EAMENA-CPF Training 2020

Week 1: EAMENA Database v3 (Part 1)

For the first week of our training, we want to introduce all of you to the new EAMENA database, version 3, and also start building up a complete dataset that you'll work with for the rest of the training.

While many of the fields and terminology remain the same as the previous version of the database, we have a new user interface, and a number of new sections and fields, that we think will improve the way we record data.

This new version of the database has only been launched last week. You are the first official users of this new version of the database, so please let us know any of your thoughts and feedback about it!

If you have questions or comments, contact your Training Manager or post to our Facebook group.

Topics covered:
- General Introduction to the Database
- Basic Searching
- Person/Organization Records
- Heritage Place Records (not including Condition Assessment, covered in Week 2)
- Geoarchaeology Records

Activities:
1. Work through the tutorial documents and videos to familiarise yourself with the new EAMENA database.
    - Start with the 'General Introduction' tutorial to get an idea of the new user interface and some of the overall changes.

2. Find and update your Person/Organisation record to make sure the details are correct
    - If your profile does not already exist, make yourself a new one!

3. Practice your skills and explore the database by finding 2 to 3 records you created during previous trainings and enhancing them with missing or updated information where necessary and also by making 2 to 3 new records.

4. Discuss with your Training Manager about choosing a dataset of at least 30 sites, that you think would be good to work with for the duration of the training.
    - For example, a group of sites all within a certain geographic area, such as an EAMENA grid square or an area that you have surveyed, or a group of sites which have something in common, e.g. Neolithic tombs, Roman farms, etc.
    - These could be sites that already exist in the database (whether originally created by you or someone else), a new set, or a combination of both.

5. Edit, enhance, and/or create Heritage Resource records for your dataset, using the tutorials and videos as a guide, as well as remote sensing methodologies you learned in previous trainings.

P.S. Don't worry about doing Condition Assessments for now, as that will be our focus for Week 2!