Agenda for Seals Meeting
Dumbarton Oaks
July 8-11, 2011

Aims for the meeting: to finalize vocabulary for the object and iconography sections of the catalogue

Lunch at Refectory

FRIDAY: General Discussion

Tasks:
- agree upon the goals and parameters of the DO catalogue
- Decide about the role of the Getty Database metadata standards in our own design
- Begin to review relevant categories from the Getty standards and decide whether to employ them

2:30-3:30pm: General issues, problems and updates. Discussion of general questions (Group discussion; John and Alicia will present a list of questions they have). Update from Kathy on progress.

3.30 pm: Break

4.00pm: Review fields for object level agreed in December; look at some sample seals to establish problems

5.00pm: Begin discussion of Getty, Iconoclass categories and terminology (Alicia and John)

Dinner at Kasbah

SATURDAY: Metadata categories and terms

Tasks:
- Complete agreement on Getty
- Discussion of categories and hierarchies designed by Vivien
- Begin determination of categories and terms

9:30-10:30am Review of Getty metadata categories, definitions, and hierarchies that should work well for our purposes (John and Alicia; please review pre-circulated list of terms and definitions)

10:30 am-noon Review of Vivien's categories and hierarchies for cataloging seals (Group discussion; please review pre-circulated document)

Noon-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3.00pm: Review of Vivien's categories and hierarchies for cataloging seals (cont.)

3.00-3:30pm Break

3:30-5.00pm: Revise the terms used to populate categories for seals depicting "human figures" and "scenes", checking against pulled seals

Dinner at 3026 ½ R St NW

SUNDAY: Metadata categories and terms (cont.)

Tasks
  • Determine categories and their terms (cont.);

9:30am-noon: Revise the terms used to populate categories for seals depicting "objects," "animals," and "other", checking against pulled seals

Noon-1:30pm lunch

1:30-3.00pm: Review and conclude first draft of categories

3:30-4.00pm Break

4.00-5.00pm Review and decide agenda for Monday

Dinner at Divan

MONDAY: Test run of metadata categories and discussion of interface design

Morning: coins and seals summer school will be discussing the DO catalogue!

Lunch at Refectory

Afternoon: Discussion with Michael Sohn; Gudrun Buehl will also be with us

  • review and critique existing database models
  • convey to Michael Sohn the needs of the sigillographers and decisions taken

2.00-3.00pm: Review of other systems: Michael Jeffreys' database, VIA/OLIVIA, Embark

3.30pm Break

4.00-5.00pm: Report to Michael the results of the deliberations of the weekend; any questions about the new system and how it can embrace the needs of sigillographers and art historians