

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (EAA)

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This presentation describes the historical origins of the EAA starting in 1968 to its formal foundation in Zagreb on October 7th, 1976. It provides information on the known 155 founding members and the initial administrative structure and organisation. The contributions of key people in running and furthering the aims and objectives of the EAA over the last 50 years are acknowledged.

A total of 24 congresses have been held (including this one) in 15 countries and 18 different locations; 4 in Croatia, 3 each in Denmark and Hungary and 2 each in Greece and Poland. There have been 14 EAA Presidents from 12 countries, of whom 4 have been women. The maximum term a President can serve is now 4 years. The EAA has elected 17 Honorary members, from 9 countries, 4 from UK, 3 from Hungary and 2 each from Belgium, Czechoslovakia and France.

The current EAA administrative structure is described. Successful EAA activities over the last 50 years are detailed including the newsletter, student prizes, colloquia, summer schools, the EAA website, biennial books, the focus on early career researchers, the very popular webinar programme and finally the EAA 50th anniversary book comprising 37 chapters written by 63 EAA members from 17 countries. We have much to celebrate!