

The development of analysis and visualisation tools for database orientated palaeoenvironmental and climatic studies

Workshop Program

Preliminary schedule

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Monday 5th – Sunday 11th October 2009

We'll fit coffee brakes in when and where required.

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Day	Time	Itinerary	Suggested location	Details
Sun 4th	18.00	<i>Early arrivals can meet in the hotel and we can find somewhere for dinner</i>		
Mon 5th	9.00 – 13.00	Guests arrive and settle in, eat lunch	Feel free to join us at the labs or arrange other meetings.	Click for Google Maps link
	13.00 – 14.00	Introduction to and tour of The Environmental Archaeology Lab. (Karin Viklund/Johan Linderholm)	MAL (Environmental Archaeology Lab.)	Increased international awareness of interdisciplinary resources available at Umeå Faculty of Arts.
	14.00 – 15.00	Introduction to and tour of HUMlab (Patrik Svensson/Fredrik Palm/?)	HUMlab1	Give participants time to talk outside of the meeting frame, form group strategies etc.
	15.00 – 16.30	Coffee, tour of campus, informal discussions, final arrangements and independent meeting time.	HUMlab, coffee shops...	If most people have arrived by this point then we can formalise this as a pre-workshop session. If everyone has arrived then we can pull the schedule forward and expand Wednesday/Thursday's discussions.
	18.30	<i>Meet in hotel lobby and find dinner</i>		
Tue 6th	9.00	Meet in the hotel lobby. If it's nice weather we'll walk up to the campus (ca. 30 mins)	HUMlab1	
	10.00 – 10.30	Workshop introduction	HUMlab1	
	10.30 – 12.00	Individual project presentations	HUMlab2	Outline the groups' various projects, status reports, other background info...
		<i>Lunch on campus or at local pub</i>		
	13.30 – 17.00	General discussion on systems requirements and specific tool topics: - (Dating) quality indices & visualisation there of - Climate reconstruction, species range predictions - Environmental reconstruction, multi-proxy biomes - Multi-proxy data/result visualisation - Interface design in general - Database cross-querying, linking - Advanced querying/data mining interfaces - Online interfaces/presentation (in general) - Custom API's (SOAP...etc?)	HUMlab2	Identification of specific tool needs, general discussion of ideas. This session will filled as people suggest more topics for discussion - suggestions please!
	18.30	<i>Meet in hotel lobby and find dinner</i>		

Wed 7th	9.30 – 10.30	Identification of potential development projects & actors	HUMlab2	Identification of potential community workgroups, i.e. define subgroups to brainstorm on the areas outlined as a result of the above discussions.
	10.30 – 12.00	Workgroup discussions around above specifications	HUMlab1,2, coffee shops, sofa groups - wireless internet, so wherever is comfortable. HUMlab1 has numerous workstations and beanbags.	Workgroup draft reports on specific system requirements - informal technical specifications to aid the future development of tools.
	Afternoon (Or seminar 13.15 - 15.00)	Most participants free	Brian, George & Stuart are lined up for an open seminar session in HUMlab1, on the theme of visualisation, georeferencing and the work of their respective units.	I'll send out specific details of this session later, but all others should feel free to either wander freely on campus or the town, or attend the seminar. We will provide maps and appropriate tourist information, and facilitate any other contacts as requested.
	18.30	<i>Meet in hotel lobby and find dinner (unless other arrangements/plans made during the day)</i>		
Thu 8th	Morning	All participants free		
	13.00 – 14.00	Workgroup discussions around above specifications	HUMlab1,2, coffee shops, sofa groups...	Workgroup draft reports on specific tool areas.
	14.00 – 16.30	Workgroups report and general discussion	HUMlab2	Reconvene as single group, present workgroup results for general discussion. Ideas exchange, identification of common requirements.
	18.30	<i>Conference dinner, meet in hotel lobby and walk to restaurant</i>		We will cover the cost of food, but not beer/wine at Swedish prices!
Fri 9th	9.00 – 12.00	General discussion continued; Formulation of requirements/specifications	HUMlab2	Either/or continue Thursday's discussions; formalise some technical specifications for planned tools.
		<i>Lunch on campus or at local pub</i>		
	13.30 – 15.00	Discussion of collaboration/work division possibilities and network activities	HUMlab2	Consolidate our discussions and dreams, and try to assess what can realistically be achieved through our current collective resources, upcoming projects.
	15.00 – 16.30	Sketch projects, draft collaboration ideas	HUMlab2	Future project outlines, future meetings schedule, funding options list
	18.30	<i>Meet in hotel lobby and find dinner</i>		
Sat 10th	10.00 – ca 15.00	Excursion, informal discussions	Elk House, Bjurholm elk farm, ca 1 hour from Umeå.	The people at the Elk House (that's Moose House to some of you) will give us a tour, an elky slideshow, and then provide us with the raw materials and place to have a barbeque. This will inevitably be meat orientated, so any vegetarians etc. should let me know before hand so we can sort out alternatives.
Sun - Mon		Participants leave, we can help arrange further meeting/tourism/eating activities for those of you leaving on Monday or later.		Organisers will produce workshop summaries and distribute final documents