

Notes on the Eighth Meeting of the ARENA Project Partners.

Held at the PIN, Piazza Ciardi, Prato, Italy.

13th April 2004

Action Points for the ARENA Partners:

- Oscar to establish cost of a suitable map for the Iceland tiles on the search map, (by end May).
- ADS to create next version of search interface by end May.
- To write description of SMR type data available in the search resource. Versions in own language and in English (about 500 words) (by end May) .
- English versions will then be circulated for translation into own language (by end June).
- To be ready for a soft launch of the interoperable portal in July.
- To carry out feed back sessions in July.
- To be ready for a full launch of the ARENA resources at EAA Lyon (ARENA archives, ARENA Portal and the Layered Metadata Demonstrator).
- ADS to introduce a clickable map route into the ARENA archives.

Action Points for Jon Kenny:

- To include connections from ADS pages to partner resources, (by end May).
- To create a timetable for the completion of the Layered Metadata tool demonstrator.
- To investigate the use of vector maps to create Iceland tiles, (by end May).
- To arrange for sourcing of intermediate maps and inclusion in map search interface, (by end May).
- To ensure that the What / When only search is included in the work programme.
- To ensure that figures for numbers of hits on partners' What / When combinations are generated when searching becomes interoperable and figures are entered in the cache tables.
- To arrange for translated phrases to be mounted in the search interface by end May.
- To circulate 500 words on UK SMR resource by 7th May.
- To circulate English versions of all SMR descriptions for translation into partner languages (in early June).
- To ensure that the density map is complete for the end of May.
- To ensure that a clickable entry point is added to the ARENA archives before September.
- To circulate a set of evaluation questions by end May.
- Add evaluation to next meeting agenda.

Persons Present:

Julian Richards (ADS, University of York, UK), Jon Kenny (ARENA Project Officer, ADS, University of York, UK), Andrzej Prinke (Poznan Archaeological Museum, Poland), Oscar Aldred (FSI, Institute of Archaeology, Iceland), Henrik Jarl Hansen (National Agency for Cultural Heritage, Denmark), Claus Dam (National Agency for Cultural Heritage, Denmark), Irina Oberländer-Tarnoveanu (cIMeC, Institute for Cultural Memory, Romania), Florela Vasilescu (cIMeC, Institute for Cultural Memory, Romania), Jon Holmen (The Museum Project, University of Oslo, Norway), Øyvind Eide (The Museum Project, University of Oslo, Norway), Gitte Hoy-Petersen (The Museum Project, University of Oslo, Norway).

Apologies:

Tony Austin (ADS, University of York, UK).

Notes on the Meeting:

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

29/04 The notes on the previous meeting were accepted as a true reflection on the meeting with the alteration of minute 02/04 Vorbasse to read Dankirke.

2. Matters Arising.

30/04 Some of the partners were able to report continued development of the ARENA archives.

cIMeC reported that new versions of the archives are now being developed with an English version. A clickable map entry point for the archives with many facilities in English is also under development. There are now 2,030 excavations in the latest version of the chronicle of archaeological research in Romania.

31/04 To encourage use of the partner's resources direct links will be added to the ADS website which has a high rate of hits. **Action:** Jon to arrange by end of May.

32/04 Layered Metadata. Jon Kenny, Claus Dam and Osca

41/04 The ARENA Legacy. It was agreed that the partners would meet at the next CAA conference in Tamar, Portugal. The finances will be reviewed at the end of the project to see if there are resources for a final meeting in Bucharest, York or Oslo.

3. ARENA Portal: Interoperability Progress

Partners reported on their status.

51/04 Andrzej reported on a programme developed at the Poznan Archaeological Museum. The programme consists of two modules a database of sites etc and a set of maps in MAPINFO. This raised the possibility that any new version of the ARENA interface should investigate a GIS based solution.

5. CAA Prato, 13th – 16th April.

52/04 Jon Kenny reported that Claus Henrik Dam (from the Danish National Agency for Cultural Heritage) was introducing the ARENA portal development in the "Web Portals and the European Cultural Heritage" session on Wednesday 15th April. On the same day Øyvind Eide, Jon Holmen and Anne Birgitte Høy-Petersen (from the Museum Project in Norway) will give a paper entitled 'Between the book and the exhibition. Creating archaeological presentations based on database information' in the "Good practices and experiences of Internet applications to archaeological investigation".

6. EAA Lyon, 7th – 11th September.

53/04 Jon Kenny reported that the ARENA appearance will be at EAA Lyon. There have been a considerable number of session proposals and at present the ARENA session proposal is only on the reserve list. **Action:** This means that partners need to write paper abstracts before this meeting or to be received by Jon Kenny by 26th April.

54/04 The revised list of papers for the session is set out below:

Details of the Session Papers:

(TBC) = to be confirmed.

Gerhard Ermischer. (TBC)

(Aschaffenburg State Museum, Germany)

Title: "An Overview of Cultural Heritage in the Common European Research Area."

Henrik Jarl Hansen and Klaus Henrik Dam.

(Danish National Agency for Cultural Heritage)

Title: "Sites and Monuments Data as a common European web resource."

Oscar Aldred.

(The Institute of Archaeology, Iceland)

Title: "Out with the old in with the new? Online presentation of excavation archives."

Andrzej Prinke.

(Poznan Archaeological Museum, Poland)

Title: "Digitising historic excavation archives."

Irina Oberlander-Tarnoveanu.

(cIMeC: Institute for Cultural Memory, Romania)

Title: "User issues in multilingual presentation of Cultural heritage resources."

Øyvind Eide.

(The Museum Project, Oslo University, Norway)

Title: "Making the Resources Fit: Interconnection of Diverse Archaeological Document Collections."

Jonathan Kenny.

(Archaeology Data Service, University of York, UK)

Title: "The ARENA project: Finding Paths to European Information Infrastructure for Cultural Heritage."

Stephen Stead and Martin Doerr. (TBC)

(Paveprime, UK and Institute of Computer Science, Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas (ICS-FORTH) in Crete.

Title: "The Cultural Reference Model as the Glue for a European Information Infrastructure for Cultural Heritage."

Guus Lange.

(Dutch National Service for Archaeological Heritage – ROB)

Title: “European Reference Collection: Founding the Knowledge Infrastructure on Cultural Heritage Resources.”

9. Next Meeting.

55/04 The meeting at CAA will take place on the morning of Wednesday 8th April. **Action:** Jon to arrange a meeting room and to circulate the location of the meeting when available.

10. Any Other Business.

56/04 The evaluation of the ARENA portal was discussed. A testing process will be underway in June / July (see minute 46/04 above). This should include an evaluation by persons available to the partners, it was felt that we should use the same set of questions and that Jon should circulate a set. **Action:** Jon to circulate questions by end May and to include evaluation on agenda for EAA meeting, allowing results of final evaluation to be included in the final report.