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Report on the 3rd WALADU project meeting (3rd – 7th April 2018)

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3rd April 2018, Tuesday

Afternoon session

The meeting was opened with the project members registration followed by a **welcoming session** by Professor Adelheid Otto, Director of the Institute of Near Eastern Archaeology at LMU and Prof. Nicolò Marchetti project coordinator of WALADU.

A first introductory presentation on the **results achieved during WP2** was given by Dr. Anna Kurmagaliev from the LMU team. A detailed schedule and goals reached during the WP2 has been listed and explained.

Then Federico Zaina from the UNIBO coordination team, presented the **results of the work on the new teaching units including syllabi, teaching materials and internships**. 10 new teaching units, including syllabi and teaching materials (3 from Baghdad and Qadisiyah and 4 from Kufa) out of 13 previously validated by the EU trainers have been proposed to the Iraqi partners for accreditation. A second presentation regarded the **accreditation procedures for the new BA teaching units** that each Iraq partner university will carry out during WP3 in order to start the new teaching units during the academic year 2018-2019. All the partners agreed upon the quality of the syllabi and teaching materials and the Iraqi colleagues confirmed that the new teaching units (especially those who are improved or replaced) would have been accredited for the next academic year.

This is the list of the improved or new teaching units presented to the Iraqi partners:

Junior Scholar	University	New teaching unit	Corresponding Existing Teaching Unit	WALADU team partner trainer
Bushra al-Khaleeli	Baghdad University	Egypt during the New Kingdom	History of the Ancient Near East	LMU Munich
Nahdh Mohammad	Baghdad University	Introduction to GIS	NEW TEACHING UNIT	Koç University
Wafaa Zwaid	Baghdad University	Introduction to Sumerian Language	Introduction to the Ancient Languages	LMU Munich
Moamel Saleem Azeez Merzah	Kufa University	Arab architecture in Egypt	Arab architecture in Egypt	Koç University
Alaa Al-Lami	Kufa University	Arab Islamic Architecture in Iraq Until the End of the Abbasid period	Arab Islamic Architecture in Iraq Until the End of the Abbasid period	UNIBO
Alaa Al-Lami	Kufa University	Islamic art pottery drawing and inking	Islamic art (pottery- ceramic)	UNIBO
Ryam Husseim	Kufa University	Museum studies and archaeology	Museum studies	UNIBO
Shayma al-Badri	Qadisiyah University	Manuscript and Islamic Paintings	Islamic ornamentation	Koç University
Walaa Sadeq	Qadisiyah University	Akkadian Language	Introduction to Akkadian Language	UNIBO
Rajwan Al-Mayali	Qadisiyah University	Early and Ummayad architecture in Iraq	The Islamic architecture in the Middle East	UNIBO

WALADU Coordination Team on behalf of the partnership has asked to EACEA to modify few subcontracting to WALADU budget for the creation of online supporting material for the teaching units.

EACEA has granted the possibility to create:

- an **online database of archaeological sites and ancient channels** available to the Iraqi University students and staff for teaching and learning activities about topography;

- an **online database of pottery materials** available to the Iraqi University students and staff for teaching and learning activities concerning the study pottery;
- a **digital repository of the excavation documents and materials** available to Iraqi University students and staff for teaching and learning activities concerning the excavation recording methodologies.

See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

- 1 - *Introduction to LMU Munich*
- 2 - *WALADU WP2 results and challenges*
- 3 - *WALADU Syllabi and teaching units*
- 4 - *WALADU Accreditation new teaching units*
- 5 - *WALADU Internships*

After the coffee break During the afternoon session the Iraqi partners presented the **final list of local stakeholder** that will be involved in the **internships program for BA students in archaeology during Summer 2019**. Prof. Hayder Al-Hamdani (Kufa University), Prof. Mohammed Abdulsada (Qadisiyah University) and Prof. Laith Hussein (Baghdad University) provided details on the stakeholders and the approximate number of students (60) that will take part to the internships.

The rest of the afternoon session was dedicated to clarify some minor points concerning the topics discussed, as well as some financial issues.

Stakeholders participating in the internship program from Baghdad university include:

Type of stakeholder	Name of the stakeholder
Public institution	Ministry of Culture and Tourism
Public institution	Ministry of Education
Public institution	Ministry of Higher Education
Public institution	Department of Tourism and Antiquities
Public institution	State Board of Antiquities and Heritage (SBAH) in Baghdad

Stakeholders participating in the internship program from Kufa university include:

Type of stakeholder	Name of the stakeholder
Public institution	Center of Graduates Employment at the University of Kufa
Public institution	Center for Tourism Development in Najaf
Public institution	State Board of Antiquities and Heritage (SBAH) in Najaf
Public institution	Tourism Department at the Faculty of Management and Economics (Kufa University)
Public institution	Secretariat of the Council of Kufa
Private institution	Shiite Waqf in Najaf
Private institution	Imam Ali holy shrine in Al-Najaf
Private institution	Imam Hussein holy shrine from Karbala
Private institution	Holy shrine of Abbas from Karbala
Private institution	Al-Sahla Mosque
Private institution	Khan Shilan Museum in Najaf

Stakeholders participating in the internship program from Qadisiyah university include:

Type of stakeholder	Name of the stakeholder
Public institution	Heritage and Antiquities office of Al-Diwaniyah Province
Public institution	Committee of Religious Affairs Al-Diwaniyah County Council
Public institution	Committee of Heritage and Antiquities Al-Diwaniyah County Council
Public institution	Water Resources office of Al-Diwaniyah Province
Public institution	Agriculture office of Al-Diwaniyah Province
Public institution	Police office of Al-Diwaniyah Province
Public institution	Traffic office of Al-Diwaniyah Province

See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

6 - *University of Kufa Internships*

7 - *University of Baghdad Internships*

8 - *University of Qadisiyah Internships*

4th April 2018, Wednesday

Afternoon session

During the second day of the meeting Dr. Federico Zaina from the WALADU coordination team illustrated the **WALADU Library (WaLib) and WALADU laboratory (WaLab)** including the list of books, software and digital devices and instruments that the EU partners expected to buy for each Iraqi partner university.

Afterwards, the **Iraqi partners presented the new spaces in each Iraqi university that will host WaLib and WaLab**. Prof. Hayder Al-Hamdani (Kufa University), Prof. Mohammed Abdulsada (Qadisiyah University) and Prof. Laith Hussein (Baghdad University) provided details and images on the spaces allocated for WaLib and WaLab. The venue may vary from two rooms for WaLib and WaLab (University of Kufa), to a single one for both (University of Baghdad), to a single room for WaLab and the integration of WaLib with existing library (University of Qadisiyah).

See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

9 - *WALADU WaLib and WaLab*

10 - *Baghdad WALADU WaLib and WaLab*

11 - *Qadisiyah WALADU WaLib and WaLab*

12 - *Kufa WALADU WaLib and WaLab*

After the coffee break Prof. Ciğdem Maner from the Koç University of Istanbul team, discussed the procedures and timetable for **WaLib and WaLab books, devices and instruments purchase and shipment from Turkey to Iraq through DHL**. According to the plan the books, devices and instruments will be bought in 2 months and almost the same time will be necessary for shipping them to Iraq. All the partners agreed on both the organization and timetable.

The last presentation still by Prof. Ciğdem Maner from the Koç University of Istanbul team was about the **WALADU Pilot Summer School** that will be held in Istanbul from 6 to 17 August 2018 for 24 students (4 from each WALADU partner university) and 2 Iraqi Junior Scholars who

participated in the WP2 training. Details on the WALADU Pilot Summer School have been provided during the presentation.

All info are available in the ppt presentation (in project Dropbox folder):

13 - Koç Junior training general

14 - Koç Pilot Summer School

Here is the final WP3 agenda:

WP 3 operative schedule (April 2018 – October 2018)	
Deadline	Activities
<u>End April 2018</u>	GOAL 1: Validation of new BA syllabi
<u>End April 2018</u>	GOAL 2: Validation of new teaching materials
<u>Mid June</u>	Operational committee Skype meeting
<u>Late June</u>	GOAL 3: Date and preliminary schedule of internship programs for Summer 2019
<u>May - October</u>	GOAL 4: Purchase (May-June), shipment (July-September) and set up (October) of WaLib and WaLab
<u>Oct 2018</u>	WP 4 consortium meeting in Iraq and official opening of WaLib and WaLab

5th-7th April 2018

The WALADU WP3 meeting in Munich was specifically organized as a parallel event within the 11th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE) held at LMU between the 3rd and 7th April 2018. This allowed **the Iraqi colleagues to participate to the conference, thus discussing as well as sharing ideas and disseminating the WALADU activities and outcomes** to archaeologist, philologists and historians working in the Near East (including Iraq).

WALADU bookmarks and brochures have been **widely distributed** during the conference and the project was mentioned during several presentations regarding the archaeology of Iraq as well as the broader topic of cultural heritage.

The next Consortium Meeting will be held at the end of the WP3 and it will open the activities of the WP4. The WALADU Consortium preliminarily fixed the **WP3 Consortium meeting in Diwaniyah or Kufa in October 2018**.