Attendees: Messrs. ZINK, MAHÉ, TOUBERT, POTTIER, Lévine, French correspondent of the Académie.
Excused: Messrs. LECLANT, BERNARD, JARRIGE.

The President, Mr. Michel ZINK, opened the session and called Mr. Bernard POTTIER for a presentation of the candidates and of the expert reports.

Three applications were studied by the committee:

- Mr. Nicolas GOEPFERT (33 years old)
  Doct. Paris-I ; UMR 8096 and 7209
  Archeozoology (man-animal-desert), North coast of Peru (11th-14th centuries)

- Mr. Markus REINDEL (51 years old)
  Doct. 1991. Bonn (associate CeRAP/EHESS)
  Systems of pre-hispanic agricultural terraces, South of Peru (Nazca)

- Mrs. Maëlle SERGHERAERT (31 years old)
  Doct. Paris-I ; UMR 8096
  The Aztec architectural style (monuments and codices). Mexico.

After a general discussion, the members of the Committee of the Joseph P. Carroll Prize for American Studies, decided unanimously to award the prize to Mr. Nicolas Goepfert for his project entitled: “The Andean man and the desert: palaeoenvironment and exploitation of natural resources on the northern coast of Peru (11th-14th centuries)”.

Prize Winner Project:

The Sechura Desert, located in the far north of Peru, is one of the driest areas of the world. There are traces of preceramic (12000-1800 BC.). This area was chosen to understand how the pre-Hispanic human societies adapted to the desert milieu in the north and the far north of the Pacific coast. The excavation of a late site dated at the recent intermediate period (11th-14th centuries) and the analysis of the material remains, especially faunistic and botanical, will help determine more precisely how natural resources were used and specify the anthropisation mechanism of this milieu.