RecorDIM Initiative
Operational Framework

Task Group Proposal

Date: 19 May 2004
Task Group Name / Title: Training: Metric Survey Skills in Conservation

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- Organization: English Heritage

- Information User representative: Mario Santana
  Organization: RLCC, Belgium

- Information Provider representative: Clive Boardman
  Organization: Photoarc Ltd, UK

Project Outline – Measured Survey (part of Heritage Recording)

Concentrating on the area of Heritage Recording the task group proposes to produce handbooks which can be used to develop training and learning programs on the uses and application of metric survey to historic buildings. The handbooks will form a suite documents which includes:
- The English Heritage Specification for Metric survey
- Measured and Drawn (the application of measured survey techniques).

The practical handbooks will support the publication by the Getty Conservation Institute of their Guidelines and Handbook on Cultural Documentation for managers and directors.

Although the task group will concentrate on historic buildings reference will be given to where information can be found on wider landscape survey eg,
- Where in Earth are we? The Global Positioning System in archaeological field survey
- With Alidade and Tape. Graphical and plane table survey of archaeological earthworks
- Unraveling the landscape

Purpose and Objectives

The aim is to provide effective understanding of the processes and techniques involved in the application of metric survey to historic buildings. This will be achieved by targeting Information Users and Information Suppliers by providing:

Specifications
For the control of survey techniques applied to historic buildings and their immediate landscape

Course Documentation
The course documentation used for the English Heritage Summer School will be available for use. Lesson plans and lectures will be available to download as pdf files and Measured and Drawn is available from English Heritage Publications

Handbooks
Making available handbooks covering the wide range of metric Survey techniques applied to historic buildings and containing practical examples. The handbooks will provide information on techniques which will enable those competent in at least one measured survey technique to understand and if necessary apply another technique, either by undertaking the fieldwork or by procuring a survey using a commercial company.
Deliverables
A set of handbooks and specifications which will outline
• the majority of metric survey techniques currently used in the survey historic buildings;
• the suitable selection and application of appropriate survey techniques;
• CAD as the data capture, modeling and presentation environment.
• issues to be addressed prior to commissioning a survey from a survey contractor.
• recent technical developments in this field of conservation.

These can be stored as digital documents at the Information Warehouse, CIPA website and on
the websites of national and international organizations and also available in hardcopy from
ICOMOS and/or national conservation bodies.

Other Task Group Team Members (i.e. that will be actively involved in the project)
- Bill Blake: English Heritage
- Divay Gupta: INTACH (National Trust India)
- Marko Stokin: Public Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of the Republic of
  Slovenia
- Lasar Sumanov: The Republic of Macedonia Institute for the Protection of Cultural
  Monuments, Macedonia

Project Resources (that have been secured / approved):
- Person-day (commitment)
  40 days from English Heritage, UK

- Budget £10,000

Milestones:
- Starting date: April 2003
- Mid-project review date (by RecorDIM Steering Group):
- Completion date: September 2006

Chair date: 17/5/04

Information Provider date:

Information User date: