a list of the speakers already enrolled in the

following program, go to one of the IPPA websites listed above.

DRAFT PROGRAM (SESSIONS ONLY)

MAJOR THEME 1: LITHIC STUDIES AND ALLIED TOPICS

SESSION 1A: Revisiting The Movius Line: A Reassessment Of The Eastern Palaeolithic (Susan Keates and Nicolas Rolland)

SESSION 1B: Technology, Exchange, And Ideology: New Approaches To The Study Of Volcanic Glass (Robin Torrence)

SESSION 1C: Missing Types: Overcoming The Typology Dilemma Of Lithic Archaeology In Southeast Asia (Miriam Noël Haidle and Alfred Pawlik)

MAJOR THEME 2: HUNTER-GATHERERS IN PREHISTORY

SESSION 2A: The Nature And Limits Of Hunter-Gatherer Complexity In The Indo-Pacific Region (Mark Hudson)

SESSION 2B: Late Pleistocene-Early Holocene Forager Organizations: Timing And Causes Of Changes In Southeast Asia (Rasmi Shoocongdej and Ben Marwick)

MAJOR THEME 3: RELATIONS BETWEEN ACADEMIC ARCHAEOLOGY, AND HERITAGE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

SESSION 3A: Integrating "Commercial" Archaeology And "Academic" Research (Pamela Rogers, Ellen Cameron, Kennis Yip and Julie Van Den Bergh).

SESSION 3B: Relevance Of Underwater Archaeology In The Indo-Pacific Region (Eusebio Z. Dizon and Maharlika Cuevas).

MAJOR THEME 4: REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY

SESSION 4A: Archaeology In The Western Extension Of Southeast Asia (Assam, Bangladesh) (Dilip Medhi)

SESSION 4B: Current Archaeological Research In Laos (Joyce White, Anna Källén, and Viengkeo Souksavady)

SESSION 4C: The First People In The Pacific Islands (Patrick Nunn)

SESSION 4D: Current Research In Chinese Archaeology (Li Liu and Chen Xingcan)

SESSION 4E: Recent Advances In The Neolithic Archaeology Of Southeast China (Tianlong Jiao)

SESSION 4F: Research In Progress In Indonesian And East Malaysian Prehistory (Truman Simanjuntak and Harry Widiyanto)

SESSION 4G: Current Archaeological Research In Vietnam (Judy Cameron and Pham Minh Huyen)

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SESSION 4H: Early Historic Archaeology Of Eastern Coastal India And Its Bearing On Overseas Trade (Asok Datta)

SESSION 4I: Cambodia: Pre To Post Angkor (Mitch Hendrickson, Miriam Stark and Bion Griffin).

SESSION 4J: Mortuary Variability In Prehistoric Thailand (Sawang Lertrit and Judy Voelker)

SESSION 4K: The Prehistory Of The Daic (Tai) Speaking Peoples (Roger Blench)

MAJOR THEME 5: THEMATIC ISSUES

SESSION 5A: The Human Origins Patrimony Network In Southeast Asia (Eusebio Dizon)

SESSION 5B: The Archaeology Of Food In The Asia-Pacific Region (Andy Fairbairn, Janelle Stevenson and Simon Haberle)

SESSION 5C: Climate Change In The Indo Pacific: Human Responses From The Late Pleistocene To The Little Ice Age (Peter Lape and Julie Field)

SESSION 5D: Current Research On The Development And Dispersal Of Neolithic Cultural Assemblages In Southeast Asia (Peter Bellwood)

SESSION 5E: Identity Or Manipulation? Archaeological Perspectives On The Manifestation Of Identities Inside And Outside China (Gideon Shelach and Magnus Fiskesjö)

SESSION 5F: The Socio-Cultural Significance Of The Distribution Of Bronze Drums In Southeast Asia (Masanari Nishimura and Ambra Calo)

SESSION 5G: Maritime Migration And Colonisation In Indo-Pacific Prehistory (Atholl Anderson and Geoff Irwin)

SESSION 5H: Bioarchaeology In Southeast Asia (Fabrice Demeter; Hirofumi Matsumura; with assistance from Marc Oxenham and Kate Domett).

SESSION 5I: Regional And Comparative Perspectives In Material Culture Studies (Katherine Szabó and Mary Clare Swete Kelly)

SESSION 5J: Exploring Political Economy From Trade Ceramics Recovered From Controlled Excavations: From Dating And Sourcing To Consumption And Markets (Richard Pearson)

SESSION 5K: New Work In Mainland Southeast Asian Archaeology Using New Technologies (Caverlee Cary)

SESSION 5L: Trade, Social Interaction, And Political Economy In Southeast Asian Archaeology (Stephen Acabado, Cy Calugay and Wannasarn Noonsuk)

SESSION 5M: Symposium In Honor Of P. Bion Griffin (Michael Dega and Michael W. Graves)