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Making Faces: Using Forensic and Archaeological Evidence—John Prag and Richard Neave. Death masks and artistic reconstructions made using human skulls are ancient preoccupations, but recent advances in ultrasonic measurements and computed tomography (CT scans) allow forensic scientists to meticulously if not miraculously reconstruct faces of the dead—a boon to archaeological knowledge. The bulk of Prag and Neave's work involves ancient Egyptian and Greek remains. King Midas and Philip II, father of Alexander the Great, are two of their most exciting reconstructions. Tex A&M Univ Pr, 1997, 255 p., color plates/b&w photos/illus., hardcover, \$39.95.

Organizing Scientific Meetings—August Epple. No detail seems to be missing from this guide, written almost as a research paper. Explanations of how to coordinate both small symposia and large international conferences include the seeming minutiae of the politics of a guest list, how to go about identifying and housing the attendees, and picking the best date. The book is bolstered by a troubleshooting guide, outlines for forms, and ideas for publishing proceedings. Cambridge U Pr, 1997, 184 p., paperback, \$14.95.

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