CIDOC Core Data Standard for Archaeological Objects

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We publish the standards for archaeologicals objects core data documentation, published by the CIDOC (ICOM workgroup about archaeological sites).

0. IDENTIFICATION

- 0.1. Computer record number (Number automatically generated by the system)
- 0.2. Link to other records (Number(s) of the records for similar objects, to manage according to the system)

1. INSTITUTION(S)

1.1. INSTITUTION WHERE THE OBJECT DESCRIBED IS KEPT

- 1.1.1. Name of the institution (Official name of the institution in the mother tongue, eg musée du Louvre, National Museum, Museo Arqueologico)
- 1.1.2. Location of the institution
- 1.1.2.1 Country
- 1.1.2.2 Intermediary administrative division, eg Bouches-du-Rhône, Lazio, Cambridgeshire
- 1.1.2.3 Commune, district, borough, eg Marseille, Roma, Cambridge
- 1.1.2.4 Smaller adminsitrative division (hamlet, locality), eg Ostia

1.2 INSTITUTION LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OBJECT

Where the proprietary institution is curatorially responsible for the object, arrange for automatic duplication from 1.1

- 1.2.1. Name of the institution (see 1.1.1)
- 1.2.2. Location of the institution
- 1.2.2.1 *see 1.1.2.1*
- 1.2.2.2 see 1.1.2.2
- 1.2.2.3 *see 1.1.2.3*
- 1.2.2.4 see 1.1.2.4

2. IDENTIFICATION REFERENCES

- 2.1. Inventory number of the work (*Unique number given by the proprietary museum*)
- 2.2. References to the stratum (?)
- 2.3. Number of the object given on site

3. NAME OF THE OBJECT

- 3.1. Category (Give the main functional types for the object, eg funerary object, object for transport)
- 3.2. Designation
- 3.3. Name
- 3.4. Details (Specify if it is a fragment, a set, or if the object belongs to a set, eg fragment, set, part of group; Specify, if applicable, the number of items in the group)

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4. TITLE - DESCRIPTION - ICONOGRAPHY

- 4.1. Title of the work
- 4.2. Description
- 4.3. Iconographic analysis

5. MATERIAL - TECHNIQUE

- 5.1. Material (List of materials used in the manufacture of a 3D object)
- 5.2. Technique (*Technique(s)* in the manufacture of a 3D object)
- 5.3. Further information (optional) (Clear description allowing the association of the materials and techniques so as to account for the complexity of the object)

6. DIMENSIONS AND FORM

- 6.1. Unit (Dimensions are normally given in centimetres)
- 6.2. Height: h
- 6.3. Length: I
- 6.4. Depth: d
- 6.5. Diameter: di
- 6.6. Weight: w
- 6.7. Form

7. ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

- 7.1. Manner of discovery (Eg chance find, regular excavations (institution), inventor)
- 7.2. Place of discovery (Eg country, region, département, district, borough, locality)

Also provide precise references for the site, eg Lambert co-ordinates

Other details, eg grotto, house, square

- 7.3. Level, layer
- 7.4. Significant associations (Eg in a hearth, a tomb, etc)

8. AUTHOR AND CULTURAL MILIEU

- 8.1. Actual or ascribed author (if known; Eg painter of "Pan")
- 8.2. Justification of the attribution (Specify the reasons (signature, literacy sources, style etc) and, if possible, the author of the attribution; Choose the most usual transcription of Proper Names (possibly add a phonetic transcription in brackets)
- 8.3. Region, style, workshop

Eg Seine Oise Marne (Protohistory), "oriental style" (Greek ceramics), Lazoux (sigillée), Trèves (coin)

9. INSCRIPTIONS AND MARKS

- 9.1. "Type" (Eg stamped, en exergue, engraved)
- 9.2. Position
- 9.3. Description of transcription
- 9.4. Language of the inscription (if applicable) (Indicate the language of the inscription, the alphabet, the height of the letters etc)

10. DATE AND EPOCH

10.1. Dating by year

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Exceptional: coin, inscription

10.2. Epoch (Dating by millennium, period, reign, century etc, eg La Tène I, 1stC BC, Thinite Era, Cycladic Middle Bronze Age)

11. ACQUISITION

- 11.1. Acquisition method (*Eg purchase*, *donation*, *bequest*)
- 11.2. Date of acquisition (by year)
- 11.3. Previous owner (Give the name of the previous owner of the work (collector, gallery, institution) prior to its acquisition by the museum)

12. STATE OF CONSERVATION

- 12.1. Treatment restoration
- 12.2. Analyses