

## Notes of the 8<sup>th</sup> EXARC meeting in Biskupin (Poland), November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004 as remembered by Roeland Paardekooper.

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Delphi and Livearch, the EU themes have been or will be discussed separately at the session in Biskupin. Special attention these days is as well paid to the Yearbook EuroREA.

### 2. Opening

The meeting was opened at 10:25h.

At this meeting, we have four members, who haven't been in our circle before: *Wolfgang Lobisser* and colleague from VIAS in Austria, *a delegation from Pajauta* (Lv), *a delegation from Kernave* (Lv) and *a delegation from SEA* (CZ). From different organisations who were present before, some new faces have joined us at this meeting.

Last meeting, we had 26 organisations as member, totalling 41 people. Now we have 4 organisations and 12 people more (15 nationalities). The total amount of people on our mailing list are 86 people, a number, virtually unchanged.

### 2. Last meeting: tasks which had to be done

Roeland mentions the tasks, which were executed since last meeting:

- a. The statutes of EXARC have been translated to English and passed around, just like the notes of EXARC's first official meeting as an association (in Lejre);
- b. An EXARC members' pass as well as a sign to be hung near every members' premises' entrance have both been developed and distributed among the members;
- c. The EXARC logo has been made available digitally and forwarded to all members;
- d. The board made a first Year Report of EXARC, on the year 2003;

The only remaining task which had not been executed was the setting up of commissions or workgroups besides of an INTERREG group: *Lars Holten, Bert, Martin, Geir Sør Reime, Björn, and Roeland*.

Archeon has made a strong point, stressing the need of such groups, as the work of EXARC is too much to be done with just 2 – 3 people. Such workgroups are foreseen in the INTERREG proposition. If this project will succeed, EXARC will be turned into a work group based organisation. More information on this in the INTERREG session.

### 3. Last Year in Europe: reports by members

HOME: (Bert van Valburg) 2003: 48.000, 2004: approx. 53.000

We have 34% higher entrance numbers of tourists. We have as well more support form our local government. We seem to have succeeded in prolonging the existence of the museum.

Unteruhldingen: (Gunter Schöbel) 2003: (i.e. 281.000), 2004: 263.000

Decrease of visitors because of the weather and economical situation. Besides that, we have worked hard on the "Pfahlbauquartett" – 4 cooperating museums, celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of research to lake dwellings. The second project to mention is "Delphi", a CULTURE 2000 project where Unteruhldingen is the lead partner, next to Archeon (NL) and Arais (Lv). Inventing new projects for coming years is important.

both because of the heat as because of the growing competition with other tourist attractions. The winter was used for renovation. 2004 is the 150 years' anniversary of lake dwelling research. For this different activities are set up in the region. Press and media activities have been intensified. We will hear soon if the EU project "Delphi" (with Archeon and Arais, 1 year, Culture 2000) will be rewarded and can be pushed through.

Middelaldercentret: (Peter Vemming) 2003: 85.000, 2004: less.

We have less visitors, but financially not much harm is done. In 2005, we are planning more events.

Lofotr: (Geir Are Johansen): 2003: 57.500, 2004: 63.000

We had an increase with 20%, but we have less arrangements, companies.

Biskupin: (Wojciech Piotrowski): 2003: 260.000

Our numbers have remained equal. We celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our museum. We are 4 years independent by now and count 50 employees, of which 38 permanent. Our September festival (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary) was good, with 90.000 visitors. 70% of our income, we earn ourselves, the rest is sponsored and paid by the local government.

Archeon: (Jack Veldman): 2003: 174.000

Our visitor numbers are rather stable this year. Of the 175.000, 45.000 are school groups. In arrangements, we are stable as well, just like the overall turnover. In 2004, the entrance fee was E 14,20. but the costs are rising every year. The shop's turnover is a little more than E 1,00 per visitor.

SEA: (Richard Thér): 2003: 3.000

We are a small project, specialising on school children. Our main project here at this meeting is the yearbook.

Düppel: (Fabian Peise) 2003: 29.000, 2004: 32.000

2004 was a normal year, except for that the museum is already three years in a crisis. The whole thing is about E 25.000, no more. The year 2005 will be decisive, as we will then reach the bottom of our savings.

Arais: (Anda Vilka): 2003: 26.322, 2004: 24.000

We had a slight decrease, caused by the weather. Our budget however will increase.

Foteviken: (Björn Jakobsen): 2003: 35.000, 2004: 48.000 or so

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Summer was very well. We are working, besides on the centre at Foteviken, on a medieval visitor centre "Malmö 1340".

Kalmar/Eketorp: (Arwo Pajusi) Eketorp, 2003: 60.000, 2004: 65.000. Salve Medieval Town: 2003: 25.000, 2004: xx.

VIAS: (Wolfgang Lobisser)

We try in Austria to have in every open air centre archaeologists involved. Right now, we are constructing buildings on various locations in the country.

Kernave (Audrone Jonikiene): 2003: 32.000

We have had a successful year, with a good festival. The high point was UNESCO, adding our site to the World Heritage Sites List. We are developing new programs.

#### **4. A European Yearbook**

The Czech colleagues from SEA have presented their plans and product yesterday in a separate session. Their project is called EuroREA. It will be mainly in English, with summaries in 3 other languages.

*Bert:* our Czech friends have many questions. We all must help them together to have the yearbook truly European. There will be 500 books printed. We with EXARC must distribute these. When you have remarks or suggestions, contact the Czech! We have to fill the book together.

*Richard:* is the Yearbook important to EXARC? Yes. In that case, when you are interested, you help filling the book and help distributing it.

This is not just a Czech activity, but an EXARC action.

*Björn*: if the Czech make the book, members will help filling and distributing it.

*Peter V.*: is it a specialist book or for the general public? It is more of a specialist book.

*Jack*: it is as well a task of the board to foster this action.

## **5. Our colleagues at EXAR**

*Different EXARC members* have felt the need for EXARC to cooperate with the sister club, EXAR from Oldenburg (D). Again, the situation is explained how these two associations have sprung to life separately, but are from the same tree. The board will try to set up contact with the association from Oldenburg.

## **6. Next EXARC meeting**

Next meeting is proposed to be held in Foteviken at the beginning of March 2005. For our INTERREG proposal it is vital to have all organisations participating in the project to be present!

## **7. Last round of remarks**

*Tiny*: Archeon has a very prosperous association of "friends". It started with 50 members but now counts 900. This is partly because we set up a lot of activities, but it pays itself back. Besides that, I would like to stress the importance of networking in politics: we need a working group on this within EXARC.

*Björn*: who else has such a association of friends? All members of EXARC do.

General: thanks to *Roeland* for his secretarial work.

Closed at 12:00h

### To be taken into future account:

- Setting up commissions or workgroups
- Setting up a new questionnaire for 2004, with hindsight to visitor numbers, financial developments and results, to trends in museum shops, searching possibilities for joint buying et cetera.

**8th EXARC meeting, Biskupin, November 2004. Members of EXARC present**

02.1	Paardekooper	Roeland	Historisch OpenluchtMuseum Eindhoven	NL
02.2	Valburg	Bert van	Historisch OpenluchtMuseum Eindhoven	NL
03.1	Apals	Janis	Institute of History of Latvia - Āraiši Lake Fortress	Lv
03.2	Apala	Zigrīda	Institute of History of Latvia - Āraiši Lake Fortress	Lv
03.3	Vilka	Anda	Institute of History of Latvia - Āraiši Lake Fortress	Lv
06.1	Pajusi	Arwo	Kalmar Läns Museum	S
07.1	Peise	Fabian	Museumsdorf Düppel - Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin	D
09.1	Schöbel	Gunter	Pfahlbaumuseum Unteruhldingen	D
09.2	Walter	Peter	Pfahlbaumuseum Unteruhldingen	D
13.1	Zajączkowski	Wiesław	Muzeum Archeologiczne w Biskupinie	PL
13.2	Piotrowski	Wojciech	Muzeum Archeologiczne w Biskupinie	PL
13.3	Grossman	Anna	Muzeum Archeologiczne w Biskupinie	PL
14.1	Veldman	Jack	Archeon	NL
14.2	Boer	Miriam de	Archeon	NL
14.4	Brouwers	Tiny	Archeon	NL
14.5	Geerlinks	Nico	Archeon	NL
18.1	Tichý	Radomir	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	CZ
18.2	Thér	Richard	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	CZ
18.3	Dohnálková	Hana	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	CZ
18.4	Dohnálková	Ina	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	CZ
18.5	Kucírek	Karol	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	CZ
19.1	Jakobsen	Björn M.	Foteviken Maritima Centret	S
23.1	Vemming	Peter	Middelaldercentret	DK
23.2	Krogh	Helle	Middelaldercentret	DK
24.1	Jonikienė	Audrone	State Cultural Reserve of Kernave	Lt
24.2	Grigonienė	Dalia	State Cultural Reserve of Kernave	Lt
24.3	Vadisiš	Saulius	State Cultural Reserve of Kernave	Lt
24.5	Vitkunas	Jonas	State Cultural Reserve of Kernave	Lt
24.6	Luchtanas	Aleksiejus	Vilnius University	Lt
25.1	Lobisser	Wolfgang	Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Wien	A
25.2	Kumper	Daniel	Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte, Wien	A
26.1	Johansen	Geir Are	Vikingmuseet på Borg	N
28.1	Barisauskas	Kazimieras	Pajauta, National Experimental Archaeology Club	Lt
28.2	Luchtaniene	Daiva	Pajauta, National Experimental Archaeology Club	Lt
99.9	Sør Reime	Geir	Rogaland	N

**Members of EXARC absent with notification**

01.1	Schmidt	Martin	Niedersächsisches Landesmuseum Hannover - Urgeschichte	D
04.1	Banghard	Karl	Archäologisches Freilicht Museum Oerlinghausen	D
05.1	Hein	Wulf	Archäo Technik	D
07.2	Strassmeir	Andreas	Museumsdorf Düppel - Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin	D
07.3	Todtenhaupt	Dieter	Museumsdorf Düppel - Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin	D
08.1	Poroszlai	Ildikó	Matrica Múzeum és Régészeti Park	H
10.1	Wellin	Lars	Skäftekärr Ekonomiska Förening	S
11.1	Wunderli	Marlise	AEAS	CH
11.2	Osimitz	Steffi	AEAS	CH
12.2	Pothaar	Annemarie	VAEE	NL
15.1	Bartoli	Angelo	Antiquitates	It
15.2	Ghirardi	Danilo	Antiquitates	It
16.1	González Marcén	Paloma	UAB - Dept. d'Antropologia i Prehistòria Facultat de Lletres	ES
17.1	Holten	Lars	Historical Archaeological Research Centre Lejre	DK
17.2	Rasmussen	Marianne	Historical Archaeological Research Centre Lejre	DK
18.3	Dvorakova	Katerina J.	Společnost Experimentální Archeologie	UK
20.1	Andrian	Barrie	the Scottish Crannog Centre	UK
20.2	Dixon	Nicholas	the Scottish Crannog Centre	UK
21.1	Kern	Anton	Prähistorische Abteilung des Naturhistorischen Museums	A
21.2	Reschreiter	Hans	Prähistorische Abteilung des Naturhistorischen Museums	A
22.1	Saint-Georges	Ingeborg	ARV Fortidspark	N
22.2	Wegter	Jurgen	ARV Fortidspark	N
27.1	Lauermann	Ernst	Museum für Urgeschichte des Landes Niederösterreich	A
29.1	Kelm	Rüdiger	AOZA	D
29.2	Trube	Manfred	AOZA	D
30.1	Pulini	Ilaria	Parco Archeologico e Museo all'aperto della Terramara di Monteviotto	It
30.2	Cardarelli	Andrea	Museo Civico Archeologico Etnologico	It