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Report on the 4th WALADU project meeting (10th March 2019)

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Stakeholder	Mohammad	B. Nadi	SBAH Najaf
Stakeholder	Sadq	Lazum	Museum of the Holy Shrine of Abbas in Kerbala

10th March 2018, Sunday

Morning session

The meeting was opened with the project members registration followed by a **welcoming session** by the President of the University of Kufa, **Prof. Muhsin A. Abdulamir Aldhalimi** and the WALADU coordinator **Prof. Nicolò Marchetti** (University of Bologna). Then, Dr Hayder Al

Hamdany (University of Kufa) introduced the meeting agenda to the attendants and the presentations.

Beside the 20 Consortium members, the director of the Museum of the Holy Shrine of Abbas in Kerbala Mr. Sadq Lazum and the director of the SBAH of the Najaf region, Dr Mohammed B. Nadi were invited to the meeting as stakeholders for the implementation of internship activities.

A first **wrap up of the WALADU activities from the WP1** until now was provided by Licia Proserpio (University of Bologna) from the WALADU coordination team. This was then followed by a **detailed presentation of the WP3 activities and results** (in particular the WALADU Summer School) by Prof. Çiğdem Maner (Koç University – Istanbul).

After the presentation of the results of the WP1-WP3 activities, Licia Proserpio and Federico Zaina (University of Bologna) illustrated the **last challenges of the WALADU project** before its end in October 2019. These include the following themes:

1. Accreditation of the new WALADU teaching units in archaeology on the websites of the three universities.
2. Activation of the internship activities for the BA students in Archaeology in the three universities from Summer 2019.
3. Financial issues still to be clarified.

See ppt presentations and videos in the Project Dropbox folder:

1 – (ppt) Introduction to LMU Munich

2 - (video) Why WALADU? Project Presentation Episode 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5TLpA5w594&list=PLEZ9ExfcQQ5ewc_PACtE1mV7Qn15HUTDN

3 - (video) What is WALADU doing ? Project Presentation Episode 2

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5TLpA5w594&list=PLEZ9ExfcQQ5ewc_PACtE1mV7Qn15HUTDN

4 - (video) WALADU Trainings ! Project Presentation Episode 3

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwRoEbX6WPg&list=PLEZ9ExfcQQ5ewc_PACtE1mV7Qn15HUTDN&index=3

5 - (video) WALADU Summer School ! Project Presentation Episode 4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJMSNbMQy0k&list=PLEZ9ExfcQQ5ewc_PACtE1mV7Qn15HUTDN&index=4

6 - (video) WALADU Cascade Training! Project Presentation Episode 5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIIdi4Q6m60>

Afternoon session

During the afternoon, the WALADU coordination team in collaboration with the hosting institution organized three session aiming at discussing the three themes introduced at the end of the morning session:

Session 1

During session 1, chaired by Federico Zaina, the team members responsible for the scientific part of the project and the IT technicians in charge of modifying the website of each university worked together to indentify the best way to improve each university website. The approved changes in the website include: 1) **English version of the entire BA courses in Archaeology** (name of professors, title of the teaching units, credits) both on the public webpage and in the website of the specific colleges/faculties hosting the BA course; 2) Inclusion of the **syllabi of the new WALADU teaching units downloadable for free.**

Session 2

During session 2, chaired by Federico Zaina, Licia Proserpio and Emmanuel Di Tommaso, the entire team members discussed the existing opportunities to provide BA students in Archaeology with internships. Confirmation on the availability to accept students for **internships came from the Director of the State Board of Antiquities and Heritage (SBAH)** in Baghdad. They accepted to host 20 BA students in Archaeology from the University of Baghdad during summer 2019. An official agreement between the SBAH and UOB has been drafted and will be signed in the next weeks.

Interest and possible confirmation also came from the **local seat of the State Board of Antiquities and Heritage (SBAH) in Najaf** through Dr Mohammed B. Nadi and the director of the **Imam Abbas holy shrine of Karbala** Mr. Sadq Lazum to host 20 BA students in Archaeology from the University of Kufa.

Still to be defined are to possible internships for the 20 BA students in Archaeology from the University of Qadisiyah.

Potential stakeholders:

Type of stakeholder	Name of the stakeholder
Public institution	State Board of Antiquities and Heritage (SBAH) in Najaf
Private institution	Imam Abbas holy shrine from Karbala
Public institution	State Board of Antiquities and Heritage (SBAH) in Baghdad

Session 3

The third session, chaired by Licia Proserpio and Emmanuel Di Tommaso aimed at clarifying some bureaucratic and financial issues of the project.

Here is the agenda of the second part of WP4:

WP 4 operative schedule (March 2019 – October 2019)	
Deadline	Activities
<u>End April 2019</u>	GOAL 1: Accreditation of syllabi on the websites
<u>Summer 2019</u>	GOAL 2: Activation of the internships
<u>Oct 2019</u>	Final WALADU meeting in Baghdad