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Community Archaeology, Academism and Humanity

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21st century paradigm inquiry


- Technology effect
- How to reconnect people
- Humanity as a megadiscipline
- Archaeology as a complex discipline
- Community archaeology as Public archaeology and Community of Archaeologists
- Community archaeology versus fragmented (deformed) archaeology

Paradigm: Adapting constantly to the changing technology and reconnecting people through live contacts

Community archaeology in the 21st century

- The problems of community archaeology are becoming leading in the archaeology of the 21st century .
 - In ways in which we develop community archaeology, in the same way we will develop generally the science of archaeology.
 - If we make more efforts for development of community archaeology, it will be more likely to gain advance in reconnecting people and in effective use of technology.

Public archaeology and Community of archaeologists

- Developing *community skills*
 - Internet 
 - Ontological background
 - Expanded information
 - Academism, commercial business and archaeology

Community archaeology

21st century humanity cross-discipline

Technology effect

People reconnected

Community (public) archaeology as effective applied science

Internet archaeology

Videos, movies,
lectures, e-books,
audio-books,
magazines,
newspapers, etc.

Enculturation
and socialization

Field schools

Internship and
volunteering in
museums

Community archaeology (cont)

◆ Community archaeology as a community of archaeologists

Academic and public
contacts through
Internet and other
media

Community
versus coalitions

Social meeting
(congresses,
conferences,
symposia,
workshops),
guest-lectures

Publishing

Community archaeology



Humanity as a megadiscipline

Community archaeology

Public archaeology



Community of archaeologists



Academism



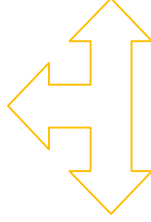
Community skills

Knowledge

Honesty

Professional skills

Integrity





Community archaeology



- Community versus coalitions
- Inviting people with community skills
- Grants and funds - to archaeologists with strong and repeatedly proved community skills
- Increasing the role of ethics as an educational discipline in Archaeology.
- Academism as a quality knowledge and honest ethical relationships
- Public archaeology and academism

The effect of community archaeology



The community archaeology as a field of crossing of all aspects of archaeology could essentially change the whole discipline of archaeology.

Demythologization

- Does membership and participation in meetings of non-for profit organizations mean community archaeology?
- Do websites themselves mean community archaeology?
- Does the academic publication itself indicate community archaeology?

Archaeology



Community archaeology

Free or easy access for everybody

Academic, complete and quality knowledge

Critical self-awareness

Integrity, honesty

Fragmented (deformed) archaeology

Limited or no access

No, deformed or damaged academic knowledge

Self-fish, no critical self-awareness

Dishonesty

Conclusions

- The progress of archaeology depends completely on community archaeology
- Archaeology is an integrative discipline
 - Academic, professional and community aspects interact to a level of building a complex image without borderlines but with quality activities.
- Community archaeology – two subfields
 - public archaeology
 - community of archaeologists.
- The successful public archaeology depends on the community of archaeologists based on honesty and integrity.

Final

- Archaeology was born as community archaeology and can remain community archaeology, but only if in the field of archaeology works only people with community skills and with understanding that archaeology is not a place for practicing humanity and connecting people with people – through ethical knowledge, honesty and integrity.

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Wishing you a lot of fun in Italy!

From Salt Lake,
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