



Guidelines for using the BABAO mailing list

We encourage members to use the BABAO mailing list to:

- Advertise conferences, workshops, seminars, short courses, public events etc. that may be of interest to BABAO members
- Advertise any jobs, studentships, funding opportunities etc. that may be of interest to members
- Seek advice on the diagnosis of pathological conditions, opinions on funerary practices, etc.
- Seek assistance in tracking down obscure information relating to skeletal assemblages, pathological conditions, funerary practices etc., i.e. information that cannot be easily found through normal research
- Discuss topics of interest to BABAO members

In order to keep the content of the BABAO mailing list to a professionally acceptable standard and to encourage prompt and helpful responses to queries, please bear in mind the following:

1. Please identify yourself properly in your message, including your full name, status (student, freelance osteoarchaeologist etc.) and where applicable, affiliation
2. If you are a student, remember that your first port of call for questions should be your supervisor. We strongly recommend that you only post your questions to the BABAO list if your supervisor has advised this as a suitable course of enquiry
3. Make sure you include all relevant information in your message, including the context of your enquiry; lack of detail in the original query will either result in multiple messages asking for clarification or no responses at all
4. When asking for help with a diagnosis of disease, please include a clear and detailed description of the pathological lesion(s) and attach clear photographs, making sure the attachments are an appropriate size for people's inboxes. Typically, attachments should be less than 10MB in size.
5. References (e.g. journal articles) can usually be obtained via the interlibrary loan system available at all libraries. Please only use the list for reference requests as a last resort and state in your message that all other options have failed. Members should also bear in mind the copyright issues involved in providing articles.

All members should be aware that the views and opinions expressed on the mailing list are those of the members posting them and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the BABAO