



**ENFSI Project Group
Forensic Archaeology**

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Membership of the ENFSI Project Group Forensic Archaeology

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Concerning **Developments within the ENFSI Project Group Forensic Archaeology**

Dear All,

With this letter I wish to inform you on new developments within our project group (PG).

Steering Committee

We are happy to announce that our PG has a full steering committee, as requested by the ENFSI statutes. The committee will start its work in January 2016, and will finalise the documents needed to create an ENFSI Expert Working Group (EWG) Forensic Archaeology. If we succeed to become an EWG, the committee will run for approximately 1.5 year, to finalise the structure of the EWG. After this period the group members will be able to elect a new steering committee.

The members of the steering committee are:

- Chair Mike Groen (NFI, the Netherlands)
- Co-chair Ian Hanson (ICMP)
- Quality management person Jan Kiesslich (University of Salzburg, Austria)
- R&D person Yves Schuliar (IRCGN, France)
- Education and training person Matteo Barone (American University of Rome, Italy)
- Website Kerstin Becker / Ralf Neumann (BKA, Germany)
- EMFA 2016 organisation Geoff Knupfer (ICLVR)
- Secretariat Irene O'Sullivan (NFI, the Netherlands)

Minutes 3rd Annual PG Meeting at IRCGN, Pontoise, France

The official minutes concerning our last annual meeting are being finalised at the moment. We will send the official minutes to all PG members beginning of January 2016.

'Hands on' excavation exercise, March/April, 2016

A 'hands on' excavation exercise for all PG members, to compare our excavation methodologies, is being planned at Leiden University, the Netherlands. For this purpose we have buried a couple of plastic skeletons that will be excavated in March/April 2016. PG members from at least four European countries will be participating in this exercise.

Should you also be interested in participating, please inform me before the end of January 2016.

Short Summer Course in Forensic Archaeology, July 25-29, 2016

University of Leiden, Department of Archaeology, the NFI and the Dutch National Police are organising a five-day course (25-29 July 2016) in search, excavation and documentation of clandestine graves. The course is aimed at forensic practitioners who would like to improve their search, documentation and excavation skills of clandestine graves. The search and excavation

exercises will take place at a Dutch military base. The price for the course is 650,- Euro p.p. for PG members. A maximum of 16 persons will be able to attend (four persons per clandestine burial). Should you be interested in participating, please send me an e-mail before June 1st 2016. I will forward your application to the Leiden University admission office.

4rd Annual PG Meeting 2016, August 25, 2016

As announced earlier, our 4th annual PG meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25th 2016, 13-17 PM. All of you are most welcome to attend. The venue will be disclosed beginning of January 2016.

EMFA 2016, August 26-27, 2016

The 5th European Meeting on Forensic Archaeology (a Lustrum!) will be held on Friday, August 26th and Saturday, August 27th 2016. There is no conference fee, although a limited sum will be asked for food and drinks offered during the conference. The exact venue will be disclosed beginning of January 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how forensic archaeology is organised and practiced within different European countries; to present case studies and R&D work (e.g. human taphonomy, geophysics); to meet foreign colleagues; and to inform you on the advancement of the ENFSI forum for Forensic Archaeology. As always, you are all invited to participate in the EMFA and to give an oral presentation on one of the above mentioned topics. It is estimated that each presentation will last c 20-30 minutes, depending on the total number of presentations. Posters on forensic archaeological topics are also most welcome. Please send proposals for oral presentations and posters to me, preferably before end of March 2016.

Monopoly 2016 Program Call

The ENFSI Board has received one proposal regarding the Monopoly 2016 program call on behalf of our PG group. This call was submitted by Lars Krants (Moesgard Museum, Department of Archaeology, Denmark) and is entitled "The whole package - an integrated collaboration between dog support units, forensic scientists, archaeologists and anthropologists".

Of importance is that the deadline for M2016 program calls has been extended by the ENFSI Board until February 2016. Please feel free to submit additional proposals (with me in CC).

ENFSI Membership Annual Meeting, May 11-13, 2016

The ENFSI Board will prepare our submission to become an official ENFSI EWG for the ENFSI Membership 2016 Annual Meeting in Bilbao, May 11-13. During this meeting the ENFSI Membership will be able to vote about the future of our PG group. The available choices (at the moment) are: (1) officially recognise us as an ENFSI EWG, (2) merge our PG with an existing EWG, or (3) prolong the PG status of our group.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With best regards,
Mike