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## EAC Working Group for Archaeological Archives Annual progress report. March 2018 – February 2019

### Current composition of the group

1	Agnieszka Oniszcuk	PL	National Heritage Board of Poland; Chair
2	David Novák	CZ	Institute of Archaeology CAS; Co-chair
3	<b>Peter Bisták</b>	SK	Pamiatkový Úrad Slovenskej Republiky
4	Christoph Blesl	AT	Bundesdenkmalamt Abteilung für Archäologie
5	<b>Kaatje De Lange</b>	BE	Flanders Heritage Agency
6	Ann Degraeve	BE	Brussels Regional Public Service/Brussels Urban Development – Direction of Monuments and Sites
7	<b>Barbara Gumbert</b>	NL	Erfgoed Leiden en Omstreken
8	Filipa Neto	PT	Direção-General do Património Cultural
9	<b>Rhonda Robinson</b>	UK	Historic Monuments with the Historic Environment Division (HED), Department for Communities Northern Ireland
10	<b>Claire Tsang</b>	UK	Historic England
11	<b>Regina Smolnik</b>	DE	Landesamt für Archäologie Sachsen

Corresponding members:

1	Till Scholz	CH	Archäologische Bodenforschung Basel-Stadt, Switzerland
2	Marcus Smith	SE	Riksantikvarieämbetet, Sweden
3	Agnes Stefansdottir	ISL	Cultural Heritage Agency of Iceland/Minjastofnun Íslands

In 2018 the composition of the group changed due to the resignations of David Bibby, Duncan Brown, and Manuela Fischer (new members in bold). Agnieszka Oniszcuk became new chair with David Novák as co-chair. We are still seeking members from southern and Mediterranean Europe.

### Activities of the Working Group

#### 1. EAC Guidelines 1

Thanks to David Bibby, new language versions (PL and PT) of the Guidelines were printed by the Landesamt für Denkmalpflege Baden-Württemberg im Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart, Germany (50 copies each); new print of the Czech version was made as well.

#### 2. Questionnaire on selection in archaeological archiving

The questionnaire stemmed from the making choices theme from the Amersfoort Agenda and the subsequent work of the Making Choices WG. Request for participation was sent out in the beginning of July 2018 with the deadline being the end of September 2018.

We received 40 answers from 18 countries. Distribution of answers is shown on the map below.

The general report presenting the results was prepared by Duncan Brown. 11 answers from Poland, coming mainly from museums, were analysed separately as a case study by Agnieszka Oniszcuk. The drafts of these report has already been presented to the Board and will be disseminated among the EAC members after they are finalised.

#### 3. Dissemination

The distribution of the printed versions of the translations into Portuguese and Polish (50 copies each) have started in those respective countries, and due to high demand a second batch of 50 printed copies was sent to the Czech Republic.

In January, the WG activities were promoted at the annual Austria Archaeology Roundtable.

In April, Agnieszka Oniszczyk presented a paper entitled "Is selection a bad word in post-medieval ceramology" during the Europa Postmaedievalis conference in Prague.

In September, Duncan Brown and Barbara Gumbert co-chaired a session on "*Artefact reporting and selection*" during the annual meeting of European Association of Archaeologists in Barcelona.



Fig. Geographical distribution of answers to the selection questionnaire.

#### 4. Plans (to be updated after the WG meeting in Dublin)

Main focus of the group activities may be summarised in two points:

- a. guidance on selection in archaeological archiving based on the results of the questionnaire,
- b. digital archiving.

Both issues were discussed in Dublin. With regard to the former, based on the drafts of the selection questionnaire reports, we discussed the recommendations for the group's activities in the future, as well as the scope and form of the resulting guidance. As for the latter, we initiated the discussion from the first look into the template of the fact sheet on the practice of digital archiving being prepared by David Novák.