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K-Peritia Working Group 3 - Professionalisation 2023-2024 Report

Introduction

This report provides an overview of the activities, outputs, and dissemination efforts of the K-Peritia working groups for the reporting period October 2023/October 2024. The report is structured chronologically, detailing the contributions of WG 3, including meetings, surveys, brainstorming sessions, webinars, publications, and outreach efforts.

1. Working Group Activities

Working Group 3 (WG3) conducted a survey focused on the design of a certification system for cultural experts. The primary objective of this questionnaire was to collect crucial data to support our initiatives related to certification in cultural expertise. The survey was conducted from December 3 to December 21, 2023, using the Typeform platform. Participation was anonymous to encourage open and honest feedback, resulting in a total of 32 responses.

The results of this survey were pivotal in shaping our understanding of the current landscape of certification systems and provided a strong foundation for future discussions. Following the survey, we actively participated in the opening event held in Oxford, which not only offered an opportunity to introduce the working group but also facilitated a rich exchange of scientific ideas. Several expert lectures were presented at the event, offering diverse perspectives on certification and accreditation across various disciplines.

Emma Varley led the discussions with her insightful presentation titled *Cultural Expertise: Debates Related to Certification*, sparking a lively debate on the complexities and ethical considerations within the certification process. Following this, Helena Belchior Rocha and Serdar Yener explored the broader implications of certification across disciplines with their lecture on *The Significance of Unified Certification and Accreditation in Cultural Expertise Across Disciplines*. Lastly, Matej Medvecký's presentation, *Accreditation in Slovakia*, offered a detailed case study on how accreditation is applied in a specific national context.

In parallel, the group continued to build on these ideas through a series of webinars hosted by Noelle Higgins, Mónica Nogel, and Blazej Kautz. These sessions provided a forum for further exploration and engagement with key issues surrounding certification.

Additionally, Mónica Nogel was awarded a Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) for her project titled *Detailed Analysis and Understanding of the Existing Accreditation System at the Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI)*. Conducted from March 18 to 28, 2024, her research focused on examining the RAI's accreditation system for forensic anthropologists. Key achievements of the mission include:

- A comprehensive understanding of the RAI's forensic anthropology accreditation framework, including the selection and examination processes for candidates.
- Interviews with key stakeholders such as Dr. David Shankland, Professor Lucina Hackman, and others, which provided valuable insights into the RAI's operations and its certification processes.



- Identification of best practices and challenges in the accreditation process, which will be used to refine WG3's approach to developing certification systems.

The STSM met its objectives, providing essential knowledge that will be integrated into WG3's ongoing work, including future publications and deliverables. Following her work, Mónica shared her experiences through a webinar and a blog report, offering valuable insights into the intricacies of existing accreditation frameworks.

The working group's efforts culminated in active participation at the Management Committee (MC) meeting in Istanbul, where Mónica Nogel and Noelle Higgins presented an in-depth report on the progress achieved thus far. Their presentation reflected the dedication and collaboration within the group, reinforcing the importance of developing unified certification standards in cultural expertise.

Several members of the working group participated in the Istanbul MC meeting and two training sessions, which helped deepen their understanding of various aspects of cultural expertise.

1.1 Chronological Summary of Activities

Date	Activity Type	Description	Link to Details
3 – 21/12/2023	Survey	Questionnaire to gather essential data to support our objectives related to certification in cultural expertise.	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Survey-poster2023.pdf
3-6/01/2024	Participation in the opening event held in Oxford	The first WG3 meeting focused on team-building activities, discussions on certification and accreditation opportunities, and planning for future webinars and an open-access repository for best practices. The meeting also included presentations on	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/WG3-agenda.pdf

		cultural expertise certification challenges across different contexts, a detailed survey review, and the finalization of the year's action plan.	
16/02/2024	Webinar	Presentation by Noelle Higgins. Title: „Cultural Expertise and the International Criminal Court	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/K-PERITIA-WG-3-Webinar-1.pdf
8/03/2024	Webinar	Webinar by Mónica Nogel. Title: Interdisciplinary Perspectives: Bridging Cultural Expertise and Forensic Science	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Interdisciplinary-Perspectives-Monika-Nogel.pdf
18-28/03/2024	Short-term scientific mission	Mónica Nogel visited the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, London, UK to analyse a model for the certification.	
12/04/2024	Webinar	Mónica Nogel shared her experience about the STSM.	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/STMS.pdf
16/04/2024	Webinar	Webinar by Blazej Kaucz. Title: Cultural Expertise, Hidden Curriculum,	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/K-PERITIA-Webinar-3-WG-3.pdf

		and Guilty Knowledge in Court Cases	
15/05/2024	Report on Progress	Presented by Noelle Higgins and Mónica Nogel on the MC Meeting in Istanbul.	
01/07/2024 – 30/9/2024	Working on use case manual	Preparation of the Use case manual on „Training Programmes and Accreditation Systems for Cultural Experts”	draft version available
04/10/2024	Participation in the K-Peritia event in Paris	Engaged in discussions, networking.	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Cultural-Expertise-Cultural-Heritage-and-International-Commercial-Arbitration.pdf

2. Outputs

2.1 Chronological Summary of Outputs

Date	Output Type	Description	Link to Output
3 – 21/12/2023	Survey	Questionnaire was to gather essential data to support our objectives related to certification in cultural expertise.	https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:eu:0833efdc-1838-4a1d-8d80-188a59cf0cef
16/02/2024	Webinar	Presentation by Noelle Higgins. Title: „Cultural Expertise and the	

		International Criminal Court	
8/03/2024	Webinar	Webinar by Mónica Nogel. Title: Interdisciplinary Perspectives: Bridging Cultural Expertise and Forensic Science	
31/03/2024	Blog post	Mónica Nogel shared the experiences gained during the STSM in a blog post.	https://k-peritia.com/monikanogel/
12/04/2024	Webinar	Mónica Nogel shared her experience about the STSM.	
16/04/2024	Webinar	Presented by Blazej Kaucz. Title: Cultural Expertise, Hidden Curriculum, and Guilty Knowledge in Court Cases	
30/9/2024	Use case manual	Use case manual on „Training Programmes and Accreditation Systems for Cultural Experts”	

3. Dissemination

3.1 Chronological Summary of Dissemination Activities

Date	Dissemination Channel	Activity	Link to Post/Details
16/02/2024	Webinar	Presentation by Noelle Higgins. Title: „Cultural Expertise and the International Criminal Court	
7/03/2024	Post on LinkedIn about the upcoming webinar		https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7171456274067283969
8/03/24	E-mail shared with the mailing list participants about WG3's webinar		Screenshot in Appendix C
8/03/2024	Webinar	Webinar by Mónica Nogel. Title: Interdisciplinary Perspectives: Bridging Cultural Expertise and Forensic Science	
31/03/2024	Blog post	Mónica Nogel shared the experiences gained during the STSM in a blog post.	https://k-peritia.com/monikanogel/

1/4/2024	Post on LinkedIn to share the blog post by Mónica Nogel about the experiences gained during the STSM in a blog post		https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7180503795980779520
2/4/2024	E-mail to the mailing list about the blog post		screenshot in the Appendix C
6/4/2024	Post on LinkedIn to advertise Webinar by Mónica Nogel on her experience about the STSM		https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7182460324476837888
12/04/2024	Webinar	Mónica Nogel shared her experience about the STSM.	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/STMS.pdf
16/04/2024	Webinar	Presented by Blazej Kaucz. Title: Cultural Expertise, Hidden Curriculum, and Guilty Knowledge in Court Cases	https://k-peritia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/K-PERITIA-Webinar-3-WG-3.pdf

30/9/2024	Draft Use case manual	Use case manual on „Training Programmes and Accreditation Systems for Cultural Experts”	
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4. Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis

4.1 Qualitative Analysis

- Narrative Summary: During the reporting period, WG3 focused on advancing discussions and activities around certification systems for cultural experts. Key activities included a survey, participation in international events, webinars, and a Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM). Notable themes explored were the complexities of accreditation across disciplines, ethical considerations, and interdisciplinary perspectives. Successful strategies included leveraging webinars for engagement and promoting collaboration through events like the opening event in Oxford and the MC meeting in Istanbul, and meeting in Paris.

Throughout the reporting period, the working group successfully launched a series of webinars aimed at fostering dialogue and sharing knowledge on key themes related to cultural expertise and certification. These webinars featured expert presentations and interactive discussions, attracting a diverse audience of participants.

The Working Group 3 developed a series of use cases to explore the practical application of training programs and accreditation systems for cultural experts, covering diverse fields such as forensic anthropology, international criminal justice, and cultural heritage, underscoring the importance of accredited expertise in ensuring credibility and impartiality across sectors.

The working group has grown to 24 members, reflecting a significant achievement in membership growth, which has strengthened collaboration and broadened expertise.

Challenges included navigating diverse accreditation frameworks and ensuring stakeholder engagement across disciplines. Lessons learned emphasized the importance of unified certification systems to enhance credibility and practice in cultural expertise.

- Key Insights: The activities have significantly contributed to the ongoing dialogue about cultural expertise certification, influencing both internal stakeholders and the broader academic community. The survey provided valuable data that shaped future discussions, and the webinars facilitated knowledge sharing and collaboration. The STSM strengthened the group's understanding of existing accreditation systems. These activities are fostering a growing consensus on the need for unified certification standards.

4.2 Quantitative Analysis



Engagement Metrics:

Metric	Value
Survey Participation	32 responses collected via Typeform (December 2023)
STSM Outputs	1 report, 1 blog
LinkedIn Posts	3
Mailing list e-mails sent	2
Webinars	4
Draft Use cases finalized	20

5. Conclusion

6. Appendices

- Appendix A: Detailed meeting minutes-

- Appendix B: Survey questions and responses-

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- Appendix C: Additional resources and links

E-mails distributed to the mailing list

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2024. 03. 08., P, 13:01

Interdisciplinary Perspectives- Mo...
161 KB

Dear list members,

I hope this message finds you well. I would like to invite you to today's webinar of the K-Peritia Working Group 3 (Professionalisation), titled „Interdisciplinary Perspectives: Bridging Cultural Expertise and Forensic Science”.

K-Peritia's first short-term scientific mission (STMS)

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Monika Nogel

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2024. 04. 02., K, 13:20

Dear Members of the Cultural Expertise Community,

We are pleased to announce that K-Peritia's first short-term scientific mission (STMS) has been completed. The brief summary of the work done at the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland is now available on our website as well: <https://k-peritia.com/monikanogel/>

Please feel free to leave a comment.



K-Peritia WG3 (Professionalisation) Introductory Survey

32 responses

Dear K-Peritia Participant! Working Group 3 (Professionalization) is tasked to design and disseminate a certification program on the basis of the theoretical framework of cultural expertise which features inclusivity and interdisciplinary perspectives. To begin the process, we would like to collect your experiences and ideas for our perspective of our work.

Please, if you have about 10 free minutes to fill out the questionnaire, help us with your contribution. You can do it until 20th of December 2023.

We would like to assure all participants that your responses to this survey will remain completely anonymous. No personally identifiable information is collected at any stage of this process.

In adherence to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), all data gathered through this survey will be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the data.

By participating in this survey, you are contributing valuable information that will be used solely for research purposes. The compiled data may be used to inform the development of a certification system for cultural experts in legal settings, but individual responses will not be identifiable in any published results.

Please be aware that you have the right to withdraw from the survey at any time without any adverse effects.

We appreciate your participation and your contribution to this important research.

Thank you for your time and valuable insights.

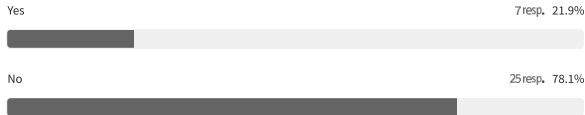
Best regards, Working Group 3 Team

32 out of 32 answered



Have you ever acted as a cultural expert in a court case?

32 out of 32 answered



Taking into consideration your own qualifications and area of expertise, how likely is it that you would act as a cultural expert in court proceedings in the future?

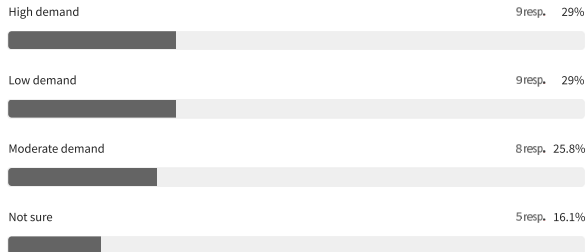
32 out of 32 answered

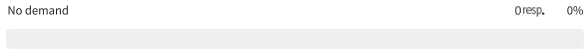




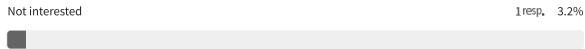
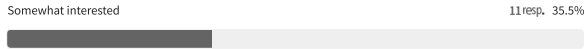
Do you perceive a demand for certain certification that can substantiate your expertise in the field of cultural expertise?

31 out of 32 answered





Would you be interested in pursuing a certification that recognizes you as a cultural expert specifically for court purposes?
31 out of 32 answered



What are the most important benefits you expect from the certification? (Please select all that apply)
31 out of 32 answered



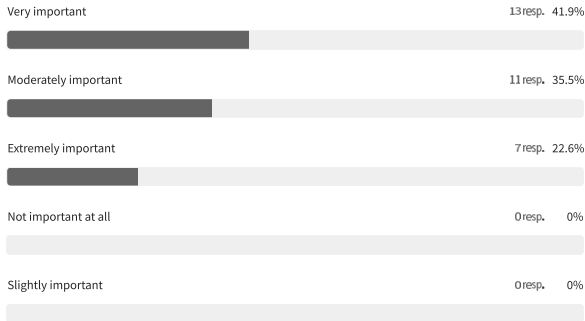
What are the most important benefits you expect from the certification?

1 out of 32 answered

Recognition and being part of a special group

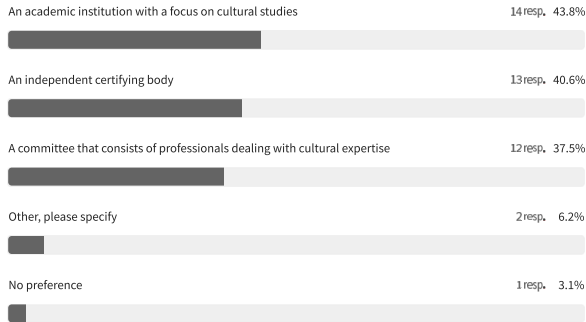
How important is the recognition or accreditation of the certification by professional bodies to you?

31 out of 32 answered



In your opinion, which type of organization should be responsible for issuing a certification for cultural experts in legal proceedings?

32 out of 32 answered



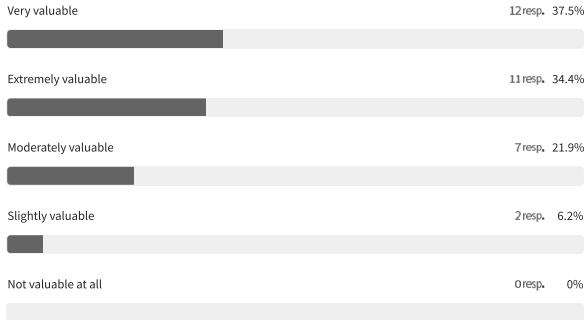
In your opinion, which type of organization should be responsible for issuing a certification for cultural experts in legal proceedings?
2 out of 32 answered

K-Peritia can be established as a Certification Organisation (based on the quality of the Consortium members)

Academic institutions, but no need to restrict them to cultural studies--it would depend on the specific focus on cultural expertise; also, academic institutions should collaborate with other decision makers, including experienced cultural experts.

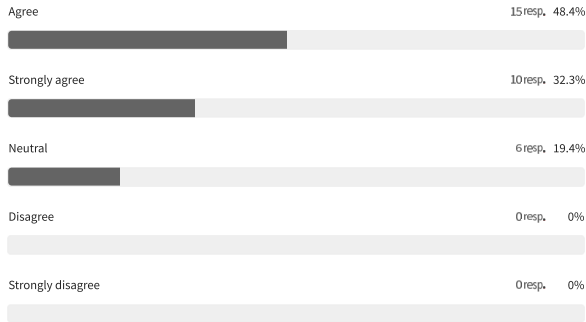
How valuable do you think such a certification would be for your role as a cultural expert in court?

32 out of 32 answered



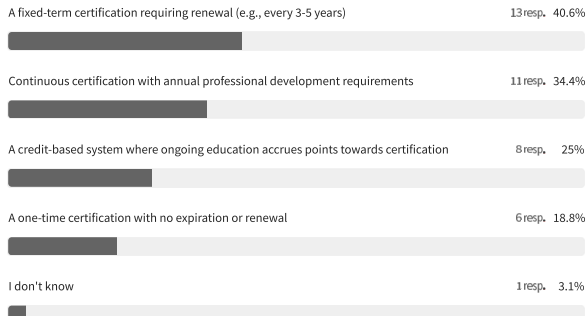
Do you believe that having a special certification for cultural experts would enhance the quality of cultural expertise in legal proceedings?

31 out of 32 answered



What type of system should govern the certification process?

32 out of 32 answered



Other (please specify)

1 resp. 3.1%

What type of system should govern the certification process?

1 out of 32 answered

This seems to be very context-dependent, in light of jurisdictional requirements and the type of expertise--it needs further study. Either type could be valuable in certain circumstances, I would imagine.

If a credit-based system is preferred, what activities should count towards earning credits?

32 out of 32 answered

Attendance at relevant workshops and seminars

21 resp. 65.6%

Completion of formal education courses

21 resp. 65.6%

Active involvement in legal cases as a cultural expert

17 resp. 53.1%

Participation in cultural exchange programs

15 resp. 46.9%



If a credit-based system is preferred, what activities should count towards earning credits?

2 out of 32 answered

Not sure

All could serve this purpose, but it is decisive to have an authoritative body relevant to determine which particular activities count (e.g. predatory publications or conferences without relevant credentials must not count).