14.30 - 17.30: PANEL 1 UCH current situation by country. Review and perspectives

Chair: Matthew Benjamin Harpster | Professor at Koç University, Department of Archeology and History of Art, Turkey

Keynote speech "Best practice: Archaeological fieldwork along the Flegraean Fields*"* **Enrico Gallocchio** | Responsible of the Baia submerged park, Parco Archeologico dei Campi Flegrei

Montenegro - Darko Kovacevic | University of Montenegro, Laboratory of Maritime Archaeology

Croatia - Mladen Pesic | Director Center in Zadar ICUA International Center for Underwater Archaeology

Malta - Timmy Gambin | Department of Classics and Archaeology University of Malta

Bulgaria - Kalin Dimitrov | Sofia National Archaeological Institute with Museum

Q&A session

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9.00-13.00: PANEL 2 Outlook Towards the Future

Chair: Mladen Pesic | Director Center in Zadar ICUA International Center for Underwater Archaeology

Keynote speech "Prospects for cooperation towards the protection of the Mediterranean underwater cultural heritage", **Tullio Scovazzi** | Università di Milano-Bicocca

Barbara Davidde | Director Underwater Archaeology Interventions Unit, Istituto Centrale per il Restauro Roma: "*The Underwater Cultural Heritage in the Italian Maritime Spatial Management Plans"*

Massimo Esposito | Italian Commanding General for the Protection of Cultural Heritage "*Structure and tasks of the Italian Commanding General for the Protection of Cultural Heritage. Focus on monitoring activities of marine archaeological sites*"

Athena Trakadas | Co-Chair UN Ocean Decade Heritage Network: "*UCH, UN- and UNESCO Conventions, Frameworks, and Heritage Programmes"* (remotely)

Concluding remarks

Coordinator: Fabio Isman, Journalist, expert on the illicit antiquities trade

- David Blackman, CUEBC Scientific Committee member (remotely)
- Claude Albore Livadie, Scientific Committee CUEBC Rapporteur
- Tiziano Angelini, Capitano di Fregata Capo Ufficio Rapporti Interministeriali e Coordinamento del Territorio - Stato Maggiore della Marina Militare
- Elena Flavia Castagnino Berlinghieri, Maritime Archaeologist, PhD Bristol (UK) - CUEBC expert in maritime archaeology

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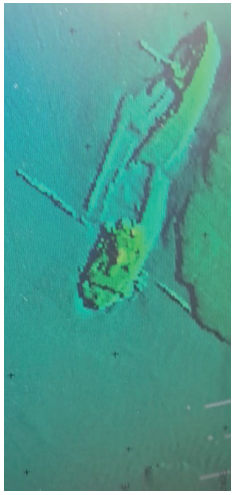
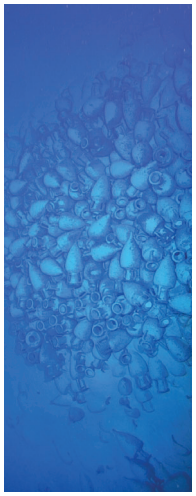

ROUND TABLE
UCH 2024

International Cooperation in the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage:

state of the art and prospects

30 years after the first CUEBC Conference (Ravello, 1993)

Ravello, Villa Rufolo 2-3 December 2024

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Background

With the purpose of revitalizing and strengthening targeted actions in the field of maritime or underwater archaeology, thanks to a proposal submitted by Prof. David Blackman, who is a CUEBC Scientific Committee member, in October 2023 CUEBC has appointed its own expert on maritime archaeology and underwater cultural heritage in the person of Elena Flavia Castagnino Berlinghieri, Maritime Archaeologist (PhD Bristol, UK).

After due consideration during the UNITWIN meeting held in Paris UNESCO Headquarter on June the 6, 2024, CUEBC has been accredited as "observer member" to the UNESCO UNITWIN Network for underwater archaeology with the aim of collaborating with other universities, governmental organizations and competent non-governmental organizations, in particular NGOs accredited by the Meeting of States Parties of the Convention, in relation to activities within the scope of the Network.

Concept

The UCH Convention and Annex of 2001 form the cornerstone of international law, providing protection for UCH. The Round Table aims to delve into the historical *continuum* from the first CUEBC Conference organised at Villa Rufolo in Ravello (27-30 May 1993), exploring the transformative journey of UCH, fostering a deeper understanding of the development of the activities around UCH and acknowledging the importance of its principles by providing a sound basis for further negotiation of a matter of common concern for all Mediterranean countries.

In this way, by bringing together representatives from several countries, whether or not they have ratified the Convention, it will be possible to share policies, challenges, and difficulties, to identify knowledge gaps or collaboration opportunities. This meeting also aims at contributing to the ongoing effort to combat the criminal networks involved in the trafficking and at recovering cultural property illicitly exported.

Working language and simultaneous translation service

The Round Table will be conducted in English with the possibility of presentations delivered in Italian. A simultaneous translation service Italian-English will be provided.

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Ph. 4: wreck with *amphorae* identified at -1600 m in the Sardinia Channel (courtesy of the Italian Superintendency for Underwater Cultural Heritage).

2 December 2024

9.00: Opening session

Institutional opening

- Paolo Vuilleumier | Mayor of Ravello
- Alfonso Andria | President CUEBC
- Krista Pikkat | Secretary of the UNESCO 2001 Convention and Director of Culture and Emergencies (remotely)
- Jasen Mesic | Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Croatia in the Italian Republic (tbc)
- Enrico Vicenti | Secretary General Italian National Commission for UNESCO (video message)
- Francesca Romana Paolillo | Soprintendente Nazionale per il Patrimonio Nazionale Subacqueo, MiC

Keynote speech "The CUEBC: 30 years of commitment already, and now working for the protection of the UCH in 2024 and the future", **Elena Flavia Castagnino Berlinghieri** | Maritime Archaeologist, PhD Bristol (UK) - CUEBC expert in maritime archaeology

10.00-13.00: PANEL 1 UCH current situation by country. Review and perspectives

Chair: Elena Flavia Castagnino Berlinghieri

Keynote speech "Building best practices: investigating the maritime cultural landscape of the Amalfi Coast", **Matthew Benjamin Harpster** | Professor at Koç University, Turkey)

Italy - Francesco M.P. Carrera | Head Underwater Cultural Heritage Protection Service, Soprintendenza Nazionale per il Patrimonio Nazionale Subacqueo, MiC

Italy - Rita Auriemma | Associate Professor, Department of Cultural Heritage, University of Salento "*The archaeology* 'under water' *between training and professionalisation: where are we in Italy?*"

Regione Sicilia - Roberto La Rocca | Responsabile della P.O.1 "Attività afferenti il patrimonio culturale sommerso", Soprintendenza del Mare, Regione Siciliana

France - Franca Cibecchini | Département des recherches archéologiques subaquatiques et sous-marines (Marseille) DRASSM

Greece - Katerina Della Porta | Advisor to the Minister of Culture of Greece

Q&A session

13.00-14.30: Lunch Break