



"Guardians of the contexts" – towards (more) responsible use of European archaeological resources

International conference

on the legislation, strategies and principles for the inclusion of the amateur archaeologists & metal detectorists into the scientific research and heritage protection schemes, and consolidation of the legal framework and practical measures for the prevention of looting and illegal trade in antiquities

Place: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Date: 6th April 2018

Venue: National museum of Slovenia ([link](#)), Metelkova-Maistrova 1 (SI-1000 Ljubljana)

Programme

8:30–8:45 Welcome address and introduction

Anton Peršak, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia

Dragan Matić, the Chair of the parliamentary Committee on culture of the Republic of Slovenia

8:45–11:00 Session 1

Jelka Pirkovič: The predecessors of modern regulation regarding archaeological remains and finds – the case of Slovenia

Andrej Gaspari: The concept and development of the legal framework for the protection of portable archaeological heritage in Slovenia: ten years after the adoption of Cultural Heritage Protection Act (2008) and beyond

Uršula Belaj: Crime related to cultural heritage in Slovenia

Marija Brus: The return procedures of unlawfully removed objects of cultural heritage

Uroš Košir: Detecting modern conflicts. Metal detector survey of post Second World War mass execution sites in Kočevski rog, Slovenia

Boštjan Laharnar: "Treasure hunter" finds: two assemblages from south-western Slovenia

Branko Mušič, Matija Črešnar: Metal detector as a prospection tool and its perspectives

11:00–11:30 Coffee break



11:30–13:30 Session 2

Boris Kratofil, Hrvoje Vulić, Anita Rapan Papeša, Maja Krznarić Škrivanko: It's just a tool – metal find statistics as an indication for obligatory use of metal detectors in archaeological excavations

Hrvoje Vulić, Boris Kratofil, Anita Rapan Papeša, Maja Krznarić Škrivanko: Lone wolf or leader of the pack? Why controlling a process is better than just witnessing it?

Igor Kulenović, Neda Kulenović Očelić, Filomena Sirovica: Collateral damage to archaeological heritage after an armed conflict: free falling through administrative cracks

Saša Kovačević, Zoran Wiewegh: Illicit excavations, misuse of metal detectors and illicit trade in archaeological items – legal regulations and procedures in the Republic of Croatia

Hrvoje Potrebica: Synergy approach in protecting of archaeological heritage from unauthorized collection and excavation

Milan Horňák, Martin Kvietok, Radoslav Ragač: Strategies for metal-detector research in the mountainous areas of Slovakia

Jan Mařík: Metal detecting in the Czech Republic

13:30–14:30 Lunch break

14:30–16:00 Session 3

Eva Steigberger: Legal aspects and best practise examples – a typical case of contradiction?

Michael Waldher: Netzwerk Geschichte Österreich (NGÖ)

Katalin Wollak: Two sides of the coin – the Hungarian experiment

Iulian Ganciu: Patterns of destruction: looting practices on archaeological sites in Romania

Andris Kairiss: Protection of archaeological heritage, cooperation and legal considerations: Latvian case study

Adam Daubney, Michael Lewis: Preserving and Protecting the Past: perspectives gained from 15 years of liaison and recording metal-detecting finds in England and Wales

Final discussion, conclusions and recommendations of the meeting