



include pre-1600 and non-written information. The infrastructure of the digitisation project should allow for this. ME agreed. AL clarified that he was not referring to total exclusion of information, but that ideas should be excluded in the short to medium term. RA mentioned that the time period of 1600-1900 currently existed as this provided a good overlap of documentary, palaeo- and instrumental data.

It was agreed that all delegates would be sent a list of other delegates and the projects that they are involved in.

Meeting adjourned at 15.55. AL, RA and RI left.

Meeting recommenced at 16.25 with GA, ME, VD and Jim Livesey (JL)

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JL mentioned that the AHRC networking grant is a two-year project. He agreed with AL that specific outputs are important, but stated that this should be the outcome of the second meeting in Delhi. The first meeting should involve more speculative, blue-sky discussions. To be overly prescriptive in the first meeting would be detrimental to the long-term health of the project. However, JL agreed the technical capabilities of the project should be introduced first in the December meeting in order to allow blue-sky discussions to occur. Therefore any papers sent by delegates before the meeting should involve blue-sky thinking. Three parameters must be taken into account: the technical capacities (computer), the research questions (mind) and the material available (archive).

ME agreed and stated that triage would occur after evolution.

The text of an email to be sent out to all delegates was agreed between JE, VD, ME and GA. This focussed on three questions to be given to delegates. Where do you think important collaborative work in this area is? What are your research goals? What collaborative work are you already involved in? VD and GA agreed to draft this email and to send it to delegates within the next fortnight.

GA asked what should occur after the meeting in December. JL stated that a full report of the meeting should be put together. Certain nodes discussed at the meeting should be selected by VD and GA. Delegates should be sent these and asked to decide whether they agree with the decisions. The Delhi