

4.4 Year 3 Dissemination Workshop Report – Swedish National Heritage Board

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Introduction

The workshop was about the use of digital databases in archaeology arranged by CAA-SE (Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology – Sweden). It was held on the 3rd October 2012 at the Swedish National Heritage Boards premises in Stockholm, Sweden from 09:30 to 16:00 and the presentation about CARARE took about 45 minutes. CAA-SE arranges a conference every two year and the holds a workshop on the alternative year (like this one).



The workshop was attended by 34 people from the Sweden and Norway. Swedish National Heritage Board, Universities, county administrative boards, museums and national archives.

Workshop Marketing

The target audience was members of CAA (national and international), people working with archaeology and databases at agencies, museums and universities. A variety of channels was used to advertise the workshop as follows:

- Own blog
- The CAA-SE website
- Email lists
- LinkedIn
- Social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Google+).

Workshop Format

A “roundtable” format was used with questions and discussion during and after the presentations. The presentations dealt with topics such as:

- DAP – the aim with the project is to ensure that the processes that constitute archaeological practice in Sweden are seamlessly digital from end to end.
- The development of a new version of the monuments database at the Swedish National Heritage Board.

- Current archaeology projects (Birka, SEAD, Intrtasis)
- The digital field documentation at Norwegian museums.
- Digital archives for archaeology in Östergötland, Sweden.
- INSPIRE
- ARCHES - Archaeological Resources in Culture Heritage. A European Standard
- CARARE



The CARARE presentation given by Johan Carlström (see picture left), dealt with Europeana, CARARE, SOCH, Linked Open Data and Wikipedia.

Feedback from participants

The following questions were asked by the audience:

- Johan showed a slide with the Linked Open Data cloud¹ and received a question about the lack of research databases, how representative can it be?

Answer: Maybe the image isn't showing the complete picture. Maybe the research databases are more like silos with poor or none connection with other data.

- Question about auth files and URIs. Can it really be an auth if there are several with their own URI:s?

Answer: Because many actors are using and makes their own auth lists available it is not possible to use only one auth list. We should instead link them together with "sameAs" relations between resources.

Johan also received a couple of positive comments about the presentation afterwards.