New members of IFRAO

The application by the Asociación Peruana de Arte Rupestre (APAR) of Peru for affiliation with IFRAO has recently been ratified by postal ballot. APAR was founded in August 2007 and will be engaged in the study, recording, conservation and publication of rock art. Its members operate mostly in the Peruvian regions of Lima, Cusco and Trujillo. In the last months of 2007, APAR has become very effective in raising national awareness of the need to greatly improve the protection of rock art in Peru. The elected council of the Asociación consists of archaeologists Gori Tumi Echevarría López (President and nominated IFRAO Representative), Elvis Oscar Rojas Tirado (Secretary), and Directors Enrique Manuel Ruiz Alba and Luis Octavio Ugás Lunarrieta. An electronic communication list has been established at http://groups.google.com/group/apar_peru.

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Similarly, affiliation of the Finnish Society for Prehistoric Art (SuMu; full name in Finnish is ‘Suomen muinaistaide-seura ry’) has been ratified by the same postal ballot. SuMu was founded in 1998 and has today about 230 members. The current chairman is Juhani Grönhagen, a Helsinki-based archaeologist. The aim of the society is to further the understanding of the ancient art, worldview and life especially (but not exclusively) of Finno-Ugric peoples. To fulfil this aim, the society supports research projects related to pre-Historic art and promotes educational and popular activities related to the subject. It arranges seminars, exhibitions, excursions and other events related to pre-Historic art, aimed both at professionals and the general public. The society publishes an academic series called Aurinkopeura, which is focused on rock art, but welcomes articles on other forms of pre-Historic art also. The web-pages of the society can be found at http://www.rockart.fi/. Dr Antti Lahelma is the nominated IFRAO Representative, at Minna Canthin katu 1 a 1, 00250 Helsinki, Finland; e-mail: antti.lahelma@iki.fi

GLOBAL ROCK ART
International IFRAO Congress of Rock Art

National Park Serra da Capivara
Piauí, Brazil
29 June to 3 July 2009

Preliminary program:
Four days of lectures during scientific sessions (simultaneous)
Four public conferences
Display of posters
Visit of one day in the park (free of charge)
Exhibitions / stands
Workshops
Film / video shows
Book fair (new and second-hand)

Other activities:
Trails visits with guides
Field trips before and after the Congress
Business Meeting of IFRAO (restricted to IFRAO Representatives)

Sessions
The list of sessions will be published in May 2008. Participants who wish to present commentaries at the sessions must send their proposals to the co-ordinators by 30 November 2008, including title, summary and three keywords. Each presentation must be limited to 20 minutes and at the end of each session there will be a general discussion. All communication must take place in one of the official languages of the Congress: Portuguese, English, French or Spanish.

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