10. Task Group: Technical Monitoring of Large Archaeological Sites

Peter Waldhausl, of the University of Technology of Vienna, is chairing this task group activity (pw@ipf.tuwien.ac.at). Referring to the list of Gaps identified in appendix A, this Task Group is addressing the following Needs:

- 4.a.1 - producing guidelines and practical examples for large archaeological sites
- 1.d - creating international networks
- 1.f - involving outside organizations to share information

Target Audience
Archaeologists and anthropologists interested in specifically designed recording protocol for the recording of rock art.

Purpose and Objectives
The purpose of the development of guidelines and practical examples is:
- To provide conservation specialists with an up to date source of information about the best suited technical tools, methods and systems for permanent monitoring;
- To create an international network of specialists in permanent monitoring of the Western Anatolian excavation sites and their connecting cultural landscape;
- To provide management staff and politicians in time with the necessary basic information for preservation of the cultural heritage as well as for further development of soft tourism and social welfare;
- To contribute effectively to the management plans of archaeological World Heritage Sites, where periodic reporting is an essential and repeatedly arising problem due to the fact that the technical basic information is not sufficiently available or comparable.

Deliverables
1. Technical Guidelines for Permanent Monitoring of Large Archaeological Sites (In general and with special consideration of each of the member-sites in Western Anatolia). Publication of the general part by TG/CIPA, in co-operation with the CIPA- RecorDIM Alliance, as free publication within the “Information Warehouse”. Copyright remains with the authors.
2. Collection of typical and special practical examples ad 1)
3. Network of archaeologists co-operating in Western Anatolia.
4. Concept on further development of the cultural landscape Western Anatolia with special consideration of cultural tourism and social affairs.

(For additional information on this Task Group’s plan of action and deliverables, this task group’s proposal will be uploaded to the RecorDIM web page soon)

Seeking Help / Input / Participation / Cooperation
(To be completed by Peter W.)

Those interested in joining this RecorDIM Task Group on Technical Monitoring of Large Archaeological Sites, should be prepared to write a letter of intent to Peter Waldhäusl, thus agreeing with the following:

1. To commit about 20 days of time per archaeological site and year (for the period 2005-2009) to this initiative and to nominate specialists as delegates. The work shall be done in connection with their own documentation tasks for the archaeological sites.
2. To answer the emails and to co-operate in the network of TG members;
3. To come or send a delegate to the few Meetings, Workshops and Symposia of this TG;
4. To offer the infrastructure for the work to the delegate and agree for further contributions in case of election as (Co-) Chairman for a working period;
5. To further the aims of the TG by all other means, possibilities and connections;
6. To contribute to the costs of any common TG publication.