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Introduction for IMSIG AGM 3rd Nov
2016

FISH-HEIRNET

HEIRNET: historic environment information resources:

- Aim to develop strategies to help the sector work together to make information resources more easily accessible

FISH – Forum on Information Standards in Heritage

- Standard setting including controlled vocabularies

FISH-HEIRNET

- Joined to provide a strategic overview of information management in the sector as well as standard setting!

Current organisers

FISH-HEIRNET

- Current Chair – Gillian Grayson (Head of Listing Information Services, HE)
- Secretary – Dan Miles (Research Resources Officer, HE)

Terminology Working Group

- Chair – Phil Carlisle (HE)
- Secretary – Sally Carter (NMW)

Attending members include:

- Historic England
- RCAHMW
- Historic Environment Scotland
- British Museum
- National Museum Wales
- ALGAO HER committee
- Welsh Trusts
- National Trust (England & Scotland)
- Archaeology Data Service
- Council for British Archaeology
- Scottish SMR committee
- IMSIG

Activities

- New website: <http://heritage-standards.org.uk/>
- JISC email forum
- Biannual meetings:
 - Autumn Strategic meeting
 - Spring Working/Technical meeting
- Terminology Working Group (biannual meetings)
- Events:
 - Conferences – eg TACOS 2014
 - E-conferences – eg Labels, Lithics and Landforms e-conference on controlled vocabularies for Palaeolithic and Mesolithic data 2015

Responsibilities

A body that provides a unique opportunity for cross-UK working:

- Sets and “owns” various standards – MIDAS Heritage, controlled vocabularies
- Discusses and makes strategic links between national information management strategies
- Knowledge transfer of ideas, new technologies and opportunities
- Actively advises on and initiates projects eg FISH Toolkit, TACOS, Setting up Heritagedata.org, ARCHES, developing the Thesaurus of Cultural Heritage
- Supports funding applications and promotes the results of these eg SENESCHAL

Responsibilities

- MIDAS Heritage (& MIDAS xml schema)

“a British cultural heritage standard for recording information on buildings, monuments, archaeological sites, shipwrecks and submerged landscapes, parks and gardens, battlefields, artefacts and ecofacts”.

- Controlled vocabularies/thesauri

- Structured terminologies for recording heritage assets
- Professional management and archaeological event terms (interventions)
- Types of evidence and archaeological sciences (samples, ecofacts).

[FISH Thesauri updated – Version 19](#) (uploaded October 2016)

Many now in LOD and SKOS (Linked data) formats & accessed through
HeritageData.org

FISH-HEIRNET & IMSIG

- Currently IMSIG rep invited to FISH-HEIRNET meetings
- Pressures of reduced T&S, other commitments, difficult to engage in work that is outside organisational priorities... therefore there is a need to identify these and work on them together...
- Can we look at the results of the TACOS conference for strategic direction?

Many IMSIG members are also FISH members

Should we be working closer together?

Do we share the same interests?

What can we do to move forwards?

Who looks at training and professional development?