INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
CONNECTING COLLECTIONS: UNLOCKING VALUE IN HERITAGE SAMPLES ARCHIVES
ÉVORA, PORTUGAL │ 13-15 JUNE 2022

Day 1: Monday, 13 June 2022
What's in the Box? Lifting the Lid on Heritage Samples Archives to Explore the Value of Hidden Treasures

Heritage samples archives (HSAs) are under-recognised and thereby critically challenged. This day is about defining, describing and communicating what heritage sample archives are, and their value and significance for the study of cultural and natural heritage.

Anticipated outputs from Day 1 include:
- A draft description of what is meant by a heritage sample archive
- A preliminary list of identified key terms and their definitions
- Reflections on approaches to identifying values and significance, and useful ways of communicating these

08:30	Registration
09:00	**[Plenary]** Welcome Address* (Dr. João Nabais, Vice- Rector UÉ, Dr. Patricia Moita and *Dr. António Candeias, HERCULES Laboratory & Dr. Webber Ndoro, Director-General, ICCROM*)
09:30	**[Plenary]** Current State of the Field and the Heritage Samples Archives Initiative* (*María Mata Caravaca & Alison Heritage, ICCROM*)
10:00	**[Plenary]** The Mora Collection* (*Milene Gil, University of Évora, Portugal*)
10:20	*Coffee*
11:00	**[Plenary]** Introduction to the Day: **Exploring the Value of Heritage Samples Archives**
11:10	**[Parallel Working Group Session]** *What is a Sample Archive? Defining Key Terms*
13:00	*Lunch*
14:30	**Poster Session:** *The Value and Significance of Heritage Samples Archives*
16:00	*Coffee*
16:30-17:30	**[Parallel Working Group Session]** *Approaches to Identifying and Communicating Values and Significance*
18:00-20:00	Welcome Reception at the Palace of D. Manuel (Public Garden, Évora)

Day 2: Tuesday, 14 June 2022
Getting more out of the Box: Converting Accumulated 'Stuff' into a Scholarly Resource

Institutions around the world hold material samples generated through heritage research pursuits. However, despite their precious nature, often these accumulated materials are not organised—which reduces their potential value and function. This day will explore necessary steps in managing, preserving and providing access to heritage samples so that they can serve as a scholarly resource, and the fundamental ethical principles governing such activities.

Anticipated outputs from Day 2 include:
- A review of key steps in heritage samples archival management
- Statement on ethical principles for heritage samples archives
- A review of key steps in developing access policies, and suggested strategies for enhancing access

09:00	**[Plenary]** Messages from Day 1: *Communicating the Value of Heritage Samples Archives**
09:50	**[Plenary]** Introduction to the Day: **Managing Heritage Samples Archives**
10:00	**[Parallel Working Group Session]** *Archival Processing*
11:00	*Coffee*
11:30	**[Parallel Working Group Session]** *Ethical Principles*
13:00	*Lunch*
14:30	**[Parallel Working Group Session]** *Access*
16:00	*Coffee*
16:30	**[Plenary]** Recap of Day 2: *Pathways to Improving the Management of Heritage Samples Archives**
18:00-19:30	Wine Tasting at Fita Preta

Day 3: Wednesday, 15 June 2022
Moving beyond the Box: Building a Sustainable and Impactful Future for Heritage Samples Archives

A primary purpose of heritage samples archives is to support research and education: communicative processes that achieve impact through sharing knowledge. Overcoming data siloes is therefore key to enhancing the function and impact of HSAs. However, for a resource to be useful, it must be known. Hence raising awareness and visibility—both within custodial institutions and beyond—is critical to long-term sustainability. This day will explore a number of themes relating to enhancing the use of HSAs through raising awareness of their existence, and unlocking the data they contain.

Anticipated output from Day 3 includes:
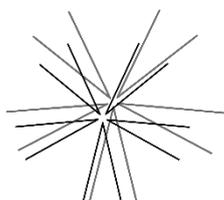- Outline future strategy for heritage samples archives

09:00	**[Plenary]** Roundtable Discussion: *Communicating Value, Enhancing Use** *(Moderator: Tom Learner, Getty Conservation Institute)*
09:50	**[Plenary]** Introduction to the Day: **Connecting Archives to Communities**
10:00	**[Parallel Working Group Session]** *Connecting Data through Shared Platforms*
11:00	*Coffee*
11:30	**[Parallel Working Group Session]** *Enhancing Research Opportunities*
12:30	Guided Visit to Évora University
13:30	*Lunch*
14:30	**[Parallel Working Group Session]** *A Future Vision for Heritage Samples Archives*
16:00	*Coffee*
16:30-17:30	**[Plenary]** Closing Remarks*

Day 4: Thursday, 16 June 2022
Excursion

12:00-20:00	Lunch with Guided Visit to the Historic Village of Monsaraz

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