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Endorsement for the Maritime Archaeological Society of Finland

To whom it may concern

The Maritime Archaeological Society of Finland (MAS) is the sole representative of the discipline of maritime archaeology within the Learned Societies of Finland (TSV). This officially recognized Non-Government Organisation status positions MAS among the most important research and education partners of the academic maritime archaeology in Finland, as defined in the Finnish law 938/2006 about TSV societies.

The supportive role of MAS is particularly important in providing underwater fieldwork opportunities for students in maritime archaeology. MAS is annually organizing fieldwork camps and research expeditions, where the students have the possibility on a voluntary basis practice their underwater fieldwork skills and get inspiration in their own pursuit of suitable research topics. In addition, MAS is also involved in both academic and public lectures about citizen science and its management within maritime archaeology thereby further promoting the field. The society publishes field reports, popular scientific articles, and works towards scientific publications. The society is regularly giving statements for the matters related to maritime archaeology. MAS is also among the lead organizers of IKUWA7 in Helsinki, the largest international conference of maritime archaeology to be organised in 2022. Up to date, MAS has almost 200 volunteers, and the financial value of their annual efforts is hundreds of thousands of euros, if measured against commercial operators.

Therefore, as the representative of academic maritime archaeology at the University of Helsinki, I warmly endorse MAS for its role and actions in maritime archaeology and support MAS applications for funding and other resources.



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