

1. Task Group: Training: Metric Survey Skills in Conservation

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- 1.f – involving the private sector
- 4.b – developing lo-cost recording software
- 5a, - providing RecorderDIM training that is required in many countries.
- 5.c - educating providers

Target Audience

Heritage Recorders and conservation professionals interested in RecorderDIM activities.

Purpose and Objectives

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 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, Course Documentation and Handbooks.**

Task Group Meeting

This task group met in York (England) last year to discuss and define the contents of the handbooks they should be publishing by the end of 2006. The handbook will cover key concepts of metric surveys, and the selection and application of metric survey techniques. The target audience is conservation practitioners and students.

Deliverables

A set of RecorderDIM handbooks and specifications that relate to:

- 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

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)

For additional information on this Task Group's plan of action, see its web page at:

http://extranet.getty.edu/gci/recordim/hub_sub.html#10

Seeking Help / Input / Participation / Cooperation

The RecorderDIM Initiative brought this task group to cooperate with RecorderDIM partner organizations and to participate to the training of Iraqi conservation professionals in Jordan in 2005. They have also created links with partners from India and Macedonia toward developing additional training courses in these countries.

Should conservation organizations be interested in developing a RecorderDIM related training course in its country, it may want to consult the 'Status' and 'Results' part of this task group's web page (see URL above). This page should soon provide references to recent English Heritage (EH) publications on subjects related to RecorderDIM (such as the 'Measured and Drawn' publications or the 'TheoLT' software, which is a low-cost s recording software developed by EH). This task group should also deliver its handbooks by September of 2006. It is seeking partnerships with conservation organization that require RecorderDIM related training material.