

Dear friends / colleagues,

The Archivio Antropologico Mediterraneo (AAM, the Mediterranean Anthropological Archive) is now 16 years old and during this first phase of life it has gradually expanded the number of readers and authors. Since 2011, for a variety of reasons (some of them also of economic nature), we decided to abandon the printed version of the review and move entirely into the “online” world. We believe that this choice has enhanced the visibility of the review. We have seen an increase of proposals coming also from young scholars who often have difficulties in receiving attention by the international academic community. The electronic format has also allowed us greater freedom for what regards the number of contributions published and the possibility of publishing colour photographs in high definition.

We are today, however, on the verge of a new change that we wish to share with you with the present letter. It is our hope that this change will allow us to spread the journal even further and to establish it definitively as a prestigious international reference.

We are planning to entrust the commercial and editorial management of the journal to an established professional editor convinced that this move will make the site more efficient. This new editor will provide to link AAM to major search engines (such as Google Scholar), guarantee its consistent insertion in all major accredited databases of the field (such as JSTOR, Scopus, Anthropological Index and others), and on top of this, also guarantee a good economy for the journal.

The Publisher Clueb of Bologna has expressed its interest and willingness to edit AAM. They have asked us, however, to probe the potential of the Review in terms of number of subscriptions especially among colleagues that would be interested to subscribe, on behalf of their departments, to a package consisting of 2 publications per year. We still have to quantify the exact cost of such package but tentatively it should be around 40 EUR/year for the on-line version, and about 50 EUR/year for the on-line and printed version.

We would be grateful if you could share with us your interest to ideally support AAM at this stage. We believe that the strengthening of AAM would be of great importance for the whole disciplinary community.

Thank you, Best Wishes,

The editorial board

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