

## **EAA Matters**

### **Letter from the President**

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Following the Brexit referendum and especially addressing all our English, Welsh, Northern Irish and Scottish members, those who work across Europe and those European who live and work in the UK, this is a time to pause, reflect and to look forward with confidence. It is a time to remember that all societies are composed of individuals and what they create. It is a time to bring to mind that solidarity and friendship build trust, integration and unity.

Archaeologists generally, and especially those within the EAA, have demonstrated the capacity to creatively work across borders and the great value of fostering international, open communities. We in the EAA are even more committed to this focus now. We will maintain our enthusiasm for imagining a more inclusive, solidary and stronger Europe and a more representative EAA in that context. We will, therefore, create time at our next Annual Meeting in Vilnius for a Round Table to discuss the impact of the Brexit vote for European archaeology, for all the members of the EAA and especially for our UK colleagues, whom we will continue to hold in the highest regard.

We collectively need to consider how to react and respond, and how to position the EAA in this new and complex cultural, social and political environment, recognizing that this event in the UK is reflective of more widespread processes in European societies that we must recognize for intervening in them. This is a moment when an organization such as ours needs to establish and align its position with clarity, drawing on the very significant intellectual capital of its members. We look forward to this important discussion at Vilnius. We look forward to keep our founding European projection in this challenging time.