



INQUA 2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Covid-19 pandemic had also in the year 2022 major impact on INQUA's activities. Many meetings were cancelled or postponed. Some of the projects had their first in-person meeting. The INQUA Board had an in-person meeting (the first in-person meeting since the 2019 INQUA Congress) in Rome (October 2022) to discuss e.g. the 2022 project and INQUA Fellowship applications.

INQUA Foundation

The INQUA Foundation is formally registered as a Public Benefit Organisation" since December 2021. The INQUA Foundation webpage has been added to the INQUA Website and the INQUA 2021 annual reports have been published on the INQUA Foundation webpage.

INQUA Executive Committee

Maria Fernanda Sanchez-Goni (Bordeaux, France) has been appointed as Vice-President by April 1, 2022, replacing the former Vice-President Brian Chase.

INQUA Secretariat

Aritina Haliuc (Romania) has been appointed as INQUA secretary for 0.6 fte for a term of 2 years (15-01-2022 to 31-12-2023). The secretariat is hosted by the Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest). The monthly INQUA Newsletter has been launched; the first issue appeared in January 2022.

INQUA Funding Structure/Project applications

New is the INQUA Fellowship Program that financially supports early-career scientists (ECRs), as well as scientists from low- and middle-income countries/developing countries (DCRs), to gain international Quaternary research experience at a foreign institution for the duration of 3-6 months. INQUA received 27 applications; 14 are awarded.

INQUA Finances

The positive financial balance [for details see 2022 Financial Report of the INQUA Treasurer] offered the INQUA Executive Board to expand the funding options e.g. the introduction of the INQUA Fellowship program.

INQUA Membership

The membership of INQUA has been discussed with representatives of the Quaternary research community of Indonesia (October 2022) and representatives of the Quaternary research community of Chili (November 2022).

INQUA Publications

Our INQUA/Elsevier journal Quaternary International published in 2022 a total of 36 issues. A more extensive QI annual report will be presented at the next INQUA Board meeting. INQUA's Newsletter Quaternary Perspectives published two issues with many interesting contributions reporting about ongoing projects.

The INQUA Executive decided to explore the possibilities to launch a second Elsevier-INQUA Journal focussing on Quaternary Environment and Humans.

The PAGES/INQUA ECR conference

The PAGES/INQUA ECR conference, scheduled for 2020, could finally take place at La Serena (Chili), November 2022. It was a very successful meeting.

INQUA Participation in international initiatives

INQUA actively participated and contributed to The International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (**IYBSSD**) program.

INQUA actively participated in the Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science (**SCGES**) Program

INQUA Executive members attended meetings of the **ICS -- GeoUnions** and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)

INQUA 2023 Congress

The INQUA Executive, including the INQUA secretary Aritina Haliuc, supported the organization of the INQUA 2023 Roma Congress.

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Thijs van Kolfschoten
INQUA President

