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QUESTIONNAIRE: FSD3487 FINNISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS RECORDING LINKED OPEN DATABASE: SURVEY ON USER NEEDS 2018

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SuALT User Questionnaire Survey

About the project
The Finnish Archaeological Finds Recording Linked Database (*Suomen arkeologisten löytöjen linkitetty tietokanta* – SuALT) is an idea to create a digital web service which caters for discoveries of archaeological material made by the public; especially, but not exclusively, metal detectorists. SuALT is a consortium project funded by the Academy of Finland involving researchers from the University of Helsinki, Aalto University and the Finnish Heritage Agency. It will provide a sustainable output in the form of Linked Data, continuing to help the public engage with cultural heritage, and to generate new research opportunities.

The SuALT database will contain information about finds locations, photographs and text based descriptions of finds. In the future, metal detectorist may be able to inform about their finds directly in the field to the museum authorities with their smartphones. The information in this interactive database is planned to be public for all its users. Through SuALT, finders may look at other peoples' finds and comment upon them at the same time as they can participate in interpreting them. At the same time this information will be available for museum authorities and archaeologists who will be able to see and research this data.

SuALT takes inspiration from the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) Finds Database (https://finds.org.uk/database) in England and Wales, however we aim to develop this database in a way that complements existing systems and laws in Finland, as well as international databases.

A key aspect of this development is to understand the potential needs and preferences of the different people who may interact with or make use of SuALT in the future. We hope that SuALT will result in a sustainable digital data resource that responds to different user needs, and which provides high quality archaeological research which draws on data from Finland and links seamlessly to similar data from other parts of Europe.

You will help us achieve this goal by answering the following questionnaire.

Personal details
Name (Optional):

Role (tick as many as apply):
- metal detectorist
- amateur historian / archaeology enthusiast
- Artefact collector
- Landowner / farmer
- museum professional
- authority
- archaeologist / researcher
- student, your major subject:
- other (please state):

Age:
- under 18 years
- 18-25 years
- 26-35 years
- 36-45 years
- 46-55 years
- 56-65 years
- over 65 years

Profession:

- Qualification (please choose):
- PhD. or licentiate degree
- MA/ higher tertiary education
- BA/ lower tertiary education
- High school/Secondary school
- Comprehensive school
- Other (please state):

Gender (please choose)
- Female
- Male
- Other / prefer not to say

Country:
                Finland
                Other (please write):
If answered Finland: County or Municipality?

Experiences and Expectations of Users

- In what language should people be able to report finds?
- Finnish
- Swedish
- English
- Other (please write):

Have you reported finds to the Finnish Heritage Agency before? Yes/No

If yes, how many finds do you estimate that you have reported annually to the Finnish Heritage Agency?
None
- 1-5
- 5-10
- 10-20
- 20-50

- 50-100
- 100-200
- over 200

How do you record the find spot of a find at the moment?
- With a GPS device
- With the GPS in my phone
- Analogically on a paper map
- I do not record find spots
- In another way (please explain):

What general expectations do you have towards how you would use the SuALT database? (select as many as are relevant)
- I hope to use SuALT to register and record archaeological material that I have personally discovered
- I hope to use SuALT to register and record archaeological material on behalf of friends or colleagues
- I hope to use SuALT to help me identify and date my discoveries
- I hope to use SuALT to help to identify other people's finds
- I hope to use SuALT to help identify similar objects from elsewhere
- I hope to be able to utilize SuALT as my own personal Find gallery
- I hope to use SuALT for my personal research (please explain how)
- I hope to use SuALT to compare archaeological material from Finland with similar data from other countries
- I hope to use SuALT to compare archaeological material from different regions of Finland
- I hope to use SuALT to help me with archaeological research as part of my job
- Other (free text field)

Are you aware of the following digital artefact databases (Y/N)?

Finna

Europeana

Portable Antiquities Scheme (England and Wales)

MEDEA (Flanders)

Portable Antiquities of the Netherlands (PAN)

DIME (Denmark)

Are you aware of any other national or international artefact databases? (free text)

Do you have experience of contributing to or browsing finds databases in other countries? (Y/N)
Which databases? (free text)
What features did you like about them? (free text)
What features did you dislike about them? (free text)

Types of user

Many systems similar to SuALT assign different roles to users for example based on their levels of knowledge, reasons for using SuALT (for example to report finds or to access finds data in different ways), and their other aspects of their roles such as if they are experts helping to identify finds. In this section we ask a few questions about whether there should be different roles assigned within SuALT, and what these roles should be.

Should levels of access to the SuALT data vary based on the different user roles?
Yes
No
Please explain your answer (free text)

Which of the following user types would be useful for SuALT (tick all that you think are relevant)
- Amateur archaeologists / Amateur historians
- Hobbyist metal detectorists
- Field archaeologists
- Museum professionals
- Museum authorities / Finnish Heritage Agency staff
- Students
- University researchers
- Finds experts
- General public/ browsers
- SuALT managers
- Other (free text)

Should the roles and statuses differentiate between users in Finland and users abroad?
- Yes
- No
- How?

Would you be willing, on a voluntary basis, to help out with interpreting finds that are being entered into the database?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- I lack the expertise to help in this way
- Comments (free text)

Motivation

What potential issues would prevent you from using SuALT? Choose as many as are relevant
- Lack of access to the internet/data while I am in the field
- Lack of interest in contributing information to something like this
- If the recording/reporting process is too time-consuming
- I am not interested in using this kind of data in my research
- I am put off by digital applications
- I am worried that sharing information to SuALT will make sites more vulnerable to looters and others
- I do not want to share information publicly about sites where I find archaeological material
- I am not sure I understand what SuALT is
- I would rather report my information in person to a museum professional or someone similar to this
- I do not agree that we should be encouraging members of the public, including metal detectorists, to report archaeological information in this way
- I do not have a device which is suitable for reporting and recording finds
- Other (free text)

What would encourage/convince you to participate with SuALT?Choose as many as are relevant

- Opportunity to respond to user surveys such as this one
- Opportunity to attend information/training sessions about how to use SuALT
- Opportunity to discuss my needs and opinions in person (e.g. via a focus group, interview or similar meeting) while SuALT is still being developed
- Clearer information about how SuALT relates to the law and heritage practices generally in Finland
- Other (free text)

What might motivate you to participate with SuALT? Select as many as are relevant to you:
- a sense of responsibility to report my finds correctly and legally
- a sense of belonging to a 'community' because of participating with SuALT
- Online infomercials and other resources to help guide first-time or infrequent users
- recognition of my contribution to archaeological knowledge

- a sense of satisfaction from 'doing a good job'
- a chance to get feedback on my finds
- a chance to get feedback on my research
- an opportunity to interact with others online, for example through comment areas, direct messaging, or discussion forums
- a chance to interact with people who have different perspectives from me
- a chance to interact with people who have similar interests to me
- Other (free text)

Do you use a metal detector in your work or leisure time for finding artefacts? (Y/N)

If so, how often?
- Less than once a Month
- ·Once a Month
- ·A couple of times a Month
- Once or twice a week (mainly during the weekends)
- Several times a week (weekends and during weekdays)
- Almost every day during the snowless season

How long have you been metal detecting?
- Less than a year
- 1 year
- 2-4 years
- 5-10 years
- over 10 years
- over 20 years
- I don't know
- More information

Features and user needs

Please rate each of the possible features in terms of their importance, in your opinion, for the SuALT Finds Database (1=not important at all, 5=very important)

- Contact info of SuALT managers and finds specialists
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Discussion forum
- General SuALT blog
- Ability to collect certain artefact types into online 'finds galleries' and share the link with other people e.g. on the metal detectorist forums
- Limited/controlled access according to one's role (e.g. archaeologist, metal detectorist, student)
- Possibility to upload pictures of finds
- Possibility to upload information about find locations
- Project information, What is SuALT?
- Guides and brochures (e.g. searching with a metal detector, conservation, GPS)

- Online behaviour code (how do I behave on the platform?)
- Offline behaviour code (how do I behave 'in the field'?)
- Registration for an account
- Personal profile
- Privacy settings: details about the find location are shielded
- Privacy settings: the user chooses which personal details are visible
- Preference settings (e.g. interests)
- Search and filter options (e.g. search term, type of find, period, greater find area)
- Lists of terminology / thesaurus
- Opportunity to post comments on e.g. finds, blog posts
- Links to social media
- Different language options
- Online report form
- PM function or internal mail
- Visible member list
- Photo editor
- Member map to localize other members
- Professional identification / validation of finds
- Monthly competitions
- Badges (e.g. Find of the month, detectorist of the year)
- Experience level on the platform (beginner, expert...)
- Block other members, which makes their posts invisible to the user
- Possibility to 'Friend' other members
- Annual reports on platform performance and finds
- Download data (e.g. Photos of finds, details of identification...)
- Birthday calendar of all members
- Mobile application (e.g. to report finds while out searching or to pinpoint exact
- find location)
- Linking different finds and locations
- Pseudonyms (instead of using real identity online)
- Anonymity on public side of the database
- Integration with existing platforms (e.g. Finna, Europeana...)
- Personal find gallery
- Prioritizing find categories by SuALT management

How would you like to search for existing finds in SuALT? Select all that you feel are relevant
- Free text search to all database fields
- Filter finds by:
  - i) location (draw a bounding box on a map or input county/municipality/town/village name)
  - ii) object type
  - iii) material
  - iv) dimensions
  - v) weight
  - vi) broad time period
  - vii) discovery date range

viii)   name of the finder

viv)   other (free text)

It is a legal requirement in Finland to report the exact location of the artefacts that you find. Do you think that the level of accuracy reported publicly on the SuALT database should be controlled?

- Yes
- No
- More information: If you ticked yes, please explain further:

Interaction

If you have finds or collections consisting of e.g. coins and other artefacts that are over 100 years but have not been reported to Museovirasto before, would you be willing to report also these to the SuALT? (optional to answer)

- Yes
- No
- Comments: (free text)

If Yes then a follow up question:

Do you have information about the find locations of these finds?

- Yes
- No

If yes, then what kind of find information?

Comments; (free text)

How would you like to be contacted regarding feedback of your finds?

- through the SuALT system itself
- by telephone
- by email
- by social media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook)
- by letter

Would you like to "test" the SuALT database when it is close to completion, in order to give your feedback to the developers?

- Yes
- No

Would it be possible to invite you to further consultation, e.g. focus group or interview, later on in the project's development, if needed?

Yes/No:

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, please provide your personal details:

- name
- address
- email
- telephone number

Thank you!