

Report: TAG ibérico 2020 Lisbon

Already with the experience of the first Iberian TAG in Carmona in 2018 and with the aim of establishing the event and involving the Portuguese community more, the second TAG ibérico took place between February 13 and 15 2020 in Lisbon, the Portuguese capital, hosted by Uniarq-FLUL (University of Lisbon) and the Association of Portuguese Archaeologists. The sessions were held at the university for the first two days and at the Carmo Archaeological Museum the last.

We attach some basic information about its development.

- 1 Inaugural conference
- 1 Closing conference
- 1 Dinner-show
- 19 Sessions
- 109 participants
- 5 volunteers
- More than 30 hours together (from the meeting to the end of the visit)
- More than 50 hours of content

The inaugural lecture was given by Mariana Diniz, Andrea Martins and Francisco Gomes (FLUL) with the title: "Archaeological Theory and Practice: a balance of the XXI century from the western end of the Iberian Peninsula" [titles have been translated].

The closing lecture was given by Vitor Oliveira Jorge with the title "Archaeology in a crossroads to contemporary knowledge: a perspective".

The 'slutty session' was held as a 'dinner-show' organized by the colleagues from Uniarq in A Padaira do Povo, around board games with archaeological content, being able to play several of them.

Twenty sessions were originally scheduled, but one of them withdrew at the last minute. The sessions were [papers]:

- S1: Policies of Materiality [10]
- S2: From death to the scientificity of the body [6]
- S3: Archaeological materials - construction, ontology and "discard" [6]
- S4: ROUND TABLE: Zombie Archeology. Archeology subjected to the stakes of neoliberalism [open]
- S5: The economic valuation of archaeological assets [4]
- S6: ROUND TABLE: Past, present and future? of machismo in Iberian Archeology [canceled]

S7: Matrices of domination, colonialisms and generated spaces: A reflection on the interrelation of the “different differences” from archeology [5]

S8: Not everything is what it seems: Rethinking public education and dissemination in Archeology and in the management of Heritage in the Iberian Peninsula [12]

S9: Archeology and maritime landscapes: banishing the maritime archeology of the Modern Age [9]

S10: New materialisms and Peninsular Archaeology [6]

S11: From economy to identity: archaeological discourses on consumption, from past to present [6]

S12: Green Archeology [5]

S13: Experimental Archeology: a heuristic, analytical and educational partner practice + Creativity and Archeology. How do archaeological sites emerge in the relationships between archaeologists and materials? [7]

S14: "Of curves and everything or the Universe ...": orthogonality and circularity in human groups from the recent Peninsular Prehistory [3]

S15: ROUND TABLE: Oral traditions and archaeological remains [3]

S16: Peripheries and Frontiers: archaeological perspectives [5]

S17: ROUND TABLE: Archeology and social transformation. Direct action experiences, evaluation of results and learning [6]

S18: Are we talking about ontography? Testing systems of representation in archeology [6]

S19: The name of things: Interoperability and information management in Portuguese Archeology [5]

S20: Public Archeology and the Conventions of La Valletta and Faro [8]

People from up to six different countries have attended, coming also from almost all regions of Spain and Portugal and representing more than forty institutions.

We have to thank the inestimable help of the group of students from the University of Lisbon who made possible the smooth running of the congress.

On this occasion we have not been able to offer any scholarship since most of the registrations took place in the week before the congress and there was a lot of uncertainty regarding the final spending capacity, but there is still an important fund for next conference.

Continuing with economic issues, the congress has been sustainable. It has been possible to cover the extra expense that JAS Arqueología S.L.U. placed in 2018 and still got a small surplus

for 2022, as well as a fund for a publication associated with the congress. A summary of the accounts is:

Income (€ 4065):

€ 4065 of registrations

* In addition to contributions in kind from AAC-MCA; Uniarq-FLUL and JAS Arqueología

Expenses (€ 3,763):

€ 976 for the dinner

€ 1240 for meals (lunch, breakfasts, snacks)

€ 587 of materials

€ 460 compensation for TAGi18

€ 500 publishing fund

€ 302 surplus for TAGi23

The format and circumstances have made it impossible to maintain the assembly decision-making format, the infrastructure of which was never fully developed. Despite this, we have again taken the post-congress survey to evaluate the event and look for new ways to improve it in the future.

The average evaluation was 4.1 out of 5 in the general satisfaction level, which has improved considerably compared to the last edition. The rest of specific aspects had a very positive evaluation too, with a residual percentage in some cases below the average of other congresses: the presentation and debate time received most of the criticism. We are aware of this due to the volume of sessions and papers that arrived and will be taken into account for the future. Despite this, almost 50% do not consider it necessary to change the configuration of the sessions, with around a quarter for 'Maybe' and 'Yes'. In the comments, more time for debate, respect for the times, etc. were again the main themes. It should be emphasized once again that we, as session organizers and communicators, are primarily responsible for these problems, but we will also try to improve this issue in some way. There is again a division into thirds due to the issue of parallel sessions. Speaking in person with several participants, it seems that we can still try a mixed solution. What is clear is that 2 would be the top of parallel sessions. Regarding the venue, both larger and smaller ones, they all have their pros and cons. We will try to achieve the best possible experience in any case and try to ensure accessibility.

The assessment of the sessions and the contents has been very positive, although again inequality between sessions has been raised, some issues further away from theory in the strict sense and lack of integration between the Portuguese and the Spanish, among others. Issues that we will try to resolve in the future encouraging mixed participation.

To advance one of the measures for the next edition, the sessions may be presented only by at least two people who differ in nationality and status to try to promote the integration of both groups. Likewise, a registration period will be established that penalizes late registration so we plan ahead.

The next edition will be held in Segovia, originally planned for February 2022, but delayed. We are pending the final decision to move forward with 2023 in person. A digital event is out of the picture. There is interest to host TAGi25 (we will move to even years due to the delay) in Evora, Portugal.