

Report of the Activities of the CAP Chair for Fall 2009 and Spring 2010ⁱ

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- Revised and streamlined the organization of information called for by each of the four different CAP applications. Added SNAPSHOT section to each application format.
- Revised the protocol for submitting CAP applications. On-line application protocol, which has been problematic, has been replaced by a WORD file application that can be downloaded and completed by applicant. Completed WORD file is then sent back to CAP chair by applicant.
- Received a total of 67 applications for CAP affiliation (see tally sheet below for more details). These were all uploaded on ONEHUB.COM where they could be accessed immediately by CAP committee members.
- Organized CAP committee into regional vetting-groups, each being responsible for reviewing projects from their region. Vetting groups were tasked with preparing reports on their region for presentation to the full committee.
- Presided over meeting of CAP committee on Thursday evening, 19 November. Reports from each of the vetting groups were presented and discussed, and actions were taken to approve or approve with concerns as recommended by the various groups. Committee members reported being very satisfied with this new streamlined approach to vetting applications
- Prepared formal notification letters to principal investigators of 67 projects informing them of CAP actions with regard to their applications. These were sent as emails and on ASOR stationery as attachments.
- Have carried on follow-up correspondence with about a dozen principal investigators regarding concerns noted in the notification letters.
- Have worked with ASOR archivist, Cynthia Rufo, on protocol for archiving CAP related correspondence and have sent electronic files of all correspondence from my tenure so far as chair
- Have hired OPENHAND Studios (Paul Christians and Jeff DeKock) to assist with revising CAP web site to better showcase ASOR affiliated research using the CAP Snapshots as a starting-point. Paul will be making a presentation to the ASOR Executive Committee at its spring board meeting in Ann Arbor.
- Have continued communication with Clifton Wiens, Senior Research Manager, National Geographic Society, regarding collaboration on stories about agency role of empires in the Levant.

CAP Applications Tally Sheet (Updated 4/19/10)
Prepared by Jeff Hudon

Cyprus:

10 received (Arediou Vouppes, Ais Yiorkis, Amathus Gate Cemetery, Dreamer's Bay, Kalavassos and Maroni, Pyla-Koutsopetria, Rural Ecology and Landscape formation on Cyprus, Sotira, Souskiou, Troodos) **6 field and 4 publication**

Egypt:

1 received (Wadi Tumilat) **1 publication**

Israel:

25 received (Akko, Promontory Palace at Caesarea, Gezer Field, Gezer Gateway, Gezer VI, Hesi, Hesi survey, Jaffa, Joint Caesarea, Kabri, Kedesh, Lahav I,II, Lahav III, Lahav IV, Marj Rabba, Neo-Assyrian Empire, Qana, Sepphoris, Sepphoris USF, Mique-Ekron, Wawiyat, Yotvata, Zahara, Zeitah, Zippori) **10 field and 15 publication**

Jordan:

23 received (Aqaba, Arabah Earthquake, Bioarchaeology of N. Jordan, Bir Madhkur, Dead Sea Plain, Dhiban, Druze Marsh, Hesban Publication, Hesban Restoration, Jalul, Karak, Iskander, 'Umayri field and Publication, Humayma field, Humayma publication, Madaba, Nimrin, Petra Garden and Pool, Rumayth, Araq el-Emir, Umm el-Jimal, Wadi ath-Thamed)

12 field and 11 publication

Syria:

3 received (Efqa Spring to Bel Temple Corridor, Apamea, Qarqur) **3 field**

Turkey:

2 received (Mopsos, Tayinat) **2 field**

West Bank:

2 received (Ta'anach, Balata/Shechem) **2 publication**

Bahrain and Saudi Arabia:

1 received (Dilmun Bioarchaeology) **1 publication**

Total applications for each of the four new CAP forms:

4 applications used Format I	67 Received
16 applications used Format II	7 Outstanding from 2009 and prior
43 applications used Format III	33 Field projects
4 applications used Format IV	34 Publication projects

Future Plans

To facilitate progress on a variety of fronts that are important to advancing the work of ASOR and CAP, I plan to organize the following CAP working groups:

1. CAP Vetting Group Member: The task is to participate with one of four vetting groups in evaluating applications from various regions. The country groups I propose for next year are: Cyprus/Egypt; Israel/Lebanon/West Bank; Jordan/Saudi Arabia/Yemen; Iraq/Iran/Syria/Turkey.
2. CAP Overseas Centers/Committee Group: The task is to participate in developing policies and guidelines to orient ASOR members interested in starting new projects and/or research collaborations/centers.
3. CAP Publications Best Practices Group: The task is to revisit current CAP policies with regard to publications and to come up with a new and improved set of standards and guidelines for promoting best practices in ASOR affiliated publication projects. The group will also be responsible for proposing enhancements to the relevant CAP application forms.
4. CAP Field Projects Best Practices Group: The task is to revisit current CAP policies with regard to field projects and to come up with a new and improved set of standards and guidelines for promoting best practices in ASOR affiliated field projects. The group will also be responsible for proposing enhancements to the relevant CAP application forms.
5. CAP Tours Group: The task is to participate in the planning and implementation of CAP tours as a means to promote exchange of ideas and expertise among ASOR affiliation field projects.
6. CAP Specialists Group: The task is to participate in the design, development and implementation of a web site that orients to different specialists with links to ASOR. The site would provide brief snapshot info about various specialists; links to their web sites and contact info.
7. CAP Virtual Collections Group: The task is to participate in the design, development and implementation of web site that provides links to existing virtual comparative collections and that also undertakes to establish such collections where none exists.
8. CAP Snapshots Group: The task is to participate in the design, development and implementation of the CAP Snapshots as a means to inform of past and current research by ASOR members. First phase is to get all current projects mounted. A second phase is to work with Eric Meyers and his achieve team to mount all past ASOR affiliated projects.

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