Massaciuccoli romana: an Italian case of open work in progress

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Massaciuccoli (Lucca)

Excavation Area (feb 2011 – apr 2012)
Massaciuccoli.
pieve di S. Lorenzo
e resti della villa

il cantiere (2012)

2013
Massaciuccoli.

A rural building with therms and a little holy room (sacellum) (I-II AD)

(Il century AD)
The excavation

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18 months
6 professional archaeologists

80 students
Public funding (Arcus s.p.a.)
“Dissemination” and “communication” were included in the project from the beginning.

And from the beginning (2010) we thought they must be as close as possible to the OPEN DATA STANDARDS.
The project

Publish the excavation results ASAP

The after-excavation break is:

- an opportunity

- a risk: the more time it takes to publish the bigger is the probability of losing data data get older
The project

The public paid

We have to give them back the results
The project

...and to the archaeologists too
The project

Data get older
The strategy of communication

Exploit the potential of the Web

Publishing and disseminate excavation data is easier and cheaper

It makes possible to reach a wider audience
The strategy of communication

A Facebook account: where other archaeologists helped us with suggestions and followed the progresses of the excavation.
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The social

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The social
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4 months after the end of the excavation

ALL THE RAW DATA are on-line

free
totally downloadable
for the moment in the formats we produced them
The strategy of communication

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The wall analysis

- ALL the finds quantification and first cataloguing
- ALL the Areas stratigraphic reports

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- The Area matrix
- The Area pictures
- The finds quantifications and first cataloguing report
- The Area US forms

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The website contents

- The lists of all the finds are in .csv format
- Everything is under the License CC BY

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The dissemination

2 Reports

free

on-line downloadable

The "light one"
(for a wider audience)
The dissemination

2 Reports

- free
- on-line downloadable

The "technic one"
(for archaeology addicted)

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Conclusions

The synthesis reports are important but they can’t be considered sufficient.
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Raw data for reuse and recycle