
First ARIADNE Linked Data SIG Meeting at EAA-2013, Pilsen, 4.9.2013

– Protocol –

Participants:

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Brief summary

In this initial meeting the participants discussed challenges in Linked Data (LD), potential focus areas of the LD SIG, and relations to other groups working in this field.

a) Current challenges

- Little takeup as yet of LD in archaeological and related institutions,
- Required broader awareness/experience in the archaeological domain,
- Need of easy to use tools (and APIs) for working with LD and offering useful (web) services.

b) Focus areas considered

- Wide range of potential focus areas, from specialist topics to issues of communicating advantages of LD to relevant institutions and individuals.
- A good approach might be to focus on a few core issues in the middle ground (i.e. neither too specialist nor too promotional).

c) Related external projects

We had an initial discussion on related external projects to track, as an initial step in a review of the LD field w.r.t. to archaeology:

- Pelagios, <http://pelagios-project.blogspot.co.uk>
- Pleiades, <http://pleiades.stoa.org>
- Open Context, <http://opencontext.org>
- Open Annotation, <http://www.openannotation.org>,
<http://www.w3.org/community/openannotation/>

d) Some vocabularies mentioned

- SENESCHAL (as already discussed), <http://www.heritagedata.org/blog/>
- Getty vocabularies, <http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/lod/index.html> (Doug has already been in touch on behalf of WP15)
- FAO' Agrovoc (incl. mappings to several other KOS), <http://aims.fao.org/standards/agrovoc/linked-open-data>
- Europeana, <http://pro.europeana.eu/linked-open-data>
- Dataset CATalog vocabulary (DCAT), <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat/>

e) Connecting with the wider community outside ARIADNE

- Among the participants was Leif Isaksen who coordinates the CAA Semantic SIG; the group currently has 105 members (i.e. persons who are on the group's e-mailing list). We discussed connecting with this existing forum and explore the opportunity to possibly collaborate on common topics. Leif thought this was a logical possibility provided existing members had no objections.
- As a first step, Doug Tudhope will inform the CAA Semantic SIG that within ARIADNE a Linked Data SIG has been established that wishes to interact with the wider Semantic Web / LD community active in the area of archaeology and closely related disciplines.

f) Proposals from Chair

- Establish communication platform: It seems sensible to use Basecamp and set up an LD SIG member group. We can use this as a basic means of communicating within the SIG.
- Next f2f meeting: Tentative plan to meet at CAA 2014 in Paris.