

CAP Chair Report to ASOR Exec Committee September 2010

What follows are some highlights of activities of the CAP Chair over the past nine months:

- Notifications were sent out in January to nn project directors informing them of CAP Committee actions with regards to their projects. There were 22 field projects and 34 publication projects notified.
- Open Hand Studios, a not-for-profit web design team, were hired to develop a prototype for the CAP web-site. They have completed their work and it can be seen at <http://www.asor.org/excavations/cap-index.html>. This link takes you to a map of the ANE. Click on the country you are interested in and you will see the location of various CAP affiliated projects. Then click on the LIST VIEW to see the list of projects from that country. If you go to the List View for the Country of Jordan and click on Um el Jimal, you will see an example of a SNAPSHOT of a particular project. The web site will significantly increase exposure of ASOR affiliated projects on the web and may be utilized by project directors as an educational site for any interested party.
- The CAP Chair has taken several additional steps to streamline and simplify the affiliation process by introducing the following features:
 - All applicants for CAP affiliation will fill out **one universal application form**. No more struggling to decide which of the four older forms are most relevant to your project! The new universal form is both shorter and the interview questions more succinct and clear.
 - Pending discussion and approval of the CAP committee this November, projects that have a well-established history with CAP will henceforth be **approved for a three year term**, which will greatly reduce work for both the project directors and the CAP committee.
 - Once you complete this new uniform application form and submit it, in the future you will be able to **easily download, update and expand** it when re-affiliation is necessary. This will greatly reduce redundancy for applicants: no more searching for your ASOR membership number or contact information for your institutional officer! The CAP Chair has taken several additional steps to streamline and simplify the affiliation process by introducing the following features:
- The CAP Chair plans to organize the following CAP working groups
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Finally, nominations are sought for the class of 2014 to replace the class of 2010.

III. Primary Institutional Affiliation of Project:

Name, title and full contact information of P.I.'s Institutional Officer:

- Check to request that CAP notify your institutional officer upon affiliation of your project
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IV. Project History: Previous field research and publications

If this is your first field project, describe your previous field experience. If this is not your first project, list your previous projects and their key publications. If final reports have not been completed, please describe your progress towards the completion of such projects. (*Renewals should update to reflect insights and findings since previous submission. Not to exceed 500 words*)

A. Past Field Seasons. Please list all field dates and write a brief description of what was accomplished. Each past field season should be described in 100 words or less.

B. Publications. Please list representative scholarly publications relating to your project. First time applicants should also submit a sample of previous published research.

- Maps attached
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V. CAP SNAPSHOT

Briefly summarize your project for posting on the CAP web site. (*Renewals should update to reflect insights and findings since previous submission. Not to exceed 50 words*).

- Picture of project site attached
- Picture of project P.I. attached
- Map showing project location attached
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VI. ARCHAEOLOGICAL PERIODS. Please offer a best approximation estimate of the extent to which each period is represented and/or relevant to your efforts to analyze and interpret the finds from your project. Choose one of the following notations to fill in the list below regarding its relevance to your project. Irrelevant periods may be left blank. (*Renewals should update to reflect insights and findings since previous submission*)

1. Very relevant 2. Somewhat relevant 3. Of interest, but of uncertain relevance

___ Paleolithic Age	___ Middle Bronze Age	___ Middle Nabatean
___ Lower Paleolithic	___ Middle Bronze IIA	___ Late Nabatean
___ Middle Paleolithic	___ Middle Bronze IIB/C	___ Roman Period
___ Upper Paleolithic	___ Late Bronze Age	___ Early Roman
___ Epipaleolithic Age	___ Late Bronze I	___ Late Roman
___ Kebaran Age	___ Late Bronze II	___ Byzantine Period
___ Natufian Age	___ Late Bronze IIA	___ Early Byzantine
___ Neolithic Age	___ Late Bronze IIA/B	___ Late Byzantine
___ Pre-pottery Neolithic	___ Late Bronze IIB	___ Islamic Period
___ Pre-pottery Neolithic A	___ Iron Age	___ Early Islamic
___ Pre-pottery Neolithic B	___ Iron I	___ Umayyad
___ Pre-pottery Neolithic C	___ Iron II	___ Abbasid
___ Pottery Neolithic	___ Iron IIA	___ Early to Middle Islamic
___ Pottery Neolithic A/Yarmoukian	___ Iron IIA/B	___ Fatimid
___ Pottery Neolithic B	___ Iron IIB	___ Seljuk
___ Chalcolithic Age	___ Iron IIC	___ Crusader Period
___ Early Chalcolithic	___ Babylonian Period (Iron III)	___ Ayyubid
___ Late Chalcolithic	___ Persian Period	___ Middle Islamic
___ Early Bronze Age	___ Hellenistic Period	___ Ayyubid/Mamluk
___ Early Bronze I	___ Early Hellenistic	___ Mamluk Period
___ Early Bronze II	___ Middle Hellenistic	___ Middle to Late Islamic
___ Early Bronze II-III	___ Late Hellenistic	___ Late Islamic
___ Early Bronze III	___ Nabatean Period	___ Ottoman Period
___ EB IV/MB I/Intermediate Bronze	___ Early Nabatean	___ Modern Period

VII. What is the theoretical context and significance of this project?

Please provide a brief overview of the line(s) of inquiry within ANE anthropology, art history, archaeology, epigraphy or history to which this field research/publication project aspires to contribute. *(Renewals should update to reflect insights and findings since previous submission. Not to exceed 250 words.)*

VIII. Specific Scientific Research Question(s) and Goal(s)

Please state the specific research question(s) that will be addressed by your project and the kinds of data that will be gathered / examined to answer these questions. What specific goal(s) does your project hope to accomplish? *(Renewals should update to reflect insights and findings since previous submission. Not to exceed 250 words.)*

IX. Plan of Work: Procedures, Methodology and Techniques (field projects only)

Describe your plan of work. What will be done when, where, how and by whom? What field procedures/recording systems/analytical techniques will be deployed? Be sure to emphasize the ways in which your plan of work will answer the research questions stated above. Note that some of the information requested here may be described under personnel below. Please include your future field plans. *(Renewals should update to reflect changes since previous submission. Not to exceed 1000 words.)*

X. Personnel (field Projects only)

Provide the staff structure for your project, listing names, qualifications and credentials of all senior personnel. Also provide a brief summary of field experience and publications for the staff most relevant to your publication project (P.I./director, core staff, specialists). All co-directors must be ASOR members in good standing. Also indicate any sponsoring or consortia institutions that are ASOR institutional members. *(Renewals should update to reflect changes since previous submission. Not to exceed 250 words.)*

XI. Budget

List funding source(s) as well as proposed transportation, housing stipends, labor, equipment and supply costs. Also, as far as possible, include your proposed analysis and publication budget, as well as other foreseen expenses. *(Renewals should update to reflect changes since previous submission)*

XII. Publication Strategy and Progress Report: Format, Schedule and Personnel

Describe your publication plans, including progress on processing of materials and plans writing of preliminary, special and final reports. Where available, include the proposed publication format, a schedule and names of the responsible individuals. *(Renewals should update to reflect changes since previous submission. Not to exceed 250 words.)*

XIII. Use of Overseas Centers (AIAR, ACOR, CAARI)

Describe, if applicable, projected use of ASOR Centers and Institutes. *(Renewals should update to changes since previous submission. Not to exceed 250 words)*

IXV. Human Subject Protection

Will this project require involvement by your institution's research office or by its human subject review committee? *(Renewals should update to reflect changes since previous submission. Not to exceed 250 words.)*

XV. Field School (field projects only)

Briefly describe your affiliated field school (if applicable) and attach a PDF of the syllabus. This is not required for ASOR affiliation but ASOR strongly supports student field training and mentorship. *(Renewals should update to reflect changes since previous submission. Not to exceed 250 words.)*

Syllabus attached

XVI. Copy of previous year's excavation/survey permit/license (field project only)

The principal investigator's name must appear on the license. Please upload a copy of your license to ASOR. Electronic copies are preferred, but you may also send a copy by fax (617-353-6575) or by mail (ASOR, 656 Beacon Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02215). If this is the first year of your project, provisional ASOR affiliation will be given with full ASOR affiliation granted upon receipt of a copy of your permit/license.

PDF of license attached

XVII. Additional Comments and Clarifications (*Not to exceed 250 words*):

For questions, please contact:

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