

Round Table Proposal

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Title Round Table:

Connecting Archaeological Knowledge: The Build up of a Bibliography of European Prehistory

Abstract:

In recent years several archeological literature databases have been developed in Europe independently of each other. Within these special bibliographies the literature is usually entered through different keyword systems. As a result of this, the growing need has been articulated for an overview over this literature to become more quickly and widely available so that can more easily access information about special areas of interest. So far the different databases have been limited to either subject, geographical or national areas. However, the drawbacks of this approach, where individual institutions attempt to catalogue single-handedly the entire literature of European archeology, geographically and thematically, quickly become obvious. It seems obvious then, that it would make sense to try and combine efforts in order to create a truly international literature database. Until recently no such international literature database has existed. The cooperating projects such as DAPHNE (France, CNRS) and IDEA-L (Germany, RGK), however, are currently implement such efforts through a shared internet portal.

This round table discussion will present this cooperation. Additional national projects are invited to present themselves. Our intention is to discuss openly the possibilities of a pan-European cooperation in this area.

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