

## Notes of the EXARC meeting in Lejre, March 15 – 16, 2003

as remembered by Roeland Paardekooper.

See for the addresses of the EXARC members, the address list on the website

Present:

Apals, Janis (Lv); Banghard, Karl (D); Bay, Jørgen (DK); Boer, Miriam de (NL); Eberhards, Jutta (DK); Holten, Lars (DK); Jakobsson, Björn (S); Johansson, Tomas (S); Nicolaisen, Mette (DK); Paardekooper, Roeland (NL); Pajusi, Arwo (S); Poroszlai, Ildikó (H); Rasmussen, Marianne (DK); Reschreiter, Hans (A); Schöbel, Gunter (D); Veltman, Jack (NL); Vilka, Anda (Lv); Walter, Peter (D); Wellin, Lars (S); Wunderli, Marlise (CH)

Not Present (with notification): Andrian, Barrie (UK); Bartoli, Angelo (It); Boonstra, Anneke (NL); Confalonieri, Joel (F); Dixon, Nicholas (UK); Ghirardi, Danilo (It); Hein, Wulf (D); Nielsen, Ole (DK); Peise, Fabian (D); Piotrowski, Wojciech (PL); Schmidt, Martin (D); Strassmeir, Andreas (D); Thér, Richard (CZ); Tichy, Radomir (CZ); Tikovsky, Ondrej (CZ); Zajaczkowski, Wieslaw (PL)

March 15<sup>th</sup>:

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### 1. Opening

After the 1.5 day of presentations and well worth discussions the first part of our session takes place in the afternoon of March 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 15:50h.

Since last meeting we welcome different new members, please check the list of addresses for a complete and up to date overview. 21 Organisations are represented in that list with a total of 29 people.

### 2. Our goals and how to reach them with help of the EU

*Björn* of the Foteviken Maritema Center in Malmö, Sweden, is invited because of his experience with EU programs. He works together in this with Tomas and Geir, a Norwegian. A short introduction by *Björn* follows, focussing on the INTERREG III program. This is a 7 years program. Aside of this, there is the Culture 2000 program of which the application round of August 2003 will be themed “cultural heritage”.

Considering INTERREG IIIb, it is wise to make an application for a period running for three years, followed by a second application for a follow up of another three years. This second must show some clear developments, must be different from the first. Whatever you think of applying for support from Brussels, realise: your aim and the aim of your EU-project must be in the same direction.

INTERREG has in the North of Europe 4 offices, with 4 different kinds of applications:

The Baltic Area: Rostock

The North Sea Area: Copenhagen

The Northern Periphery: Viborg

North western Europe: Rome

You need to have a cooperation between at least three countries with 50% of own funding. The total budget is E 2.000.000 What your input might be is work time, travelling et cetera.

Do not think of INTERREG IIIa, it is a ‘crossing border’ project [always 2 partners], but it will end soon.

If you apply for E 2.000.000, think 15 – 18% is for the lead partner, for administration. What you get is 70% of 50% = 35%. The last 5% will only be handed over to you in 2010. The money is all earmarked in theme and time: spending money too late or early or on the wrong things means: bad luck. Most applications last three years and are divided in periods of 6 months, all with an own book keeping, a report, all summarised in an over all report.

Never work alone, it is about meeting and an exchange of knowledge. Think of “what can we do together” and how to integrate all in a project.

Thinking about INTERREG IIIb, do not think about having partners involved for less than € 100.000. Think about travel et cetera and for 20% small projects.

IIIc is about meetings, with partners from all over Europe: an exchange of knowledge, it is about integrating projects.

Conclusion: it is not that difficult, but a lot of work and pushing the buttons at the right moment. You need:

- A time schedule
- A record
- An account
- An external auditor

The next application round will probably be in September.

*Gunter*: there is not only INTERREG. The advise I received of a EU bureau was to come with one or more projects and first then search the 'right' source of money within the EU.

*Björn*: that might be a strategy, but focus on the sources where you receive enough output in comparison to your input. Forget for example "Socrates", "IST". INTERREG is the best but needs a lot of work.

*Tomas*: deciding to go for an application is one thing, and it is feasible, but on what kind of topics? (see from here as well the annex with collected ideas). For example: "Working for getting an education" on an academic level: training our future staff and researchers? We can all work for reaching this goal

*Björn*: Quality of knowledge and presentation; raise the quality of your staff who are facing the public (both in formal and in in formal education), improve the outside environment in your centre.

*Mette*: can a project be a series of repeated events?

*Björn*: Yes indeed, the EU funds are about employing people. You can use the money as well for, for example, marketing. The import stress is on this: You Do Not Do Things Alone.

Jack receives of Björn the contact information of Jan Stompe, of the Dutch National Tourist Office.

*Tomas*: we should try it now.

*Lars H.*: Lejre has a few topics to add, for example: development of textile technology (good quality is expensive) or better said: "Clothing in Prehistoric Times".

*Björn*: better go for education, like in IIIa

*Lars H.*: We are interested as well in work on megalithic tombs or graves in general. We do not just want to focus on houses as most finds are from graves or sacrificial environments: religion and death are important.

*Björn*: the theme "passage" is important, for example in transporting tourists to sites and monuments. Please, do something NEW.

*Anda*: the Quality is important.

*Björn*: networking could be the Key issue, followed by products like internet and newsletters. Do not limit yourself to a period of (pre)history, but move on to a higher level.

*Tomas*: we have a problem if we start to mix competences and levels of people. A mix between archaeology, living history and technology would be good, but takes a long time to reach and is far from easy.

*Björn*: express what you want to learn from each other.

*Marianne*: can you apply for creating a databank on knowledge? A documentary bank, open to anybody? There is not much documented or published, this might just be the way.

Those present see this as a good idea.

The bibliography is a good start, but a vague shadow of all what could be possible.

*Björn*:

1. First find a program
2. Do what the EU wants
3. Transform this into what you want yourself

Culture 2000 is possible, but there is very heavy competition from Southern Europe in these.

*Tomas*: we must find 6 to 7 points.

*Björn*: and we should decide to make an application in one or two specific regions of INTERREG: North Sea and / or North western Europe.

We can as well apply for preparation money.

*Ilrikó*: the main task is for the leader, but everybody cooperates, everybody will be involved.

*Björn*: you have to sweat through the first steps together.

*Anda*: what do we need money for?

*Tomas* mentions a few 'old' topics: Quality, Science, related to archaeology by experiment, Education, Publications, a database, Little reports (on the internet).

The strategy would be to come with 6 to 7 points, filter them through the application and stay behind with 3 to 4.

*Gunter*: please have a look at the last part of our Oerlinghausen standards.

*Björn*: we shall unite Europe and create work. We need, however, a key task.

*Lars W.*: what about the simple "European Contacts" (through all times)?

*Björn*: "Route" or "Passage"? Think about old travelling routes which in modern times could connect all partners, joining attractions. On the stops, we have historical sites and us ourselves.

*Tomas*: "Integration", "Roots"? The announcement will follow in a few weeks, I propose *Gunter*, *Roeland* and myself to form a small committee.

*Björn*: but we must decide more than this right now. We should come with a rough idea, else we will not point all in the same direction later on and we should see which regions we should try out. One should not wait until the announcement: the deadline is far too soon after that already.

*Tomas*: there are several alternatives, but let us put it this way: three slaves will make the first steps. Those will inform all (there is a slight chance, Switzerland and Latvia will not be able to join, but the wish to do cooperate) and try to get everybody along.

With this, the session on March 15<sup>th</sup> was closed.

### **Session on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2003.**

Present: all like on March 15<sup>th</sup> except for *Jutta Eberhards* and *Mette Nicolaisen*.

#### **3. Next meeting, where and when**

*Ildikó* invites EXARC to Hungary on October 13 – 15, straight after the so called 'Tagung' of EXAR in Vienna. This is gladly accepted.

#### **4. EXAR – EXARC – AIN**

As usual at the last few meetings, information is shared on the other initiatives, AIN and EXAR.

The former will have a meeting in Halle in a week from now. Here they will found themselves officially. It seems still, this initiative of both some showcase museums as well as some open air centres is held together by only one or two persons. It has clear links in Germany to the more established archaeological structures, but we do not think they will play a role of importance in circles where EXARC moves. We seem to be stronger and better structured around less themes. Some members of EXARC are member of AIN.

Concerning EXAR, the club around professor *Fansa*, there is not much news to tell. It still seems to concern mainly the Tagung and its proceedings, the 'Bilanz'. Some members of EXARC are member of the board of EXAR.

Concerning the "outside world" *Marianne* wishes to point to more traditional circles of archaeologists into which we should present ourselves, like the EAA. The question which remains open: do we want to have a session in 2004 in France or in 2006 in Kraków? *Roeland* is in favour of the latter.

#### **5. Founding EXARC - Statutes**

*Lars W.* prepared this part of the meeting. He took existing statutes and modified it to the aims of EXARC, simply said. Now we should see and check, we should agree upon the aims as set in Oerlinghausen.

*Roeland*: can we in that case change 'reconstructions' into 'replicas'? This would be better than the spelling '(re)constructions'. I would agree with implementing the Oerlinghausen declaration if this is seen as merely giving direction and not to be taken 100% literal.

*Marianne*: if these are our official rules, I would rather like to see them as guide lines.

*Lars W.*: It is accepted by acclamation that the Oerlinghausen declaration serve as our guide lines and contain our goals.

*Lars W.* translates the statutes he prepared from Swedish and people agree with every sentence. A few remarks will be taken into account.

*Karl*: can really everybody become member now?

*Tomas*: everybody who agrees to follow our rules as set in the statutes. This is not as serious as it looks like.

- We agree in having a board of three members, while immediately choosing two 'spare' members. These can take the place of one of the three, just in case. This makes it possible to continue with a complete board without having to call for an extra general meeting.
- We will have our annual meeting always before April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Points for the agenda of this general meeting as well as suggestions for a change of the statutes need to be forwarded to the members, minimal four weeks before the meeting

*Lars W.* finished reading the statutes and moves on towards founding EXARC.

## **6. Founding EXARC – the formal founding session**

See the separate – and official – notes.

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

*Hans:* please keep everybody informed on the structure of the next meeting.

*Jack:* some subjects should return: involving public, EU, schools and their teachers.

*Gunter:* it would be important to have the lectures of Lejre published on the website.

All present declare their gratitude with the way Lejre prepared and executed this meeting. It has brought us all much further. Roeland is thanked for his secretarial work.

*Peter:* I asked after the meeting in Unteruhldingen about affiliating EXARC to UNESCO. It is unfortunately not possible because our scope is European, whilst UNESCO's scope is the whole planet.

keep in mind:

**EXARC MEETS AGAIN**

*International Conference*

**October, 13 –15 2003**

*Százhalombatta, Hungary*

## Annex to the notes of the EXARC meeting in Lejre, march 2003

### **Different possible themes or topics for a communal project**

- “Working for getting an education” on an academic level: training our future staff and researchers
    - we can all work for reaching this goal
  - Quality control and developing it, combined with education
  - Construction / prehistoric architecture of Europe
  - Quality of knowledge and presentation; raise the quality of your staff who are facing the public (both in formal and in informal education)
  - Improve the outside environment in your centre
  - Marketing
  - Cultural heritage and traditional crafts
  - Clothing in Prehistoric Times
  - Megalithic tombs or graves in general: religion and death
  - Setting up of a documentary bank of knowledge on “our” subjects; a database on the internet
  - Paper publications as well as little reports on the internet
  - Science, related to archaeology by experiment
  - Cooperation with and between universities
  - Networking within Europe (Exchange of knowledge and experience)
  - Seminars and meetings
  - Visualisation of local cultural heritage, focussing on tourism
  - Writing a history of archaeology by experiment – Europe-wide
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- “European Contacts” (through all times)
  - “Route” or “Passage”
  - “Integration”
  - “Roots”