



# **FROM TREASURE HUNTERS TO THE CITIZEN SCIENTISTS - WORKSHOP SERIES**

**CO-OPERATION WITH ARCHAEOLOGISTS AND OTHER  
AUTHORITIES: THE METAL DETECTORISTS' POINT OF  
VIEW**

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# CO-OPERATION – TO BE ON THE SAME LEVEL

“...it was about the internal balance within our small international team.

We were all on the same level, at the same place and at the same moment in time.

This weekend permanently changed the way I will look at archaeological fieldwork and teambuilding in the future.”



# CO-OPERATION – RULES & TRUST

**Agree the rules, don't  
make assumptions**

**Trust is granted, not  
earned**



*Picture: Lasse Nyman*



# WORKING PRACTISES - EXCAVATION AREA

It was excavated by  
the archaeologist

but

the excavation area  
was defined together  
with detectorists.



Picture: Lasse Nyman



# WORKING PRACTISES – FIELD SURVEY / MAPPING

Main purpose?

- gathering knowledge
- verifying the existence of archaeological site
- survey, search for “hot spots” etc.



Picture: Lasse Nyman



# WORKING PRACTISES - TRAINING

Train together to get the best result

- Archaeological perspective
- Detectorists perspective



*Picture: Anonymous geologist*

# CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

Turning the system upside down - to change places for a week or two.



*Picture: National Land Survey of Finland*



**Thanks for listening - beam me up,  
Scotty.**

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