



The Getty Conservation Institute

GCI - DOCUMENTATION INITIATIVE – (RecorDIM 2004)

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2004 Partner's Meeting at Centre Raymond Lemaire, Leuven, Belgium



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The GCI in collaboration with Centre Raymond Lemaire organized a RecorDIM Initiative Partner's meeting in Leuven, Belgium during April 2004 to review the progress of task groups created to bridge gaps between users and providers of heritage documentation and to discuss the creation of new Task Groups.

RecorDIM is an international 5-year (2002-07) partnership between heritage conservation organizations working together to bridge the gaps that currently exist between the **information users** (researchers, conservation specialists of all trades, project managers, planners etc.) and the **information providers** (photographers, heritage recorders, photogrammetrists, surveyors, etc.).

The Partners meet once every year to review progress, receive feedback, and approve the creation of new task groups. Nineteen specialists participated to this international meeting in Leuven.

R. Letellier, the international Coordinator for this Initiative reported on the past year activities.

Task Groups

Principles & Guidelines And Handbook Publications.

Francois LeBlanc reported that conservator Werner Schmid from Italy was hired as Technical Editor for the Principles & Guidelines publication while Rand Eppich will be the Technical Editor for the Handbook publication. He also reported that the GCI is hosting and supporting technically the RecorDIM website with the help of A. Dalgity and Erin Zolkosky. Rand participated in the World Heritage Center recording & documentation course in Saqqara, Egypt and is developing the second ARIS (Architectural Recording and Information Systems) course in collaboration with ICCROM. The course will be held in Rome during April 2005.

Training And Metric Survey Skills In Conservation

Sarah Lunnon and Bill Blake from English Heritage presented several tools that have been developed during the past year. A technical manual on recording techniques entitled *Measured and Drawn* was published. Also, English Heritage created new low-cost recording software. They also shared with the group a new specification developed by them for requesting professional

laser scanning services. The recording publication and the software are for sale at English Heritage.



RecordDIM Partners working session at R. Lemaire Center

Archiving Of Heritage Digital Data

Klaus Hanke of Leopold Franzens Universität Innsbruck reported that this task group focuses on gathering and disseminating information to RecordDIM partners on who is doing what in this field. He is still looking for “users” to team up with him to help with this task.

GIS Best Practices In Archaeology

This Task Group headed by **G. Palumbo** of WMF is working with several Italian institutions that are developing complex databases that need to be made accessible to different types of users such as archaeologists, architects, tourism specialists etc.

RecordDIM Information Warehouse

A. Powter of Public Works Canada heads this Task Group. The RecordDIM Information Warehouse is located on the web site at: <http://extranet.getty.edu/gci/recordim>; This task group has begun reviewing a broad range of Internet links of interest to heritage documentation providers and users and is uploading them to the website.

Other Task Groups

L. Sumanov (ICOMOS Macedonia) proposed a task group for the development of standards for low cost but appropriate RecordDIM activities.

D. Arsenault (UQAM, Canada) proposed a multi-disciplinary task group to develop rock art recording guidelines and a better and more rigorous protocol for such activities.

D. Gupta (INTACH India) proposed a task group for the tabulation of task specific technologies. This would help managers to make informed decisions about which technologies are best suited for specific tasks. The group suggested that this task group be integrated with the following one.

M. Santana & K. Van Balen (Centre R. Lemaire, Belgium) proposed a task group for a computerized tool for selection and application of recording, documentation and information systems techniques in the process of conservation of the built heritage. This tool would support decision-making by providing information about task specific technologies.

J. Cannataci (Malta Restoration Center) proposed a task group on DocNet, a self-help network of institutions and individuals engaged in training for recording and documentation of cultural heritage.

W. Schuhr (Germany) proposed a task group on collecting, compiling and sharing heritage stereo views. He showed examples of the Univ. of California Riverside extensive collection of stereo views (more than 350,000) that illustrate historical heritage from 1892 to 1963. He showed practical application of such stereo views for conservation applications, in particular for rock art. Looking at rock art engravings in 3D images instead of 2D offers a great deal of advantages.

G. Bilgin (U. of Ankara, Turkey) proposed a task group on GIS (Geographical Information Systems) tools for architectural conservation management. She would like to work with users and

providers to develop guidelines for assessment of historical stratification in multi-layered towns, especially in cities with continuous occupation and beginning with the ISO norm (#211) concerning GIS systems for cities.

R. Grenier (ICOMOS ICUCH), from the ICOMOS International Committee on Underwater Cultural Heritage proposed the creation of task groups to develop a tri-lingual glossary on the management of submerged cultural heritage, and a repertoire of digital recording techniques and storage of images of submerged cultural heritage.

Peter Waldhäusl (CIPA Heritage Documentation) discussed the progress for the creation of various task groups within CIPA, namely to preserve digital images, teaching tools, virtual reality and guidelines for the use of laser scanners.

Round Table 4



Round Table 4 meeting in Istanbul, Turkey

A round table of experts in the field of recording and documentation is also organized every year by one of the partners. This year's round table was organized as part of the XXth ISPRS Congress (International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing) Istanbul, 12-25 July 2004. The RecorDIM Partners use these round tables to explain the Initiative to new institutions or organizations and invite them to tackle some of the numerous gaps that exist between users and providers of recording and documentation services.

The roundtable was an intensive workshop, including a combination of selected lectures, roundtable discussions and general meeting. R. Letellier had invited four speakers. **Cevat Erder** from Turkey explained the history and evolution of the ICOMOS CIPA committee during the past 35 years and its achievements. **A. Guliz Bilgin Altinoz** also from Turkey talked about GIS guidelines for information management in urban conservation. **Francisco J. S. Alves** referred to "The International Committee on Underwater Cultural Heritage (ICUCH) and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage"; his presentation included an overview of the history of protection of underwater Cultural Heritage with emphasis on UNESCO's Convention recently adopted. **Mario Santana Quintero** of Belgium focused on "Monitoring tools in preventive conservation of cultural heritage" and the "Development of World Heritage information management capacity in the Arab States". **Joseph Cannataci's** lecture focused on the history of the Malta Centre for Restoration and the recent launching of a three years Bachelor in Documentation Studies, and international undergraduate training program targeted to teach the aims and range of techniques available in documentation of cultural heritage.

Round Table 5

Round table is scheduled to take place in Torino, Italy during the CIPA Symposium 2005 (September 27 to October 2, 2005). Prof. Sergio Duqual gave a brief presentation on the upcoming CIPA 2005 XXth International Symposium and Prof. Fulvio Rinaudo proposed to have papers related to the RecorDIM activities. The RecorDIM Initiative will be offered a plenary session in which to present its program and activities. ISPRS has more than 60,000 members worldwide. Its conference gathers between 1500 and 2000 participants.