



WALADU – 3rd Skype meeting report **19-12-2017**

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POINTS DISCUSSED:

1. Organization of WP3 project meeting in Munich

The WALADU Consortium discussed the dates and organization of the 3rd Project meeting which will be carried out at the end of WP2 activities and it will open the WP3 - New Teaching Units and Internship Creation.

We decided to organize the meeting during the 11th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE) to be held in Munich between 3rd and 7th April 2018. This will allow a direct exchange of opinions with the largest possible community of stakeholders and colleagues in archaeology. Iraqi participants will have the chance to test ideas and survey different academic practices. A preliminary schedule of the meeting has been proposed:

1. During the first days, between 3rd and 5th April, single meetings will be held including small groups (field of studies/teaching units task forces) that will discuss on specific topics mostly concerning WP3. Among the most relevant topic to be discussed there will be:
 - A. Instruments and materials to be bought to create WaLab and WaLib
 - B. Validation of the new Syllabi
 - C. Accreditation procedures of the new teaching units
2. General meeting including all the WALADU Consortium held on the 6th April between 16.00 and 21.00.

2. Results of WP2 trainings in Munich and Istanbul

Both the German and Turkish team provided feedback on the two week Senior Training period carried out between 25th November and 9th December 2017 and the two months Junior Training period carried out between 22nd October and 21st December 2017. They underlined the willingness of the trainees to learn and cooperate and their appreciation for the followed courses.



LMU and Koç team, however, stressed the necessity to pay more attention to the English level of the participants. Indeed, it was not totally clear whether the Iraqi trainees could properly understand the lessons. This problem is mostly due to two main reasons:

1. The level of English indicated by the candidates in the applications does not reflect the real one.
2. Skype interviews should have been included in the selection procedures.

An external evaluation will be subcontracted for having an impartial evaluation of the trainings.

3. Organization of Summer Schools at Koç

The WALADU Consortium, in full agreement with the Koç University, confirmed the organization of a 2 weeks Summer School in their main campus in Istanbul, between late July and early August 2018. Each WALADU partner university will select 4 students. All the cost will be covered by the project. In order to attract as much applications as possible, each partner will evaluate the possibility to provide ECT credits for the two weeks training.

The topics that will be taught during the Summer School will be discussed in details during the next meeting.

4. Staff Cost transfer to Iraqi partners. An update.

In agreement with EACEA, it has been decided that staff cost will be transferred in the personal bank accounts of the Iraqi staff. Administrative staff of Iraqi partner Universities are urged to send the required missing documents (contracts, payslips, timesheets, joint declaration, Partnership Agreements) as asked by WALADU team.

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