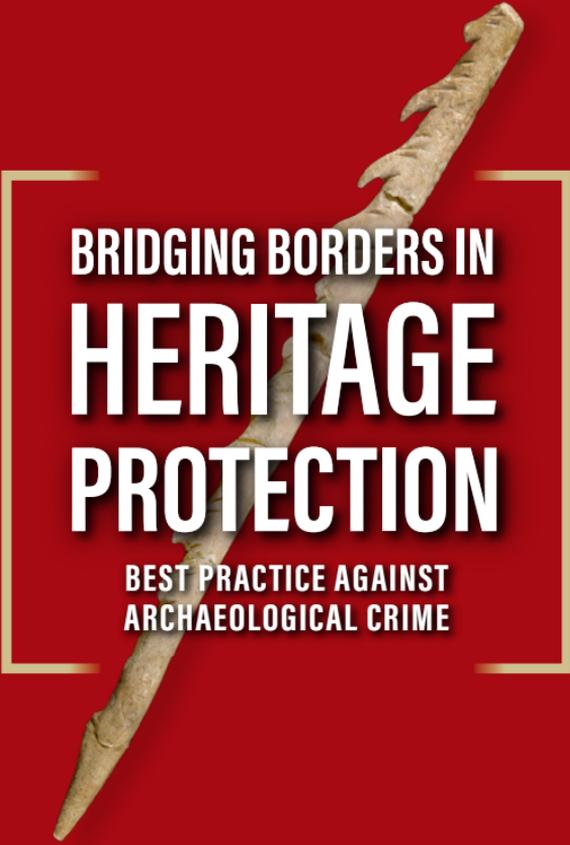


27th eac ANNUAL MEETING
& HERITAGE MANAGEMENT
SYMPOSIUM



**BRIDGING BORDERS IN
HERITAGE
PROTECTION**

**BEST PRACTICE AGAINST
ARCHAEOLOGICAL CRIME**

19-21 NATIONAL MUSEUM AND
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MARCH 2026 Santillana del Mar / Cantabria / Spain



**WELCOME TO
THE NATIONAL
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OF ALTAMIRA**

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026

- 09:30-10:30 **EAC General Assembly**
Followed by report on Looking forward: the EAC future work programme
- 10:30-10:50 **Break**
- 10:50-11:35 **27th Heritage Management Symposium**
Bridging Borders in Heritage Protection: best practice against archaeological crimes
- Welcome by:**
Pilar Fatás Monforte, Director, National Museum and Research Center of Altamira
Marjolein Verschuur, EAC President
Sara Izquierdo Real, Santillana del Mar Mayor
Guillermina Fernández Ortiz, General Director of Culture and Historical Heritage, Government of Cantabria
Ángeles Albert de León, General Director of Cultural Heritage and Fine Arts, Ministry of Culture of Spain
- 11:35-12:05 Key note speech
Régimen jurídico y lucha contra el tráfico ilegal de patrimonio arqueológico en España (Legal framework and fight against illegal trafficking of archaeological heritage in Spain)
Carlos González-Barandiarán y de Muller, Deputy Director-General for Registers and Documentation of Historical Heritage, Ministry of Culture of Spain

SESSION 1 JUSTICE FOR HERITAGE:

LEGAL IMPROVEMENTS AGAINST LOOTING OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

Chair: Katalin Wollák

- 12:05-12:25 **Please dear lawyers, help us poor archaeologists**
Leonard de Wit, Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands
- 12:25-12:35 **EU law affecting heritage - how can EHLF help archaeologists?**
Tove Elise Ihler, Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage and Chair of the European Heritage Legal Forum
- 12:35 **Strategic actions against archaeological crime in the Spanish National Archaeology Plan**
Marta Arcos, Ministry of Culture of Spain
- 12:55 **Context as a Criteria for Archaeological National Treasures**
Patricia Brum, Autonomous University of Lisbon, Portugal
- 13:15 **Objects on the Move: How Loopholes in Law and Market Enable Archaeological Crime: Legal Blind Spots, Criminal Overlaps, and the Need for Integrated Justice Tools in Combating Archaeological Looting**
Gábor Virágos, Freelance Archaeologist, Hungary; **István Elekes**, Police Lieutenant Colonel, Head of the Art Protection Subdivision of the National Bureau of Investigation (KR NNI) of the Rapid Response Police, Hungary
- 13:35-14:35 **Lunch**
- 14:35 **Who Will Protect Heritage? The Paradox of Legalised Vandalism and the Case of Papoura Despoina Markaki**, Ephorate of Antiquities of Heraklion / Panteion University, Greece
- 14:55 **ValTArq, a tool to assess the value of damages to archaeological heritage**
Ignacio Rodríguez-Temiño, Museum curator, Junta of Andalusia. Némesis Association;
Ana Yáñez and **Juan Martín-Fernández**, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain;
Jaime Almansa-Sánchez, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain

- 15:15 **Forensic Archaeology in the Fight against Crimes against Historical Heritage**
Francisco José Rufian, The Forensic Archaeology Laboratory of the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
- 15:35-15:55 **Discussion**
- 15:55-16:15 **Break**
- 16:15 -17:45 **Guided visit to the National Museum and Research Center of Altamira**
- 20:30 **Official reception at Restaurante Palacio de Mijares**
Meeting point: for bus transport (Plaza del Rey, Santillana del Mar)

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026

- 09:30 **Welcome**

SESSION 2 **COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES**Chair: **Erich Claßen**

- 09:40 **Only people who know people can act - collaboration is key**
Eva Steigberger, Federal Monuments Authority, Austria
- 10:00 **Preserving Cultural Memory through Archaeological Heritage: Continuity and Protective Practices in Western Anatolia**
Ozlem Atalan, Manisa Celal Bayar University; Elif Suyuk Makakli, Isik University, Turkey
- 10:20 **Safeguarding Finland's Underwater Cultural Heritage: Best Practices and Vulnerabilities in the Baltic Sea**
Riikka Minerva Alvik, Finnish Heritage Agency, Finland
- 10:40 **Together for heritage - 20 years of cooperation in counteracting heritage crimes in Poland**
Agnieszka Oniszczyk, Marcin Sabaciński, Zbigniew Misiuk and Agnieszka Makowska, National Institute of Cultural Heritage, Poland
- 11:00-11:30 **Break**
- 11:30 **The Work of the Illegal Archaeology Commission of the Association of State Archaeologists in Germany**
Josefine Falkenberg, Archaeological Heritage Office of Saxony, Germany; Mario Pahlow, Lower Saxony State Service for Cultural Heritage
- 11:50 **Collaborative approaches in Luxembourg: the role of the private sector and amateurs in the protection against archaeological crimes**
Mei Duong and David Weis, Deputy Director of the National Institute of Archaeological Research (INRA), Luxembourg
- 12:10 **From Informal Networks to Institutional Architecture: A European Competence Centre Against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property**
Marco Fiore, Michael Culture Association; Benjamin Omer and Irène Zaitsev, ANCHISE, École française d'Athènes, Greece
- 12:30 **Networking to Address Heritage Crime: Reflections on what worked, what didn't, and where to go from here**
Donna Yates, Maastricht University, the Netherlands; Jaime Almansa Sánchez, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain; Dante Abate, ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence, Limassol, Cyprus; with Stavros Katsios, Ilir Aliaj, Konstantinos Roussos, Andrej Jakubowski, Valentina Todoroska, Emiline Smith
- 12:50-13:10 **Discussion**
- 13:10-14:10 **Lunch**

SESSION 3 INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO REDUCING CRIME

Chair: **Adrian Olivier**

- 14:10 **Protecting Underwater Cultural Heritage: Developing Effective Enforcement Frameworks in England**
Alison James, MSDS Marine, UK
- 14:30 **From the Analysis of Vandalism to Social Participation: Developing Strategies for the Protection of Rock Art. Contributions from the National Scientific Committee on Rock Art of ICOMOS-Spain (CCNAR)**
Lucía M. Díaz-González, National Scientific Committee on Rock Art of ICOMOS-Spain (CCNAR)
- 14:50 **Between Control and Cooperation: Legal Metal Detecting and the Protection of Archaeological Heritage in Slovenia**
Judita Lux and Mihela Kajzer, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia;
Ursula Belaj, Criminal Police Directorate, Slovenia
- 15:10 **Forensic archaeometry and provenance research: a preliminary study in pottery**
Jaime Almansa-Sánchez, Olalla López-Costas, Sabela Balboa-Méndez,
Antonio Martínez-Cortizas, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain;
Ana Yáñez-Vega, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain;
Ignacio Rodríguez Temiño, Junta of Andalusia
- 15:30-15:50 **Break**
- 15:50 **Heritage Crime in England: Advances and Approaches**
Mark Harrison, Historic England (to be delivered by **Barney Sloane**), UK
- 16:10 **A digital framework for AI-supported monitoring of cultural property sales online**
Dante Abate, ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence, Limassol, Cyprus
- 16:30 **Challenges of Managing the Metal Detecting Hobby in Estonia. 15 years later.**
Ulla Kadakas, Estonian History Museum; Nele Kangert, National Heritage Board;
Tuuli Kurisoo, Tallinn University, Estonia
- 16:50 **Addressing Heritage Crime in the Czech Republic: The Role of Participatory Archaeology**
Robert Antal, Institute of Archaeology of the CAS, Czechia
- 17:10-17:30 **Discussion and close**
Marjolein Verschuur, EAC President
Ángeles Albert de León, General Director of Cultural Heritage and Fine Arts
Ministry of Culture of Spain
- 18:00-19:30 **Guided visit to the historic city of Santillana del Mar**
Meeting point: Plaza Abad Francisco Navarro, 39330 Santillana del Mar, Cantabria

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2025

EXCURSION TO PREHISTORIC CAVES

Meeting point: for bus transport (Plaza del Rey, Santillana del Mar)

- 09:00-13:30 **GROUP 1: El Castillo Caves**
- 10:00-13:30 **GROUP 2: El Pendo Cave**
- 14:15-15:30 **Lunch**



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