ADS Library: weaving a web of references

The HERALD Project

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Stage 1
- BIAB
  - Strategic vision
- OASIS
  - User needs

Stage 2
- ADS Library (BIAB & GLL)
- OASIS form redevelopment

Stage 3
- OASIS launch training and promotion
BIAB Stage 1 – strategic vision

BIAB could not continue its current form and needed a new home, so...

Who was using BIAB?
How would we combine the existing datasets?
How would we continue to add records in the future?
627 People responded to the survey

Have you heard of BIAB (British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography)?

- Yes - 85%
- No - 15%

Have you used BIAB?

- Yes - 80%
- No - 20%

There were over one hundred comments, the main points were:
About a fifth of respondents:

- Thought that BIAB is a great resource for archaeology and the historic environment
- Wanted links to online publications where available
- Thought that it should contain more up-to-date records
- Thought the data quality could be improved by the removal of duplicate authors
- Thought that the search interface could be improved

One in ten respondents thought that BIAB coming to the ADS was a positive step.
What was planned

Redesign the existing BIAB database to incorporate other existing datasets

Keep database up to date using automated feeds of data from large publishers

Add a web form in the new library to allow small publishers and volunteers to add and edit records
Consultation on the design
What is in BIAB

British Archaeological Abstracts
1968-1991

Archaeological Bibliography for Great Britain & Ireland
1940-1980

British Archaeological Bibliography
1992-1996

British & Irish Archaeological Bibliography
1997-2001

Reports of the Committee on Ancient Earthworks & Fortified Enclosures
1906-1939

Index of Archaeological Papers
1892 – 1910

Archaeological Investigations Project
1990-2010

BIAB online
2005-now
And more as more archives are added...
Fieldwork reports

- AIP
- biab
- combining duplicates
- ads LIBRARY
- OASIS
- GREY LITERATURE LIBRARY
Levels of OASIS data collection

- **OASIS LITE**: Bibliographic record & Report uploaded by HERs or contractors
- **OASIS BASIC**: Constitutes a basic HER record
- **OASIS PLUS**: Creates a rich metadata record for specialist / project specific recording
- **Environmental**
- **Human Bones**
- **Geophysics**
- **Other modules: Graveyards**
- **C14**
Register & ORCID

Organisation
e.g. Unit or HER

Joe Bloggs

Jane Doe

Anne Excavator
Organisation information pages

• One for each organisation
• Tells other OASIS users how this HER, Unit, Museum uses OASIS
• Partly automatically completed shows the settings in OASIS – OASIS LITE/STANDARD
• Also space for including an organisations description, logo and links out to organisation web pages. These are then used on the ADS library series pages
OASIS LITE : OASIS STANDARD

Enhanced Bibliographic record

- Data collected to describe the report only
- Report goes straight through to ADS Library
- HER doesn’t review record

Full OASIS fields

- Report waits until reviewed by HER
- Record intended to be used and reviewed by HER
### Bibliographic Record

#### What
- project name
- description
- event type
- monument
- artefact
- ecofact

#### Where
- grid reference
- CDP

#### When
- period

#### Associated Identifiers
- HER no.
- site code
- etc
- museum accession no.
OASIS reports – ADS Library

• The bibliographic record goes into the library straight away
• OASIS LITE: report archived and transferred with no delay
• OASIS STANDARD: report held until signed off by HER but transferred if not signed off within ? months; timescale to be agreed (most reports are signed off by HERs within 3 months of record creation).
• Should the HER be able to place an embargo on a report as well as the contractor?
Continuing to update the content
Small publishers can add records to their series using the online forms.
Library Home

The ADS Library brings together material from the British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography, the ADS library of unpublished fieldwork reports as well as documents from the ADS archives.

Click here to Browse all our records   Go to Admin section
Library Search Results

Keyword: richardson

- Hailes Castle, East Lothian [1949] J Richardson
- The Priory of Inchmahome, Perthshire [1949] James Richardson
- The Castle of Balvenie, Banffshire [1949] James Richardson
- Parliaments and Councils of Medieval Ireland, 1 [1951] H RICHARDSON
- The Cathedral Kirk of Moray, Elgin [1950] James Richardson
- The Irish Parliament in the Middle Ages [1952] H RICHARDSON
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What else will the library do?

• Allow users to add tags and comments to records
• Allow volunteers to add, edit and clean records
• Each record in the library will have a direct URL so that it can be included in external databases
• There will be direct links to resources where they are available online via DOIs
Joining it all up
Keeping up to date with ADS Library

The ADS Library will be launched in beta in early 2017

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