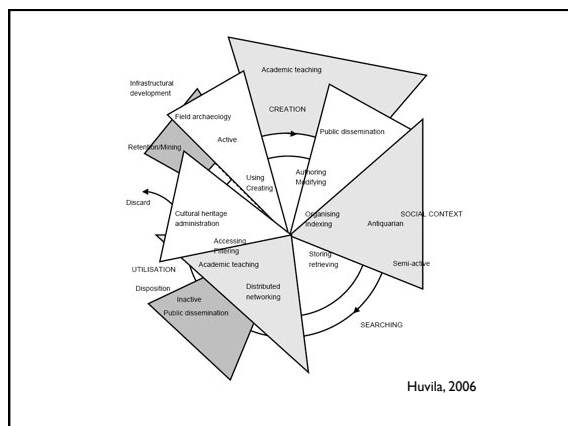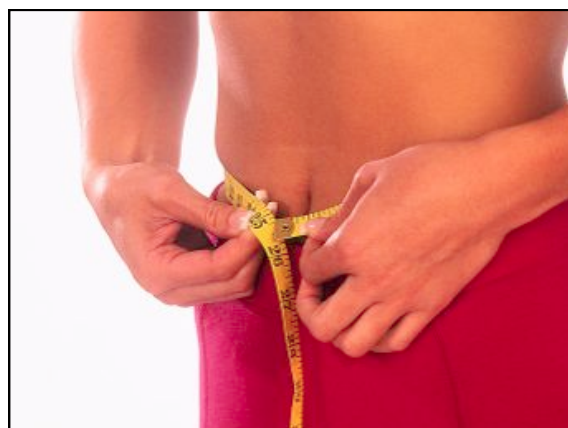Where is the library?

…or is it an archive?

Assessing the impact and implications of archaeological information collections

Dr. Isto Huvila
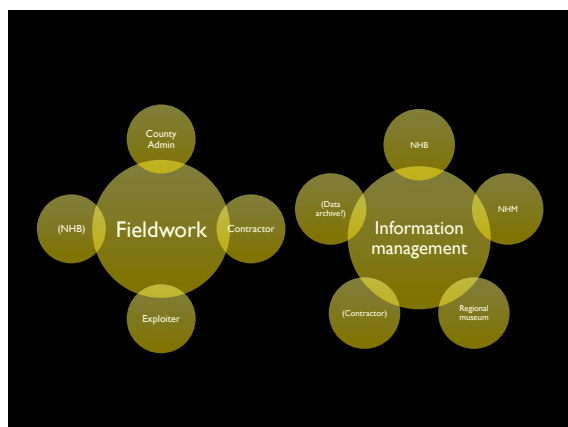Uppsala University
and Åbo Akademi University

Evaluation?

Huvila, 2006

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"It's kind of really important to preserve archaeology

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Exploiter

Regional museums

Information process

County Admin Board

Historical Museum

National Heritage Board

Empirical work

- Interviews of 16 Swedish professionals with interest in "archiving archaeology"
- Conducted 10/2013-4/2014
- Selective sample, snowballing

How people are <u>conceptualising</u> their use of archaeological information?

According to what they <u>evaluate</u> what they use?

Archaeology administrator

"It is very important that things are archived properly [..]
We don't have the responsibility to archive things not belonging to the report.

Information manager

"But just to make all data available, I see great value in it

Finds administrator

"And we could work more like from museum perspective

Contractor

"We would like to clean as much server space as possible [and give digital raw data away]

Researcher

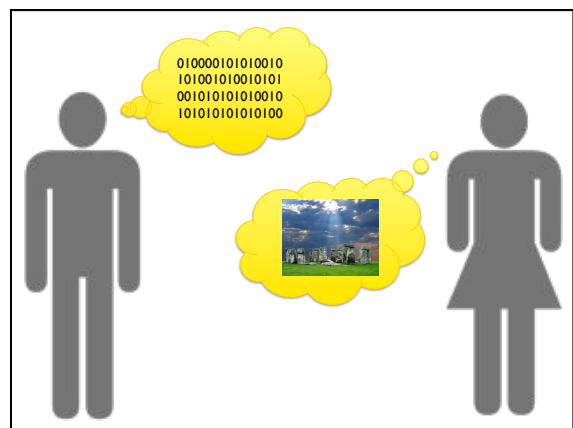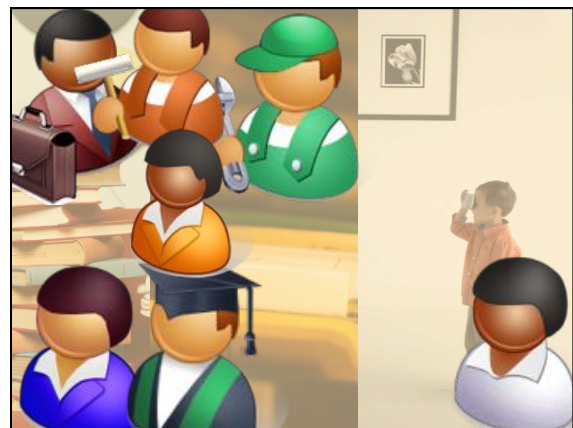"It is easier to understand if it is well-structured and so on

Data archivist

"It would be really nice if everyone would document their data in a way it should be done

Archivist

"The documentation material is just an appendix to the report

So?

Evaluate it as many things.

Remember the idea of a supply-chains and customerships.

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…and write down that #colis2016 will be held in June in Uppsala!

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