**Culture and Heritage – the Basis for Collaboration on all Educational Levels**

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The University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities offers several Bologna programmes covering the topics of heritage studies and management. The Faculty of Humanities offers both undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses as well as engaging in scientific and specialist activities in the field of humanities, arts and social studies. The Faculty enjoys the advantage of being situated in the multicultural and bilingual area, providing the potential for drawing on positive cultural and economic influences.

An important part of the study and students’ training is also practical work on sites and monuments. The varied activities connected to the work on the archaeological site of the Roman maritime villa and the formation of an archaeological park also offer an excellent opportunity to combine scientific research and university education. Archaeology, heritage, history, museology, restoration, conservation and tourism are only some of the contents where students have contributed, deepening and expanding their knowledge in the framework of the official study process or workshops and summer schools.

With the organization of didactic workshops for children since 2008, the work in Archaeological park Simonov zaliv in Izola became well known. Since 2010 we developed the long life learning programme of workshops in collaboration with City Library Izola. We invited experts for mosaics, stone-cutting, ancient jewellery, costumes, etc. These workshops were organized as basic and advanced courses and took place at the site or in the library premises during the winter period. Additional programme included public lectures with the topics on archaeology, heritage, heritage management, local history, etc. and were open to the public.

This collaboration led further to the local schools and from the year 2011 our programme in the summer is oriented to workshops, lectures and other activities that we implement in the frame of the school programmes.

In conclusion, we can emphasise that including the Archaeological park Simonov zaliv in Izola into the study process of the Department of Archaeology and Heritage at the Faculty of Humanities University of Primorska is a good example of integrating studies and practical and research work, while at the same time also opening new paths of cooperation with the local community and in finding employment opportunities for the students.