Final Report of monitoring visit

General guidelines:

1. Please complete this report in English.
2. This report should be as accurate as possible. You may include additional information, reports, publications, brochures or photos as annexes.
3. The report must be signed by the person in charge of the monitoring visit and the WALADU supervisor at the Host University.
4. WALADU supervisor at the Host University will send the report to WALADU Coordination Team.

Person in charge of the monitoring: Nicolò Marchetti

Home University: University of Bologna

Host University: University of Baghdad

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1. Monitoring activities carried out at the host university

The working group carried out monitoring activities on the new teaching units and the new laboratories at the University of Baghdad in November 2019.

With regards to the new teaching units the different members of the group attended the classes of (name of the group Waladu group member and period in brackets):

1. Ancient Mesopotamian Languages (Nicolò Marchetti, Project coordinator, staff member, 2-16 November 2019).
2. Introduction to GIS (Claudia D'Orazio, phd student, 10-16 November 2019).
3. Introduction to Sumerian Language (Gabriele Giacosa, phd student, 10-16 November 2019).
4. Methods in the Archaeological Research (Elena Maini, research fellow/staff member, 2-12 November 2019).
5. The Archaeology and History of Egypt in the New Kingdom (Elena Maini, research fellow/staff member, 2-16 November 2019).
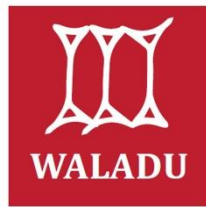
Two group members monitored the use of WaLab during the monitoring period:
- Giulia Roberto, graduate student, 10-16 November 2019
- Francesca Cavaliere, graduate student, 10-16 November 2019

Several academic books have been used by the professor teaching in all the five teaching units. In particular, WaLab was extensively used for Ancient Mesopotamian Languages, Introduction to Sumerian Language and The Archaeology and History of Egypt in the New Kingdom.

Two group members monitored the use of WaLab during the monitoring period:
- Serafino Rosso, graduate student, 10-16 November 2019
- Marco Valeri, topographer/staff member, 2-16 November 2019

The technical materials kept in the WaLab, were used by the professor teaching in all the five teaching units. In particular, the laptops and software have been extensively used for <u>Introduction to GIS</u> and <u>Methods in the Archaeological Research.</u>

2. Outcomes and impact
During the monitoring activities we had the opportunity to discuss with both the professors and the students. Professors confirmed that, thanks to the support of the new teaching materials and the labs, they could better introduce the students the theoretical concepts of the topics and also provide them with practical sessions.

On their side, students, while underlining the initial difficulty to deal with books in and software in English they acknowledge their usefulness. They also recognized a substantial improvement in the overall teaching quality compared to the previous years.

3. Final recommendations
The overall quality of the teaching units satisfies the standards. However there are few minor recommendation the working group would like to point out in order to further improve the teaching quality:

1. Professors should improve the involvement of students in the discussion of the daily topic, by asking them question or giving them short essays or reading weeks to prepare and to explain to the class.

2. Professor should follow further English courses during the academic year in order to be able also to provide some lectures in English.

3. Students should be more encouraged and stimulated to use both WaLib and WaLab outside the lesson hours (always with the supervision of the librarian and the technical staff).

I hereby certify that all of the information I have provided is complete and true.

16 November 2019
Date

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Signature of the person
in charge of the monitoring visit

I hereby confirm and approve the report provided by the grantee.

16 November 2019
Date

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WALADU SUPERVISOR AT HOST UNIVERSITY
(signature and stamp)