



Discovering the Archaeologists of Europe: European Association of Archaeologists



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Discovering the Archaeologists of Europe (DISCO) is a transnational project with the aim of examining the profile of the archaeological profession across twelve countries of the European Union:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Netherlands
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- United Kingdom

It is funded by the European Commission through the [Leonardo da Vinci II](#) fund. The **European Association of Archaeologists** (EAA) is a partner in this project which is being managed by the **Institute of Field Archaeologists** (IFA) in the United Kingdom.

The project began in 2006, and will be completed in 2008 when the final reports are posted on the official EAA website: <http://www.e-a-a.org/>

EAA is a membership-based association open to all archaeologists and other related or interested individuals or bodies.

EAA currently has over 1100 members from 41 countries worldwide working in prehistory, classical, medieval and later archaeology. They include academics, aerial archaeologists, environmental archaeologists, field archaeologists, heritage managers, historians, museum curators, researchers, scientists, teachers, conservators, underwater archaeologists and students of archaeology

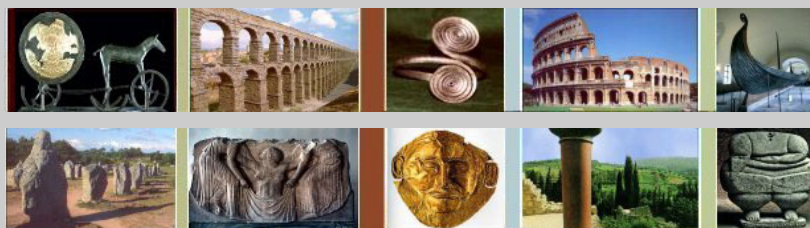
The Survey

The project's partnership with EAA is linked to its aims, which seek to improve understanding of the requirements for, and future capacity to provide for, transparent qualifications for archaeologists across Europe. The project also seeks to identify existing barriers to trans-national professional mobility through the collation and dissemination of discrete national surveys, completed by each of the project's twelve national partners.

The surveys in each of the participating countries aim to define "What is an archaeologist?" and "Who is an archaeologist" by identifying:

- the number of archaeologists employed
- age profile and gender
- qualifications and skills
- nationality
- professional titles and roles
- salary profiles

These surveys profile the archaeological profession in each country and the results, in turn, will feed into an integrated European report setting out the principle findings.



Dissemination of the Results

The results of each of the twelve national surveys are presented as a series of posters at the **6th World Archaeological Congress** and will also be hosted on the project's website in their national languages and in English. <http://www.discovering-archaeologists.eu/>

A final, integrated report, to be prepared by IFA, which will be presented in a dedicated session at the **Annual Conference of the European Association of Archaeologists 2008** (16-21 September 2008) in Malta.

The integrated report will be edited and presented as a peer reviewed paper in the **European Journal of Archaeology**.



A link will be provided between the EAA website <http://www.e-a-a.org/> and the web site of the Discovering the Archaeologists of Europe <http://www.discovering-archaeologists.eu>. Through this link the members of EAA will be able to access the websites of a number of the participating archaeological professional bodies.

