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1. Election results

As at 25th January 2013

Noel Salazar	206
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During the first meeting of the new Executive Committee in Tallin (February 14-17th, 2013), Noel Salazar was elected unanimously as new President and Jeanette Edwards as Vice-President (unanimously) of EASA, as was Rachael Goberman-Hill as new Treasurer. Mark Maguire (co-editor of the Journal) and Alberto Corsín Jiménez (Secretary) were co-opted into the Executive Committee.

The new Executive Committee (2011-2013):

Noel Salazar (President)
Jeanette Edwards (Vice-President)
Hana Cervinkova
Adullahi El-Tom
Susana Narotzky
Mark Maguire (Co-editor Social Anthropology|Anthropologie Sociale)
Rachael Goberman-Hill (Treasurer)

2. Letter from the President

Dear EASA member,

Every two years, our association holds open elections to renew its executive committee. We should be collectively thankful to all candidates for their willingness to devote time and energy to serve EASA's mission of 'promoting professional communication and cooperation between European social anthropologists'. All eligible members of the previous executive ran for election again and were re-elected. To me, this is a sign of their commitment as well as an indication that the membership approves of the way the association has been led in the recent past. In name of the association, I would like to thank the outgoing members of the executive committee. **Thomas Fillitz** and **David Shankland** each dedicated six years to EASA, respectively as Secretary and as Treasurer of the association, while **Maria Couroucli** served for four years as member of the executive committee.

Let me present to you the new executive committee. Continuity is assured by **Jeanette Edwards** (Vice-President), **Susana Narotzky** (Network liaison), **Abdullahi El-Tom** and myself. **Mark Maguire** was co-opted again as additional member. Together with **David Berliner**, he will continue for another two years as Editor of *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*, while also Book Review Editor **Vlad Naumescu** remains on board. We welcome our new Secretary, **Alberto Corsín Jiménez**, our new Treasurer, **Rachael Goberman-Hill**, and **Hana Cervinkova**. They will undoubtedly bring fresh ideas and renewed dynamism to the executive committee. **James Carrier** has graciously accepted to continue working as the EASA Book Series Editor while we continue searching for a worthy replacement. **Rohan Jackson** and his dedicated team at NomadIT remain of invaluable help in organizing our meetings and conferences, taking care of membership payments and keeping the EASA website up and running.

I do not see my election as EASA's thirteenth President in 2013 as bad luck but, rather, as both an honour and a responsibility. Many people across Europe are currently filled with 'anxiety and disquiet' (the theme of our past conference in

Nanterre). The wider socio-economic context is also affecting our very discipline and its practitioners. Whether we like it or not, the current condition affects the way we teach, conduct research and serve society. The job insecurity of anthropology students and recent graduates, the precarious state of some anthropology departments and the endangered funding of anthropological projects have made it necessary for EASA to start lobbying at the European level. While we were already active through the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASH), the association has now also become affiliated with the Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE). We continue networking on the global level, through our membership of the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA) and our contacts with the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES).

Despite the challenging circumstances in which many of us have to work or study, EASA remains remarkably stable as a scholarly society. The current editorial team of *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* is producing intellectually stimulating and socially relevant journal issues. A newly created ad hoc taskforce will help us prepare to deal with the issue of 'open access' and we are working hard to improve and better promote the EASA Book Series. The biennial conference in Nanterre was the largest in EASA's history. The EASA website was revamped and the association engages with the broader public via new social media (particularly Facebook and Twitter). The number of EASA thematic networks is increasing and, with the financial support of the association, networks are organizing innovative events and activities. Even if EASA is financially in good shape, the new executive committee wants to be extra cautious and to cut costs wherever possible. We have decided, for instance, to reduce the number of our physical get-togethers, drawing instead on new technologies to meet, discuss and decide.

What lies ahead of us? Together with our colleagues in Tallinn, Estonia, we are preparing what promises to be a memorable biennial conference in the summer of 2014. It will be a special edition because we'll be celebrating the association's twenty-fifth anniversary. However, you do not need to wait that long to meet other EASA members or to get involved in the association. The network activities are an obvious way to start. You're also most welcome to EASA's next Annual General Meeting

on Friday 4 October in Brussels, Belgium. We promise to offer you a valuable scholarly experience. Even without leaving your house or office, you can become involved in our exchanges on Twitter or Facebook. The executive committee particularly encourages you to get in touch with us and let us know how we can make EASA more worthwhile as a professional association. Our new ad hoc committees to address specific issues are but one initiative to involve the expertise of the membership in furthering the association's mission. I myself am very motivated to give the best of myself and I hope I can count on your on-going support.

All the best,

Noel B. Salazar,
your president

3. EASA on Facebook and Twitter

The new Executive Committee is keen to activate the presence of the association on Facebook and Twitter. We are already using these channels to promote association news and events, but wish more widely to use social media to further the reach of anthropological interests and agendas across and abroad Europe. You can follow EASA on Twitter and Facebook at:

<https://twitter.com/EASAinfo>

<https://www.facebook.com/EASAinfo>

4. EASA seeks a new Book Series Editor

EASA seeks a new Book Series Editor to take over from James Carrier, whose term of office has now come to an end and who has kindly agreed to act in a deputy capacity until a new Editor is appointed.

The expectation is that the EASA Book Series will be in the vanguard of ethnographic or theoretical developments in specific areas of anthropological inquiry. It is expected that the Editor will identify and develop new and innovative directions together with a small editorial board and the publisher.

The new Book Series Editor will be granted a stipend of EUR 2000 a year to support their editorial work, and an allowance to attend up to two European

conferences a year. It is expected that this financial support will allow the Editor to enrich the Series' catalogue.

The editor role involves:

- Communication with Berghahn Book
- Identifying, in consultation with the editorial board and the publisher, the direction and upcoming theme of the book series
- Communication with the membership re the book series: including providing information for the EASA-website, and presenting the Book series at EASA Biennial Conferences (e.g. with book launches
- Contacting possible authors and editors, and networking with EASA members to solicit strong and relevant manuscripts
- Contacting EASA-Network coordinators for possible publications
- Advising authors and editors on manuscripts (e.g. on proposals, submission, revision, language issues, and on-going production until final book
- Finding the right reviewers for manuscripts and getting the reviews in an acceptable time frame
- Communication with the Treasurer regarding financial matter
- Coordinating the EASA book prize competition (providing evaluations, and advising the Executive
- Providing reports to the EASA-Executive Committee (c. 2 per year), including a yearly report for the AGM or the Members' Forum, and for publication in the EASA-Newsletter

The position of Book Series Editor is for two years in the first instance (2013-2015), and can be renewed up to four years.

Applications consisting of a short covering letter and a CV, should be sent by May 7 to the Secretary, Alberto Corsín Jiménez, on [alberto.corsin-jimenez\[at\]cchs.csic.es](mailto:alberto.corsin-jimenez[at]cchs.csic.es)

5. Live EASA/ABA/AAA/CASCA Webinar

September – October 2013

Webinar

La langue et le savoir anthropologique/ Language and anthropological knowledge/ Língua e conhecimento antropológico/ La lengua en el conocimiento antropológico/

Date of live event: **16th October 2013**

A virtual seminar pilot project. A collaboration of four anthropological associations, EASA/ABA/AAA/CASCA (represented by Susana Narotzky, Bela Feldman-Bianco, Monica Heller, Marie-Nathalie LeBlanc). A multi-platform multi-lingual experiment.

We hope you will participate!!

Background

In 2011, three anthropological associations, EASA, ABA and AAA, agreed to try out a variety of collaborative endeavours. These are pilot projects which are not meant to create their own hegemony, but rather to open up and encourage the construction of a global anthropology in practice. The first has been a series of panels at three scholarly meetings (ABA 2012, AAA 2012, IUAES 2013) under the heading of *Desplazamientos y desigualdades/ Deslocamentos e desigualdades/ Displacements and inequalities/ Déplacements et inégalités*. We now wish to propose a different format, under a different theme.

Theme

Língua e conhecimento antropológico/ La lengua en el conocimiento antropológico/ La langue et le savoir anthropologique/ Language and anthropological knowledge

This virtual seminar aims to explore the centrality of language in the production of anthropological knowledge and its political aspects, in two different albeit connected ways:

1) Language is central to the ethnographic encounter and sets the grounds for a potentially unequal interaction in the long term. Anthropologists have choices to make about how to represent the knowledge they produce (in what language, what communicative variety, what genre, what medium) and in what communicative spaces to engage, no matter where they do their work or with whom. These are necessarily going to be shared unequally by all stakeholders, raising issues of power, expropriation and potential misrepresentation with possibilities for important consequences in policy and practice. While these issues have emerged along with the postcolonial critique of the discipline, sustained conversation and debate on equal terms remains minimal. What are the political and

epistemological consequences of directly engaging with different accounts of practice and different expressions of knowledge and, by extension, anthropological traditions?

2) The global circulation of anthropological knowledge, and the shifting relations of power that it entails, has become more and more salient to anthropologists of all kinds. The growth of international organizations such as the World Council of Anthropological Associations or the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, and the increasing attention – and excitement – they attract, are testimony to commitments to greater inclusiveness in participation in the field and to resistance to centralization and hegemony. Anthropologists have begun to pay attention to a variety of issues connected to these efforts, including the role of digitalization, new media, distributed knowledge, and innovative research methods. Apart from some local conversations, however, we have not paid sustained attention to one of the central ways in which knowledge is constructed, circulated and evaluated: language in its different expressions and traditions. We are familiar with debates over the role of English as lingua franca versus global dominator, but have rarely examined the question empirically or engaged in open, systematic debate as a way to overcome the prevailing inequalities and make way for a variety of anthropological expressions.

Format

We want to engage with the challenges of new communicative media and propose to develop this virtual seminar in various digital platforms (including a YouTube real time projection of the live event with simultaneous Twitter interaction and blog and e-mail for other moments of the event). The webinar is an experiment both in collaboration between associations and in the use of IT for facilitating this engagement and extending the debate.

It will also be an experiment in multi-lingual interaction by scholars native to different language environments (French, Portuguese and English) that understand all three languages with various degrees of proficiency but are willing to make the effort at sharing ideas from a position of linguistic equivalence.

Four scholars, from four different parts of the world, will be invited to circulate a short text on the theme in the weeks preceding the live event. These texts will be made available on a platform to which all members of the four associations can choose to have access, for a period of ten days, starting 1 October 2013. During this period viewers can comment on the papers directly through the platform or e-mail. Four additional scholars will be invited to respond to these texts during the live event which will take place on the **16th of October 2013** and will be transmitted live through YouTube. This will be a one-hour webinar discussion among all eight, with the help of a chair and a moderator serving as the link with members interacting to the papers and event. For the following week, association members can participate in an on-line written discussion (that is, not in real time). At the end of that period the seminar will be closed.

6. Report on EASA's Book Series

The series aims to publish works by members of the Association that address worthwhile questions in a cogent, persuasive and fluent way that will attract a substantial readership. Works can be monographs or edited collections, concerned with any part of the world.

If you are working on a monograph or edited collection, or considering working on one, you are encouraged to communicate with the series editor, James Carrier (jgc@jgcarrier.demon.co.uk), or consult the 'book series' part of the EASA web site (<http://www.easaonline.org/bookseri.shtml>).

The series editor is happy to provide advice and guidance in the preparation of proposals for the series, and to answer any questions that potential contributors may have.

The series draws on the efforts of many people. Prime among them is those who comment on the proposals and manuscripts that people submit, and without their thoughtful effort the series could not operate. In recognition of that effort, the series editor acknowledges the following people, and thanks them for their assistance:

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James G. Carrier, Series editor

7. News from the Networks

The EASA Networks have expanded in number and become very active. This is good news for EASA as it proofs the vitality of anthropologists and their engagement both with the discipline and with the pressing problems that beseech us. It is also an expression of growing interaction and collaboration among anthropologists in Europe and beyond.

As a result of the increasing number of networks, the new EASA Executive has decided to nominate a member of the Committee as “Network officer” in charge of liaising with the Network convenors. For the coming period Susana Narotzky has been appointed in this role (snarotzky[at]jamillan.com).

The previous Executive, in response to this expansive conjuncture, had clarified the rules for establishing new networks and these were published in the EASA Newsletter No.57 of November 2012 (<http://www.easaonline.org/networks/rules.shtml>).

The call for Network funding closed on January 30th 2013. Although a total of €25k had been approved for network funding this year, the number of applications and the amount requested went far beyond that provision. The Executive had to make very difficult decisions in awarding the funds and will consider the increased demand in view of the next call (<http://www.easaonline.org/networks/funding.shtml>).

New Networks

EASA Anthropology of Economy Network

Convenors:

- Patty A. Gray (National University of Ireland Maynooth), patty.gray[at]nuim.ie
 - Hugo Valenzuela García (University Autonomous of Barcelona), hugo.valenzuela[at]uab.es
- The Network currently has 33 members.

Intention & justification

Anthropology of economy is one of the most vivid, rich and complex subfields of the discipline, and its scope has grown and diversified in many ways, particularly during the last decade. Economy is integral to genuine anthropological preoccupations like globalization, development, entrepreneurship, household organization, institutions, food, work, consumption, sustainable energies, fisheries or

markets. Given the ongoing economic instability in Europe and shifts in global economies, fostering widespread concerns that the dominance of the prevailing economic theory is no longer tenable, there is clearly an opening for the diverse perspectives on economy that anthropology can provide, and a need for anthropologists of economy to collectively engage in unfolding debates. In this context, an EASA network on Anthropology of Economy makes sense and is past due. Given the number of workshops convened for EASA 2012 devoted to themes of economy, finance, development, etc., it appears that significant interest in anthropology of economy already exists within EASA.

Recent Activities of EASA Networks

APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY NETWORK

Dan Podjed, network coordinator, dan.podjed[at]ergo-institut.com

The first meeting of the Applied Anthropology Network was held in July 2012 in Nanterre at the EASA conference. The network provides a platform for sharing information, experience and discussions regarding applications of anthropological knowledge. It attempts to become a reference for scientists and practitioners who believe that anthropological theories, approaches, methods and skills can be used beyond academic boundaries – to solve practical problems.

In 2012 the network was active through the mailing list, which currently has over 60 members. The list is used for internal communication of the members and for dissemination of relevant information (events, meetings, etc.) The network prepared and published the first newsletter on applied anthropology in Europe, which will be in the future distributed to the network members every 3-4 months (the first issue was sent out in April 2013). A database of European organizations (associations, companies, etc.) and individuals which are connected to applied anthropology – or at least interested in activities of the network – is also being prepared within the network.

We will organize a network meeting in late 2013 or early 2014 to discuss the current state and future possibilities for developing applied anthropology in Europe.

TEACHING ANTHROPOLOGY NETWORK (TAN)

Jakob Krause-Jensen, network coordinator, JAKJ[at]dpu.dk

The Teaching Anthropology Network are collaborating with two journals, Learning and Teaching and Teaching Anthropology. At the EASA 2012-conference we hosted a workshop on 'Teaching anthropology in times of uncertainty' and based on this workshop a special issue of LATISS will come out in 2014. We have currently received support from the EASA network funding for the conference: *Teaching Amidst Change*. The conference is a joint effort between TAN and Teaching Anthropology journal and will take place in Oxford on the 5-6 September 2013. Below is a call for papers, and we would encourage all EASA members to participate.

Public sector reforms are being forced on European states; funding for academic research and learning is curtailed and universities and anthropology departments have been restructured by the Bologna process. What are the implications of such changes for academic research, teaching and learning across Europe? What is the role for anthropological teaching and learning in articulating or engaging with 'change'?

Please submit abstracts between 400-500 words by 1 June 2013 to: editorsteachinganthropology@gmail.com.

MEDIA ANTHROPOLOGY NETWORK

John Postill, network coordinator, jrpostill[at]gmail.com

The Media Anthropology Network is planning a workshop towards the edited volume *Theorising Media and Change*, eds. E. Ardevol, J. Postill, Tenhunen. The workshop will be held at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC), in Barcelona, and locally organised by Elisenda Ardevol. We are still working out the details, but the tentative dates are 25-26 Nov 2013. More information will be given in due course via the Network website (<http://www.media-anthropology.net/>) and mailing list.

ANTHROPOLOGY OF LAW AND RIGHTS NETWORK

Heike Drotbohm, network coordinator, heike.drotbohm[at]ethno.uni-freiburg.de

The anthropology of law and rights convened a workshop titled *Deportation, Justice, Anxiety*, which took place at the last EASA conference in Nanterre, France (10.-13.7.2012).

The Anthropology of Law and Rights network is planning a workshop titled “Mobility within and to the Global South. Alternative histories, policies and citizenship regimes.” The workshop will be held at University of Cologne, either in October or December 2013, and locally be organized by Heike Drotbohm and Michaela Pelican. More information will be given via the Network’s website (<http://www.easonline.org/networks/law/>) and its mailing list.

AFRICANIST NETWORK

Tilo Grätz, network coordinator, tilo.graetz[at]zmo.de

The EASA Africanist Network successfully organized a PhD-workshop in March, 2012 in Halle/Germany, on *Fieldwork in Africa*. On the occasion of the EASA conference in Paris, we convened a workshop that focused on the relationship between History and Anthropology. A selection of papers is currently under review and will be published in a Special Issue of the *Journal Social Evolution & History*.

MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY YOUNG SCHOLARS NETWORK(MAYS)

Katerina Vidner-Ferkov & Dominik Mattes, network coordinators, mays.easa[at]gmail.com

The 3rd Annual MAYS meeting preceded the EASA bi-annual conference and was held at the Université Paris Ouest in Paris/Nanterre La Défense on July 9-10, 2012. More than 60 students, PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers from around the world attended 20 presentations in four panels, two roundtable discussions, and a skills lab. In the business meeting of the EASA Medical Anthropology Network meeting, the former young scholars representatives Claire Beaudevin and Susann Huschke stepped down and Katerina Vidner Ferkov (University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia) and

Dominik Mattes(Freie Universität Berlin, Germany) were elected as new MAYS coordinators. They are currently organizing the 4th Annual MAYS meeting which will precede the Joint International Conference “Encounters and Engagements: Creating New Agendas for Medical Anthropology” (organized by the AAA’s Society of Medical Anthropology, the EASA Medical Anthropology Network and the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona) and will take place on 10-11 June 2013. The program for this meeting, which will focus on “catalysts and impediments” experienced by young medical anthropology scholars during their research, will soon be available on www.mays-easa.org. The MAYS network is continuously growing and has more than 100 members from across the globe.

ANTHROPOLOGY AND MOBILITY NETWORK

Roger Norum & Jamie Coates, network coordinators, rogger[at]gmail.com, jamie.coates[at]anu.edu.au

On 27–28 September, 2013, the EASA Anthropology and Mobility Network will be holding a two-day workshop in Oxford entitled “Fielding challenges, challenging the field: The methodologies of mobility”. The event is intended to look at how ethnographers are responding to various methodological questions being raised in the study of mobility. Novel ethnographic spaces comprising multiple scales, diverse geographies, mobile actors and disembodied information and technologies are providing fodder for new anthropological horizons, as well as spawning new challenges and obstacles engendered by such fresh forms of scholarly enquiry. Among other things, the workshop will explore the ‘zones of awkward engagement’ (cf. Tsing) between the methodologies of mobility and the production of ethnographic theory, and the ways in which ethnographies of movement may provide novel theoretical horizons for anthropology. We encourage all interested EASA members to submit related papers (funding for members’ travel/accommodation is available), as this should be a very interactive and engaging event, and the convenors have an eye towards putting together a publication afterwards. Deadline for the submission of abstracts is 17 May 2013. For more information, please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/mobilemethodologies/home>.

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES IN ANTHROPOLOGY NETWORK (PACSA)

Michael Lidauer, network coordinator,
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Announcement of the 4th Bi-annual PACSA Meeting on “Crisis and Conflict”, Copenhagen, 28-30 August 2013. The meeting is organized in collaboration with DIGNITY - Danish Institute against Torture and Global Refugee Studies, Aalborg University. For this year’s PACSA meeting we encourage reflections on what it means to live in a state of crisis. How may we understand crises? Is it a motor of change? A catalyst for socio-cultural transformation, or merely a gesture intended to frame the abnormal? How do these discussions affect our conceptualizations of peace and conflict, particularly in situations where crisis is permanent or even normalized? And finally, what happens when individual perspectives meet systemic views of peace, crisis, and conflict?

Whichever way we chose to understand crisis, it is clear that it is located somewhere beyond the homeostasis of peace, yet prior to the ultimate turmoil characteristic of conflict. Which are the links between crisis on one the hand, and the prospects for peace as well as the threats of conflict on the other? How are these zones delineated towards one another?

We invite participants to submit abstracts before 30 April 2013 to pacsaph2013@gmail.com. More information is available on the EASA website and on <http://www.pacsa-web.eu/fourth-bi-annual-pacsa-conference-copenhagen-2013-crisis-and-conflict/>.

NETWORK FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

Birgit Müller, network coordinator, [bmuller\[at\]msh-paris.fr](mailto:bmuller[at]msh-paris.fr)

The Network for the Anthropology of International Governance met officially for the first time in Paris in July 2013. The members identified six subject areas where they wanted to pursue the exchange of experiences and ideas.

- Plural legal or normative regimes: the tension in the ethical and practical motivations of global, national and local actors.
- Brokers: institutional mechanisms of brokerage, mediation, actors that move across different organisations.

- Regulation: international regulatory instruments affecting concrete daily practice, private and public regulation, self-regulation, the moral values conflicts
- Language: language of international governance, the language of neutrality, the new value laden concepts

- Method: how to move between scales of international governance, new sources of information and tools of communication, for example consultative websites, blogs etc.

- Participation: as a global norm, instrument of control and self-control

The volume based on the papers from the Paris workshops in 2008 and 2010 will come out as a paperback: *The Gloss of Harmony. The Politics of Policy Making in Multilateral Organisations*. London: Pluto Press, 2013

The network will meet at the AAA 2013 to link up with American colleagues interested in the subject. Birgit Müller and Janine Wedel have organized a panel at the conference.

MEDITERRANEANIST NETWORK NETWORK(MEDNET)

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The EASA Mediterraneanist Network (MedNet) is able to continue its cooperation with Mediterranean universities and research institutes and will hold its 6th scientific workshop in cooperation with the Mediterranean Institute at the University of Malta. The theme of the forthcoming 6th MEDNET WORKSHOP (from 31 Oct. – 3 Nov. 2013, University of Malta) is: “Connecting spaces, constructing places, constituting memories: Comparative approaches in the anthropology of the Mediterranean”

The workshop sessions will focus on the following aspects:

A. Connecting spaces: Connectivity has been seen as one of the main features of Mediterranean societies and cultures since the work of Braudel and Horden/Purcell. Evaluations may critically reflect on these contributions or focus on recent phenomena of connectivity, such as migration, networks or border encounters.

B. Constructing places: Another focus of comparative analysis will be the multiple ways

of constructing and perceiving places in the Mediterranean and giving meaning to them through changing social and cultural practices, such as the 'sharing' of shrines in the Mediterranean by different religions.

C. Constituting memories: Also welcomed will be studies of perceived continuity and tradition and the analysis of processes of constituting memories of shared experiences and conflicts in the Mediterranean as a region of comparison.

VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY NETWORK (VANEASA)

Dr. Beate Engelbrecht, network coordinator, beate.engelbrecht[at]sowi.uni-goettingen.de

VANEASA members met at the EASA conference 2012 in Nanterre discussing future activities. An interest group on the Anthropology of Art (coordinator is Roger Sani ans01rsr@gold.ac.uk) was installed then. The main activity of various VANEASA members consisted in the creation of an EASA online journal called Anthrovision. The application with revues.org was accepted and the first steps of installing the journals are done. www.openedition.org/10936. The first issues are now ready for publication, but some copyright issues have to be clarified yet. The advantage of being an open access online journal also asks for serious examination of legal aspects. The editorial board will meet again in Manchester, August 2013. We would be happy to receive suggestions of any kind (contact@anthrovision.eu). The publication will be announced through the VANEASA-mailing list. Some VANEASA members are involved in the realisation of ethnographic film festivals in Europe (www.anthropological-filmfestivals.eu/), most of them have some sort of conference and/or workshop attached, which gives many occasions of meeting at various places.

NETWORK OF THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL EURASIA (ACME)

The network of the Anthropology of the Contemporary Middle East and Central Eurasia (ACME) is happy to announce the launch of its new anthropological journal. The first issue will be available during the 17th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and

Ethnological Sciences which will be held during 5-10 August 2013 in University of Manchester in U.K.

The Journal of the Anthropology of the Contemporary Middle East and Central Eurasia (ACME) is a peer-reviewed journal devoted to the anthropological studies of all societies and cultures in the Middle East and Central Eurasia. All submissions for articles are peer-reviewed. Its scope is to publish original research by social scientists not only in the area of anthropology but also in sociology, folklore, religion, material culture and related social sciences. It includes all areas of modern and contemporary Middle East and Central Eurasia (Russia, the Caucasus, Central Asia, China) including topics on minority groups and religious themes.