PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

A dozen years ago at an annual anthropology meeting, I attended a cocktail party hosted by a publisher who was preparing to produce a new edition of one of my classroom offerings. The publisher's anthropology editor introduced me to their youthful marketing manager who was to generate the pitch for promoting our book. This young worthy, quite well oiled by that stage of the evening, asked me what my specialty was, and, when I replied "Dental Anthropology," a look of bleary incredulity crossed his befuddled face. This was followed by guffaws of laughter in several sieges. He actually thought I was making a joke, and, although my editor tried to assure him that there really was such a thing as dental anthropology, he never quite believed it and continued to erupt into fits of shorties at odd moments for the remainder of the evening. I was not reassured at the thought that this young lout was in charge of promoting the sales of my written efforts, or, for that matter, of anything else in anthropology, and I was not surprised when the book was indifferently advertised and enjoyed only perfunctory sales.

That was in the mid-1970's when the toilers in the realm of dental anthropology numbered but a handful or two and our efforts were only sufficient to warrant assembling a dental anthropology session at the AAPA meetings every other year or so. The very idea of a Dental Anthropology Association seemed somewhat remote at the time.

Contrast that with the present situation where our fledgling association has not only been given a reality by my predecessor, Yasar Iscan, but is almost ahead of the times in keeping up with the developments in its own area of interest. For instance, there were not only two full sessions sponsored by us at the Kansas City meetings of the AAPA, but there was another session on dental anthropology scheduled so that it overlapped with one of ours. I just happened to have been committed to being in that session rather than in our own, and I realized that its distinguished organizers were not members of our Association - naturally I urged them to join us so that our future efforts could be planned to complement rather than conflict with each other.

Even as we justly celebrate our current health and vigor, this should serve to remind us that much remains to be done if we wish to maintain our identity and coherence. I am sure that there are many more stalwarts out there who should be members of
our association. If each of us were to "put the bite" on one such, our group could enter the next year with an even more robust membership, so I urge you all to go out and proselytize.

C. Loring Brace

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Dental Anthropology Newsletter has the potential to enable widely expanded communication among the growing DAA membership. It can bring together scientists and clinicians with different angles on a similar research topic. The DAN can be a forum for the exchange of ideas, suggestions, and information. For example, I think it would be very meaningful to include a topic of general interest approached by two or more individuals from both an anthropological and a clinical perspective.

I know how busy all of us are, but we will all benefit from taking some time to share our experience and questions. Unfortunately, only a few members have taken an active role in contributing to DAN, and your efforts are appreciated. However, it's only fair that many more of you send me news and information that would be of interest to your colleagues. Keep in mind that DAN can be a very useful tool in recruiting members to serve on committees, participate in DAA functions, and establishing special interest groups. So please take advantage of it.

1988 DAA ANNUAL MEETING

We are happy to report that all of the DAA sponsored symposia and related activities were very successful. The hard work of all the symposia organizers, discussants and contributors is truly appreciated and really made us look good. Last year's Program Chair Marc Kelley deserves a lot of credit for organizing, arranging, and overseeing the largest number of dental events at an AAPA meeting to date. Stemming from the positive response to his symposium, "Horizons of Dental Anthropology," Marc, along with Dr. Clark Larsen, has decided to co-edit an 18 or 19 chapter book incorporating most of the symposium papers and adding six or seven others on relevant topics in dental anthropology. According to Marc, Alan R. Liss Publishers are very enthusiastic about the outline he sent and have agreed to publish this work.

A big share of the credit for this year's excellent DAA events and active participation goes to former president and founder Dr. M. Yasar Iscan. His leadership, ideas, and encouragement have gotten this organization off to a very good start. He should be very proud of all that's been achieved in such a short time.

1989 AAPA AND DAA ANNUAL MEETING

The next meeting of the Dental Anthropological Association will take place at the Omni - San Diego Hotel. As usual, the DAA meeting and symposia will be part of the American Association of
Physical Anthropologists (AAPA) meetings on April 5-8, 1989. For those of you who are interested, the Paleopathology Association (April 4-5) and the Human Biology Council (April 5) meet immediately prior to the start of the AAPA meeting. This year’s DAA meeting facilitator, Mark Skinner, will be able to provide any information you might need.

All DAA members must register for the AAPA meeting in order to attend the Dental Anthropology sessions. Registration fees are as follows: AAPA members - $35.00, student members - $20.00, and non-members - $80.00.

Proposals for symposia must be submitted by Sept. 7 and abstracts are due Oct. 5, 1988. If you have any questions about the AAPA program address them to Dr. Michael A. Little, Dept. of Anthropology, State University of New York at Binghampton, Binghampton, New York 13901 tel. (607) 777-2738 or 723-7048.

If a non-AAPA member or European member wishes to attend the Dental Anthropology meetings with or without presenting a paper, please contact either of the Local Arrangements Chairs: Dr. Lois K. Lippold, Dept. of Anthropology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182, tel. (619) 265-5452 and Ms. Rose A. Tyson, San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101, tel (619) 239 239-2001.

1989 DENTAL ANTHROPOLOGY SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

By now, AAPA members should have received the information packet for the 1989 meeting to be held in San Diego. Plans for the DAA events are in progress under the very capable direction of Program Chair Dr. Gloria y’Edynak, who has announced that two DAA sponsored symposia are already in the organizational stages. There is still a call for papers for one symposium on the "The Genetic and Environmental Components of Tooth Size and Morphology: Implications for Population Studies" which is being organized by Gloria and Dr. Michael Mahaney. Three highly respected experts, Drs. Loring Brace, Ed Hunt, and Stanley Garn have agreed to be discussants. The other, organized by Daris Swindler, deals with "Primate Tooth Formation," and features Stanley Garn as discussant. Each session will take a half day: one will be presented in the morning and the other in the afternoon of the same day. Tentative plans for joint publication of the papers are in the works.

If you are interested in presenting a paper in the "... Genetic and Environmental ..." symposium, please submit a title and abstract with your name and institutional affiliation to Dr. Michael Mahaney, Dept. of Human Biology, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1, Canada by July 25. If you would like to organize a symposium, round table discussion, or other pertinent event, contact Program Chair Dr. Gloria y’Edynak, Curator, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC 20306-6000 as soon as possible.
COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Many of us will be hosting symposia and presenting papers on a wide range of topics (dental and otherwise) at the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (ICAES) meeting in Zagreb at the end of July. DAA members are interested in a wide range of anthropological topics and these will be exemplified in the participation of M. Yasar Iscan, Marc Kelley, Gloria y'Edynak, Gentry Steel and Susan Loth. The dental session "Dental Anthropology and its Applications will be chaired by Dr. V. R. Reddy.

One of the busiest people this summer will be Yasar Iscan. First he will give an invited lecture at Istanbul University Medical School in Turkey. Following that, he will be going on to Zagreb to chair 3 symposia that he organized, as well as giving four papers at the ICAES meeting. Finally, Yasar will be presenting a paper at an international symposium and workshop on "Advances in Skull Identification Via Video Superimposition" in Kiel, W. Germany.

Marc Kelley reports that he is directing a team of anthropology and biology students for a second consecutive season this summer in Arica, Camarones, and San Pedro de Atacama in northern Chile. The project, funded by the National Science Foundation's "Research Experience for Undergraduates," is an investigation into paleonitrition over the last 8000 years in Chile. Associate investigators on this project are Drs. A. Auferheide, J. Shipman, and L. Tieszen. One important focus of this research is naturally to assess dental health in the excellently preserved skeletal and mummified remains of this arid region. Preliminary findings this summer reveal intriguing (and extensive) dental disease patterns for the early inhabitants of the San Pedro area. The team will be examining geochemical as well as nutritional factors to decipher these patterns.

DAA BUSINESS

Elections were held at the 1988 DAA meeting and offer our congratulations and support. We are pleased to present our new executive board:
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