Elections - Results

Thomas Fillitz

The outgoing secretary László Kürti, the new secretary Thomas Fillitz, and Anna Streissler (member) have counted the ballots.
The results:
- 147 ballots valid
- 4 ballots invalid: 1 was double, and two others without ballot numbers.
The results:
Shalini Randeria: 96
Manuela Da Cunha: 91
Michal Buchowski: 89
Gísli Pálsson: 87
Benoît de L’Estoile: 72
Dieter Haller: 66
William Kavanagh: 63

The elected five members of the Executive Committee have co-opted Helena Wulff and Thomas Fillitz during the constituting meeting at Ljubljana (09 to 11 February 2007).

The new Executive Committee
Shalini Randeria, President
Benoît de L’Estoile, Vice-President
Manuela Da Cunha
Michal Buchowski
Gísli Pálsson
Helena Wulff, co-opted, journal co-editor
Thomas Fillitz, co-opted, secretary
David Shankland, treasurer

The new Executive Committee, from left to right: Helena Wulff, Michal Buchowski, Shalini Randeria, Benoît de L’Estoile, Gísli Pálsson, Manuela da Cunha, Thomas Fillitz, David Shankland.

The further organigram of EASA:

Journal – Social Anthropology | Anthropologie Sociale
Co-editors: Dorle Dracklé and Helena Wulff
Review Editor: Liza Debevec
EASA-Newsletter | Editor: Thomas Fillitz
Website | Coordination Thomas Fillitz
Membership Administration | Rohan Jackson | NomadIT
EASA-Series | Jonathan Skinner
Translation Series | Benoît de L’Estoile
EASA Networks
The Secretariat is currently trying to find out about the EASA-networks and will publish the list with contacts in the next Newsletter.

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Letter from the President

Shalini Randeria

After an election with remarkably low participation, the new Executive Committee (2007-9) took up its work at the beginning of February. At a time when universities all over Europe are faced with a common set of challenges due to structural reforms, which involve risks but also offer opportunities for a relatively small and diverse discipline such as ours, we hope that members will participate more actively to shape the future of our discipline and its professional organisation. One of the new tasks that the Executive will set itself, is to try to encourage a higher turn-out next time!

A most successful hand-over meeting took place in the lovely city of Ljubljana, the venue of our conference in August 2008. The general theme will be: Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality with a focus on both cultural and biological diversity. We will publish the wide-ranging programme in the next newsletter in June.

We would like to thank the members of the previous Executive. Its previous members will be represented still on the new EC, in that our journal Social Anthropology has for the first time in its history two editors, Helena Wulff (Stockholm) and Doris Drackle (Bremen), who will take it in turns to serve on the Executive Committee. We also have a new publisher, Blackwells, who will re-launch the journal at the AAA meeting in Washington DC in November this year. The new reviews editor is Liza Debevec (Ljubljana). The next newsletter will include a letter from the editors that outlines their plans as well.

A long process of discussions has culminated in a revised membership fee structure, one that was ratified at the last general meeting in Bristol. The new simplified structure, of course, involves an small increase in fees for some but also a decrease for others. We very much hope that each member will decide to pay his/her dues promptly, for we are entirely dependent on your contributions for our activities. We are also keen to enlarge the membership of EASA, especially among students, and would like to request all of you to actively support us in this endeavour. The treasury remains in the United Kingdom but moves to David Shankland (Bristol), who presents the new fees in this newsletter.

We would like to encourage members to use the newsletter as a platform to exchange information, as means for departments in various countries to present themselves and to discuss, for example, the implementation of the Bologna reforms in different universities. We welcome reports from members and would like to facilitate the use of the website to advertise positions as well as to publish call for papers for workshops and announce forthcoming events. We are in the process of making appropriate changes to upgrade the website to ease such communication and also to make available a membership registry. Thomas Fillitz (Vienna), who was co-opted as the new secretary in Bristol, will be the new Webmaster.

To encourage activities in-between conferences, the Executive has set aside some of the association’s rather small budget for meetings and workshops organised by the various networks. Applications for additional funding for exploratory workshops and network meetings could be made, for example, to the European Science Foundation (ESF). Gísli Pálsson (Reykjavik), a member of the new Executive and subject representative for anthropology on the Standing Committee for the Humanities under the ESF, has contributed a piece to this newsletter on the opportunities and instruments for research funding and networking available at the European level. The new Executive is eager to support networks and initiatives as well as to engage in lobbying activities at the European level, so please feel free to get in touch with us. We look forward to your queries and suggestions!

Finally, the annual general meeting of EASA will take place in Paris on 11-13 December 2007 in conjunction with Les Assises de l’ethnologie et de l’anthropologie en France. We look forward to meeting many of our members at this meeting that will be organised by the new Vice-President, Benoît de L’Estoile, who is also in charge of the translations series.

Notes from the Secretary

Thomas Fillitz

Until early this year, László Kürti has been for many years now EASA’s secretary. As the person following on this position, I thank him for the work he has done for the Association during this time.

Taking up new positions requires to confront new situations and challenges, to get new insights in new matters. One of these is the Association’s Newsletter. I apologize for the time it took to publish it, and for the smaller size this number 43|2007 has.

As new editor of the EASA-Newsletter I would like to encourage the Association’s members to consider it as one of its forum for communication. I strongly wish to intensify the announcement of conferences, of symposia, workshops, summer schools and distinguished lectures. I as well would like to encourage all of you to write reports of these events, and of exhibitions.

Announcements of posts are welcomed! However I am not sure whether the Newsletter is quick enough for the institutions’ deadlines, which get shorter and shorter. Rather, this could better be supplied by the website, which will be mise à jour within the next times.

Further, a lot of changes affect our current working situations, such as the implementation of the Bologna-process - the President, Shalini Randeria mentioned it in her address above. There were some Round tables about that theme, one during the EASA 2004 conference. It seems however that little is known among our community what is going on in the different countries, in the various universities? How do new curricula look like? What local consequences are there for our discipline, and for colleagues?

Another theme seems to be EASA’s role towards student members. As teachers we realise that there are new challenges for students, that they do no more have similar options as many of us had, who have contracts within institutions. What are their thoughts, what would they like EASA to consider, take care of, or discuss?

These are some themes I would appreciate to get contributions for the forthcoming Newsletters. All in all, feel free to send in news and short texts, which help us to know more about what is going on with anthropology, with our conditions of work, and with our fields of inquiry.

Regarding the publication of the Newsletter, I shall aim at publishing it three times a year with the (generous) help of some colleagues in my department, generally March, June, July, and late November.

For all texts or information you are sending, I would appreciate to receive these in Word format via email (Thomas.fillitz@univie.ac.at).
Dr Jon Mitchell, after many years extra-ordinary service to EASA, has retired as Treasurer. During his tenure, he was instrumental in reforming the Association’s administrative structure, not least in gaining us formal charitable status. This means that we now have official recognition as a body, and can run our accounts according to the Charitable Commission’s generally understood protocols. It is therefore a very great pleasure simply to say to the membership that, thanks to Jon, we begin this new period from a sound, established foundation.

There is, however, a reform in the way that membership fees will be calculated. Members will recall that at the last conference, we decided to dispense with the East/West division and substitute instead variable membership rates according to income. These assume that those earning more than 50,000 Euros a year gross pay the fullest rate (100 Euros), whilst those receiving less may pay 80 Euros, then if much less, 50 Euros. Associate and Joint Memberships continue, as outlined in the table. The Executive Committee recognises the very great importance of taking students’ special needs into account, and is therefore delighted to set the full-time student rate at only 30 Euros. All members receive the journal, and the electronic newsletter.

NomadIT, under the capable direction of Rohan Jackson, has begun the process of moving to this new invoicing system, which will come into action from this year (2007). Finally, we end with a plea. We would hope very much that membership invoices may be settled promptly. The Association is entirely reliant upon its membership income: it has no building, and no endowment, just its members, its publications, and its activities!

### Amended Membership Fees – 2007

| Income band A | €0-24,999 | €50 |
| Income band B | €25,000-49,999 | €80 |
| Income band C | €50,000 upwards | €100 |

[NB: Ordinary Membership incorporates the old Eastern European and Retired rates]

| Income band A | €0-24,999 | €50 |
| Income band B | €25,000-49,999 | €80 |
| Income band C | €50,000 upwards | €100 |

| Combined Income band | €75 |
| €50,000-€99,999 | €120 |
10th EASA Biennial Conference
Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality

Ljubljana, August 26-30, 2008
Rajko Muršić

Members of the Department o Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Ljubljana are pleased to welcome you at the 10th anniversary Easa conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia. With approximately 56,000 students and more than 5,000 teaching and research staff, University of Ljubljana, established in 1919, is one of the largest universities in Europe. The Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, established in 1940, with 400 students and 26 teaching/research and administrative staff is as well considerably large.

The conference will be organised in the centre of Ljubljana (population 300,000). The conference venues and accommodations will be located in walking distance. The local organisers will provide reasonable-priced accommodation in student dormitories. The centre of Ljubljana has a very well settled infrastructure for cycling and it offers many hotels and other facilities, including plenty of cafes and restaurants at the banks of the river Ljubljanica.

In summer, there are numerous festivals cultural events for different tastes organised in the city. The Mediterranean coast and the Alps are less than 100 km away... So you can expect an exciting conference!

The local organisers have some experience in organising international conferences, among which I would like to mention the well-known Mediterranean Ethnological Summer Symposium (Mess), organised annually in Piran between 1994 and 2006. With particular tendency to cross barriers of status, age, space and disciplinary orientations local organisers expect many younger scholars from all parts of Europe to participate and get benefits for their career opportunities.

In short, at the time of the 2008 EASA conference Ljubljana will be vivid, not too busy, but a relaxed place, which we believe will stimulate an excellent atmosphere for intellectual enterprise.

The Local Committee:

The Scientific Committee:
- Nominated by the Local Committee | Bojan Baskar, Bozidar Jezernik, Rajko Muršić.
- EASA Executive Committee | Shalini Randeria, Benoît de L’Estoile, Manuela da Cunha, Gísli Pálsson, Michal Buchowski, Helena Wulf, David Shankland, Thomas Fillitz.
European Funding and Anthropological Research

Gíslason

Currently, national, European, and international structures of funding for research in the humanities and the social sciences seem to be undergoing significant change. While it is difficult to generalize for different regions and disciplines, for anthropology there are both dangers and opportunities. It seems pertinent, therefore, to urge anthropologists to reflect on the changes taking place, to examine the prospects ahead and the potential impacts on the discipline. As the current subject representative for anthropology on the Standing Committee for the Humanities under the European Science Foundation and a member of the new Executive Committee of EASA, I would like to alert colleagues to the need to discuss some of the issues involved and to explore available opportunities.

One of the important venues for European research policy and funding is that of the European Science Foundation (ESF), with its headquarters in Strasbourg (http://www.esf.org/index.php?language=0). The ESF promotes high quality science at a European level. It acts as a catalyst for the development of science by bringing together leading scientists and funding agencies to debate, plan and implement pan-European initiatives. The ESF has five major wings, two of which represent anthropology: the Humanities and the Social Sciences Standing Committees. The list of disciplines under the Humanities refers to "Anthropology, ethnology, folklore" while the Social Sciences list has "Social anthropology". For the past two years, I have represented the discipline on the former, following an invitation by the Standing Committee which felt that its disciplinary spectrum needed to be broadened as none of the members of the Committee covered the field of anthropology. Thanks partly to the efforts and initiative of one of our colleagues, Dr. Elisabeth Vestergaard (University of Aarhus), the previous Head of Humanities Unit and Senior Scientific Secretary to the Standing Committee for the Humanities, anthropology has been presented with important new opportunities under the ESF umbrella. Vestergaard's colleagues, her successor Dr. Monique van Donzel, and fellow Committee Members have been quite receptive to anthropological viewpoints and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

Like many other research bodies, both national and international, the ESF emphasises interdisciplinary schemes and projects. To realize its broader goals, the ESF operates with a series of instruments, including those of Exploratory Workshops, Forward Looks, Research Networking Programmes, and EUROCORES (the European Collaborative Research scheme). Anthropology plays important roles in some of the schemes.

One example under the Humanities umbrella is a new large-scale EUROCORES project BOREAS, "Histories from the North - environments, movements, narratives", a coordinated programme of research on the North enabling the humanities to collaborate more effectively and offers synergies between social, natural and medical sciences. This is a circumpolar initiative, with collaboration between Europe, the US, Canada and Russia. Another EUROCORES project is OMLL, "The origin of man, language and languages" focusing on the evolution of anatomically modern humans, language development and linguistic diversity. Finally, a project on "Humans in space" will be launched by an interdisciplinary conference in Genoa 22-23 March this year. This project is jointly sponsored by the Standing Committee for the Humanities and the Life, Earth and Environmental Standing Committee.

The other main European research umbrella is that of the European Community. Two major points should be mentioned in this context. For one thing, the European Commission has established the European Research Council (ERC) (http://erc.europa.eu/index_en.cfm) which offers a new scope for developing research in the humanities and the social sciences on the European level. Secondly, the new 7th Framework Programme for 2007-2013 established by the Commission offers exciting prospects that many of our colleagues found painfully missing in earlier frameworks (see http://ec.europa.eu/research/future/ssh/index_en.cfm). In the long run, the ERC is bound to affect the ESF and somehow the complex worlds of Strasbourg and Brussels acronym must be realigned. It is not yet clear, on the other hand, how things will develop and how they may affect anthropology in particular.

To enhance the visibility and impact of anthropological research, it is critical, of course, to both pay close attention to the constraints of the "instruments" and "calls" in question and to submit strong and well-prepared proposals and applications to the relevant funds and agencies. The structure and politics of research and funding, however, are also important matters of concern for the scientific community as a whole. At its first meeting in Ljubljana on 10 February, the new EASA Executive Committee spent considerable time discussing opportunities for European funding for anthropological research. The Committee decided to take a series of measure regarding funding, exploring the ways in which current practices of funding as well as the changes ahead may be affecting disciplinary practices, methodologies, and research politics.

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International Conference of the Journal “Anthropologie et Sociétés,” Université Laval. see http://www.ant.ulaval.ca/anthropologieetsoctes/index.html

106th AAA Annual Meeting

Washington DC., Nov. 28 – Dec. 2

December 2007

Ethnicity, Belonging, Biography and Ethnography

December 7th – 9th, 2007

Call for Papers

International Conference of the Center of Methods in Social Sciences, Georg-August-University Goettingen, Germany

Co-organized with the TransCoop project “Biography and Ethnicity” and the Research Committee 38 “Biography and Society” of the International Sociological Association.

Organizing committee: Prof. Dr. Gabriele Rosenthal & Dr. Michaela Koettig, Georgia-August-University. Dr. Julia Chaitin, Sapir Academic College (Israel), Dr. John Linstroth, Nova Southeastern University, Florida

The conference will take place in Goe
tingen, Germany and will focus on the subject of ethnicity and socio-cultural be
longings. We will present our TransCoop project, an interdisciplinary and interna
tional biographical and ethnographic stu
dy, that draws on the disciplines of so
ciology, social-psychology, anthropology, and conflict resolution.

We invite participants to present papers on
different theoretical conceptions and
empirical studies on this topic. In par
icular we would like to discuss societal
settings influence the developing sense of
collective belongings and their transfor
mations among refugees and immigrants,
different social and cultural groups, con
nections between socio-cultural belon
gings and gender, and intergenerational

aspects of such belonging. In addition to
the conference presentations, we will be
holding workshops that focus on methods
for collecting and analyzing data materi
al relevant to ethnicity and socio-cultural

belongings.

Colleagues who wish to present papers
or bring data to be discussed in the
workshops are asked to send the title
of their proposed talk and an abstract
of no more that 150 words to michaela.
koettig@gmx.de by March 1st, 2007.

Information updates on the Conference
will be posted to the website:
http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc38.htm
the discipline (role and place of the different associations of Anthropology in France; links and bridges between local, national, international initiatives).

As often as possible, during the year preceding the Assises and in several localisations in France, the working groups organize conferences, workshops and round tables to fuel the reflections and discussions on the issues above mentioned. On December, 5 sessions with keynote speakers coming from France, Europe and the rest of the world, will be devoted to the restitution of the lengthy discussions. The debate should engage the community of French anthropologists to draw a balance and view the future.

For the Assises to achieve their objective, the organizing committee encourages any person, group, association, research team, academic department etc. who may feel interested by the discipline’s destiny to take other initiatives. The organizers of such events are expected to contact the coordinators of the working groups, in order to facilitate the circulation of information and share the discussions. Their names are included to collect the communications on these above, a 6th “hors-piste” has been included to collect the communications on subjects that may have been forgotten or neglected by the organizers. For more information: http://assisesethnno.org

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The Anthropology of International Institutions

International institutions have entered the field-sites of many anthropologists. As the people they study are confronted with World Bank projects, technical cooperation programmes of the FAO and regulations on intellectual property rights under the auspices of the WTO that are often superseding state initiatives anthropologists have begun to analyse these institutions in their practices on the ground. In recent years the institutions themselves, as circuits of power where normative frameworks are built, resources are attributed and knowledge circulates have also become fields of anthropological enquiry. International institutions have headquarters in specific locations, the WTO in Geneva, the FAO in Rome, the World Bank in New York where permanent staff keeps track of decisions taken, produces policy documents and assures the governmental functions of the institution. The institutions organise meetings all over the world, which draw actors from state and non-state backgrounds that interact in densely woven formal and informal networks. Studying these institutions is thus a complex endeavour that poses new challenges for anthropology from a methodological and conceptional point of view. International institutions have been studied by other disciplines and the anthropologist meets up in this endeavour with economists, geographers, historians, sociologists and linguists from various national and intellectual traditions. There is however a specific way proper to anthropology of looking at these institutions as sites of dense social interactions that are observable which create meanings and norms and which constitute new fields of power.

With the workshop that we are currently organizing to be held in 2008 in Paris we would like to bring together anthropologists who have taken interest in international institutions as their field of enquiry and explore together the methodological and theoretical challenges of this new field. We would like to invite colleagues who are interested by this new field or who have doctoral students advanced in their PhDs who work on the subject to get in touch with us so that we may make an inventory of the research activities already going on.

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June 2008

SIEF (International Society for Ethnology and Folklore) will hold its 9th Congress in Derry/Ulster, on June 16-20, 2008; the call for papers and the list of panels and panel organizers can be found on the following homepage: http://www.meertens.knaw.nl/sief/

Abstracts must be submitted online.

Ethnografesta III: ‘Ethnography and the Public Sphere/Ethnographie et sphère Publique’

Lisbon, June 20-23, 2007

Centro de Estudos em Antropologia Social (Portugal), Journal Ethnography/ University of California-Berkeley.

Abstracts and other information available on: www.ceas.iscte.pt/ethnografesta


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July 2008

The 16th World Congress

International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences

Kunming | China, July 15-23

“Humanity, Development and Cultural Diversity.”


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August 2008

10th EASA Biennial Conference

“Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality”

Ljubljana, August 26-30

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Call for Contributions

Dear colleagues,

Congratulations to everybody for we have received some nice compliments about GIA nº1. Fortunately we have also received some comments and suggestions (we are designing a new web-page). Following these, we are preparing number nº2 as a monographic issue. The topic is “current European anthropologies”, something like a ‘state of the art in European anthropology’. Some of the questions we might be interested in analysing in this second issue are: can we still talk of different ‘national’ anthropological schools/traditions nowadays? Is current transborder mobility (liquid life) affecting our traditional endogamic self-indulgence, or we just keep researching basically the same topics and using the same conceptual frames?... Though any other question is, of course, not only welcome but encouraged.

The idea is to have it ready by the end of June (before summer vacations). So I would appreciate if you could let me know whether you know anyone who could write such an article (including a good abstract), whether you know anyone who could write such an article (including a good abstract in a second language). You can contact this person or if you are very busy I can do it for you.

Thank you very much for your collaboration,

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Masterprogrames in Anthropology

SOAS MA in the Anthropology of Food

Food is a fundamental human necessity, essential to the sustenance of the human body. At the same time, food may be associated with pleasure, passion, even luxury. Food is also essential to the social body. Who eats what, who eats with whom, and whose appetites are satisfied and whose denied, are all profoundly social dynamics through which identities, relationships, and hierarchies are created and reproduced.

A New SOAS MA degree programme in the Anthropology of Food offers students the opportunity to explore historically and culturally variable foodways, from foraging to industrial agriculture, from Europe and North America to Africa, Asia and South America. The programme asks students to trace the passage of food from plant to palate, and to examine who benefits, and who suffers, from contemporary modes of food production, exchange, preparation, and consumption.

In a world where food has become commodity, students in the programme examine food policy at national and international levels, as well as the role played in its formation by the food industry. Focus is given to the study of famine and the controversial role of food aid in securing food supplies. Debates over the impact of the agricultural biotechnology on agrarian livelihoods and knowledge systems, as well as on the natural environment, are assessed. Movements toward organic agriculture, fair trade, and slow food are also analysed in the programme.

Among programme teachers are Professor Johan Pottier, author of Anthropology of Food: The Social Dynamics of Food Security; Dr. Harry G. West, who is currently researching the significance of international trade and regulatory regimes on the production, trade, and consumption of artisan foods worldwide; and Dr. Jakob Klein, whose research interests include the restaurant trade and the organic food movement in China.

The course is designed to be of interest to not only to students intending ultimately to pursue research degrees on food-related topics, but also to those wishing to work in food-related international organizations, development agencies, government ministries, or non-governmental associations, as well as in the fields of public health, education, and media, or in the catering industry.

For more information, contact Dr. West (hw16@soas.ac.uk; 020 7898 4414) or visit www.soas.ac.uk/maanthropologyoffood.

“Cultural Differences and Transnational Processes”
A European Master in Social and Cultural Anthropology

Applications Now Welcomed!
Start of the Programme in Autumn 2007

Creole is a two-year European Joint-Masterprogramme which currently connects the University of Vienna, the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the University of Ljubljana, the National University of Ireland – Maynooth, and the University of Stockholm.

Creole is specialising on three main themes: 1) New Identities, 2) Materila Culture and Consumption, and 3) Visual Culture | Popular Culture.

Based on an overall common structure, the participating universities present the various modules of the Masterprogramme in a complementary way to each other, thus emphasizing their own particularities and specialisations within the common network. The language of the programme is English.

The Joint-Masterprogramme “Creole – Cultural Differences and Transnational Processes” focuses on the mobility in the studing programme in three ways: a) Student mobility: participating students are entitled to pass up to 12 months at a visiting institution; b) an intensive programme at the beginning of the 3rd semester | year-2 is compulsory; and c) teachers of the participating institutions are commuting between the institutions, teaching courses in intensified ways for one week.

The main added values of the Joint-Masterprogramme are: 1) The Masterdiploma will be issued by the five universities, 2) recognition in the countries of the participating institutions, 3) joint supervision of the student by a teacher of the home university and by the visiting university, 4) intensified mobility and interconnection as structural elements of the study programme. Better possibilities on the European job market are envisaged.

Regarding the consortium, an enlargement is welcomed. The University of Lyon-II will join into the Joint-Masterprogramme by autumn 2008 enabling further mobilities.

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see also: http://www.univie.ac.at/creole/
Regarding Elections 2007

Thomas Fillitz

Due to the extremely low participation in these last elections of the Executive Committee, and in order to assure the maximum of transparency while keeping the anonymity of those who voted, the number of the ballots of those who have voted are listed below. As these numbers had been generated by coincidence, no reference to any member’s name is possible.

Given that in the past the participation in elections was around 25 to 30% of the full-members, the Executive Committee considers it opportune and important for the Association that this year’s dramatic numbers be discussed in the light of improving the electoral system. EASA-Members are encouraged to express ideas and debate what could be improved, which kind of procedures may be favoured.

Please send your suggestions to the Secretariat: thomas.fillitz@univie.ac.at