EXARC year report 2006

For an overview over EXARC's goals and history, we refer to the website www.exarc.eu. EXARC is the leading collegial network of archaeological open air centres of its kind in Europe.

In 2006, the number of members raised with 6 (all registered in Spring 2006), bringing the total number to 40. No members left the organisation. At the beginning of 2007, there has been a discussion about a candidate member from Germany, who already appeared in 2006.

Finances

The financial report is summarised in attachment (1).

Board

The board of 2006 existed of *Björn Jakobsen* (SE) as chairman, with *Wolfgang Lobisser* (AT) as vice chairman. *Roeland Paardekooper* (NL) served as secretary, *Gunter Schöbel* (D) as treasurer, *Kjersti Jacobsen* (NO), *Peter Vemming* (DK), *Geir Sør Reime* (NO) & *Arwo Pajusi* (SE) as members.

There have been 30 emails when the secretary informed the board or sent out a query.

EU

The Delphi Project – officially ended in June 2005 – continued with a website, hosted by EXARC. The project is run by Unteruhldingen.

The LiveARCH preparation group, set up in March 2004 in Barcelona, had applied for funding in October 2005. In Summer 2006, it was clear, the application was accepted. Eight members of EXARC will – until October 2009 – work on issues as so often addressed within EXARC. It still has to be clarified, in how far EXARC members will be involved in this or will pick the fruits of these developments.

News mails

EXARC communicates with its members and affiliates by email. In 2006, this happened 21, against 24 times the year before. Separate subjects are addressed by separate emails.

The centres

Up to March 2007, 17 members sent in results over 2005 and 13 did not so far. It is hard to draw reliable conclusions this way, therefore the questionnaires are not yet summarised. In 2007, the questionnaire will be limited to only 3 questions.

The website

There is a separate overview over the website activities in 2006, including plans for 2007. The EXARC website had 14.000 visits in 2006 or 38 visits per day (27% more than in 2005). The calendar, bibliography and EuroREA grew in attention, most spectacular was EuroREA.

The most popular pages on the EXARC website are (except from the homepage):

	2006	2005	
1. (2) Calendar of events	2.313	1.945	(19%)
2. (1) EU projects	2.208	2.741	(-21%)
3. (6) Bibliography	1.956	1.235	(58%)
4. (3) Members' presentation	1.808	1.631	(11%)
5. (7) EuroREA	1.536	668	(130%)
6. (4) Meeting	1.404	1.482	(- 5%)
7. (5) Links	924	1.272	(- 27%)
	12.149	10.974	(11%)

Probably, some parts of the EXARC website will be moved to *live*ARCH, but still accessible from EXARC. This is point of discussion. Talk is about the calendar, articles, speeches &, the bibliography. This in effect, means the core of the EXARC website will be a presentation of the members, a history of our EU projects and a presentation and shop for our publications. Please note that EuroREA also has its own url: www.eurorea.net. Moving the material means the possibility of better design and maintenance as well as still being accessible in two places.

The links as well as the animation of Europe will be accessible at *live*ARCH, Delphi and EXARC. The single item solely available through Delphi are the questions.

Attachment 1: financial report over 2006
On January 1st, 2006, the balance of our account was € 1.171,13, exactly 12 months later, this had grown to € 1.922,62. We had a total income of membership fees of € 1.570,52 and a total expenses of € 819,03.

The expenses were:	20	003	2004	2005	2006
Secretarial costs:	€	25,00	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 150,00
EXARC signboards:	€	-	€ 536,30	€ -	€ 255,38
Costs for EuroREA:	€	-	€ -	€ 374,00	€ -
Postal costs:	€	-	€ 50,00	€ -	€ 106,72
Funeral costs:	€	-	€ 50,00	€ -	€ -
Costs for homepage:	€	50,90	€ 145,78	€ 209,44	€ 262,18
Costs for meals (meet.)€	-	€ -	€ -	€ 39,40
Bank Costs:	€	7,00	€ -	€ 1,47	€ 4,95
In total:	€	82,90	€ 963,84	€ 852,43	€ 819,03

For 2007 we can count with an income of membership fees of € 1.600,00.

The finances were examined by Marlise Wunderli and Eddie Wills. The secretary has the results.

Gunter Schöbel, treasurer EXARC