

# Statutes of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

## of the Archaeological Information System of the Czech Republic

The SAC provides guidance and advice to the AIS CR on research issues and the technical aspects of the infrastructure. The composition of the SAC reflects all implications of the AIS CR infrastructure and the attached ongoing projects. The SAC is composed of internationally recognized experts in archaeology, digital cultural heritage, and research infrastructures. The members of the SAC possess the national and international reputation required to solve the scientific aspects of the AIS CR and the accompanying projects.

The SAC is consulted on scientific and technical problems raised by the Executive Board of the AIS CR (EB) during infrastructure implementation and operation. The SAC is regularly informed of its achievements and results by the EB and feedback is presented to the EB, which decides on the implementation of the recommendations. The SAC also assists with connecting the AIS CR to international networks and future EU projects. Project implementation and results are periodically reviewed by the SAC and a report provided to the EB on request, especially in the case of an official evaluation.

### **Basic principles of the SAC:**

- The SAC is composed of a minimum of five members.
- More than half the SAC members come from abroad.
- New SAC members are nominated by the EB or the SAC.
- New SAC members are approved by the EB.
- Membership of the SAC is withdrawn upon the SAC member's own written request and delivered to the EB.
- In justified cases, the EB may withdraw SAC membership; in this event, the member receives a written notification with the justification.
- From among its members, the SAC elects a chairman with a two-year mandate; the chairman's role is to communicate with the Project Manager and the EB on behalf of the SAC and to formulate the consensus of the SAC.

### **Key activities of the SAC include:**

- Sharing knowledge and expertise of issues relevant to digital humanities with particular regard to developments concerning archaeology.
- Monitoring compliance with good practice in the management and archiving of cultural heritage.
- Extending professional relations to foreign research communities focusing on digital humanities.
- Advising on research topics generated by current developments in digital humanities.

- Suggesting technical solutions and innovations in order to maintain the high level of the technical standards of the AIS CR infrastructure.
- Disseminating AIS CR data and research results at an international level.
- Participating in SAC meetings.
- Providing critical feedback and recommendations for the strategic research agenda of the AIS CR.
- Ensuring that the AIS CR infrastructure can be integrated into the heritage management systems of the CR and that it is compatible with European standards.