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Research Fields

The Centre carries out research projects which aimed at learning more about the ancient societies, from Prehistory to the Middle Ages.

The units' transdisciplinary research programs concern the Mediterranean area, the Near and Middle East but also other geographical areas including the french territory.

The technical capacities of the federation support divisions are applied in the development and the valuation of tools and resources intended to the scientific community – mass digitisation and implementation of operational sequences; documentary databases; indexation and exploitation of multilingual thesauri; webportals...

The federation's units are involved in programs of the Lyon-St-Etienne University, for example the PALSE and the LABEX 'Intelligence des Mondes Urbains', as well as in various national and international programs.

Affiliated research units

- ArAr – Archaeology and Archaeometry (UMR 5138)
- Archéorient – Environnement and Societies of the Near East (UMR 5133)
- HiSoMA – History and Sources of Antiquity (UMR 5189)
- IRAA (Lyon branch) (USR 3155)

Through six divisions (around thirty engineers and technicians), the Federation enhances the support it provides to research : Administrative services, Communication and scientific mediation, Library, Publications, Archaeological techniques, Information systems and network division (PSIR)

In-house collaborative activities

The MOM's affiliated laboratories collaborate over common research projects and programs and over the implementation, development and distribution of tools and resources for research purposes.

Transversal programs in progress

- Research Data Management
- Water and societies
- Urban Building sites from Antiquity to the Industrial revolution
- Knowledge Transmissions
- Junior Research Projects

Resources

- Library: 80,000 volumes, 1,500 periodicals including 440 monitored titles, a collection of 1,500 ancient works. An increase of 2,500 books per year
- Publishing Division (MOM Editions). Four in-house collections, five joint publishing ventures, digital publication via Persée and OpenEdition Book. 180 catalogue entries, average output of seven titles per year
- Scientific Collections : photographs and documents from past and ongoing excavations, stamping reproductions of ancient greek and roman inscriptions, collections of references in archaeozoology, archaeobotany, or for ceramic study
- Online scientific Archives (ancient inscriptions, data of archeological excavations, maps...) and digital librairies (ancient reprints and books)

Technological platforms

- Archaeology and 3D Modelling (ArAr)
- Archaeological Cartography (Archéorient / FR MOM)
- Ceramology (ArAr)
- Digitisation and Databases(FR MOM)
- Heads of documentary Networks (FR MOM)
- Observation and Quantification of past and present Environments (OMEAA – shared between the EVS/Archéorient laboratories)
- Radiocarbon dating (ArAr)

Teaching and training education

The Centre plays an important role in the scientific training of students at the University Lyon 2 and several members have responsibility for degrees delivered by Lyon 2 university : PhD "Languages, History and Civilisations in ancient Worlds", masters "Ancient Worlds", "Archaeology. Sciences for archaeology", "Art History", a degree in Egyptology (DUES) and a degree in Assyriology, a first degree in Art History and Archaeology.

The MOM units host 130/150 doctoral students and around 40 French and foreign post-doctoral students every year.

MOM units organize also training courses and workshops for students and researchers (for example : geographic information system ceramic study, lithic technology).

Partnerships and international presence

- Partner of FRANTIQU (Federation and Resources for the Antiquity) for mangement information technology
- Close ties with the TGIR Huma-Num, principally via the 3 Consortia: MASA, Imageo, 3D SHS Collaborations with:
 - Many french and foreign Universities and Research Centers
 - French and foreign cultural Institutions
 - Departments of Antiquities of the countries in which the MOM is operating (Greece, Cyprus, Countries of the Middle East...)
 - Regional and local Authorities ; social and economic Actors

Outreach

The MOM supports collaborative actions for the dissimination of knowledge for society through:

- Public lectures and exhibitions in connection with ongoing research projects and with the MOM documentation and heritage collections; national or international events (ex : 'Innovatives SHS' of the CNRS, National days of the archaeology, Science fair, European night of Research).
- The multimedia collection « Truelles & Pixels » : digital packages, serious games, and other educational services for the promotion of research in archaeology. The contents/services are in free access. Some of them should be marketed with structures of mass mediation (Museums, clubs..) within the framework of a company of valuation to be created (developped in partnership with another research unit: Archéologie des Sociétés

Méditerranéennes, UMR 5140, Montpellier).

Equipment

- Digitization unit (A1 scanner) and operating Procedures for mass Digitization of images and text documents
- Field equipment for archaeological excavations and environmental Analysis within the context of research projects in the MOM laboratories
- Computing Infrastructure (networks, email accounts, servers, IT applications...)
- Video conférence and Teletraining
- Library
- Rooms dedicated to doctoral students and seminar or workshops

Keywords

Archaeology - Archaeometry - Geography – History – Ancient languages and literatures – Environmental studies – Prehistory – Protohistory – Antiquity – Middle Ages – Mediterranean and european areas – Near and Middle East – Digital Humanities – Archeological Techniques – Methodology – Scientific Publishing – Documentary Resources