Exeter University has a subscription to the part of Projekt Dyabola called Realkatalog des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts Rom 1956- (or Subject Catalogue of the German Archaeological Institute in Rome...). It is a searchable bibliography of classical studies, which includes Classical, Egyptian & Near East archaeology, Byzantine art history, epigraphy, numismatics, classical history and ancient social & legal history. Note that there are no full texts available via this database. It includes books, book chapters, journals and journal articles.

**Accessing the database**
Access the Library's Home Page at [http://www.exeter.ac.uk/library](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/library). Click on Access to resources and then E-Resources, on the left hand side of the screen. Enter your IT Services account username and password and click on Log in, if required. Set the subject area to all subjects and the resource type to all types of resources, then click on the Find resources button. Scroll down the list and click on Subject Catalogue (Realkatalog) of the German Archaeological Institute (DAI) in Rome. Once you are in the Projekt Dyabola home page, click on the IP-Access tick box and then on the blue Start button. This will open up a new window, which lists the Realkatalog at the head of the list of databases. To access the English version, click on the Union Flag at the top of the page. You will find yourself in the Search and result options page. At any point in your subsequent searching you can return to this page to begin a new search by clicking on the blue Search result options link on the right hand side of the screen.

**Search**
The top search box allows you to carry out very simple searches on topics and names. No Boolean searching is available. Elementary truncation is possible: e.g. ‘vas’ will find vase, vases, vasen, etc. To return to your search, back-navigate by right-clicking on your mouse.

**Expert Search**
This search option allows you to consult alphabetical lists by author, title, etc. If, for example, you want to find a work by Richard Seafor, click on the author button and type Seafor in the search box – note that the word you type must begin with a capital letter. Click on start search, or press the Enter key. You will be presented with an alphabetical list, from which you can choose a name. Note that authors will have more than one entry in those cases where there is variation in their initials. Similar searches can be carried on the first words of titles, for the titles of monograph series (e.g. Mnemosyne Supplementa) and journal titles (e.g. Mnemosyne) – in both those examples Mne is sufficient to bring up the titles; but again note that you must begin the title with a capital letter.

**Browse Tree of Subject headings**
This is the most useful of the other available options on the Search and result options page. Click on browse, to find the top-level headings. Then, e.g., to find works on oracles, look for the top-level heading ‘religion’ and click on the + icon to its left. This will lead to a list of sub-headings; click on the + icon next to the sub-heading ‘worship’, and you will find the heading ‘oracles’, which you can click on to find a list of works.

Where a list contains more than a screen’s worth of works, you can navigate by means of the grey navigation arrows at the bottom of the page. To get back from the list of works to the subject headings, it is best to back-navigate by right-clicking on your mouse. To get back from a list of sub-headings to a higher level, click on the appropriate – (minus) icon.

Some headings invite you to add a name from an alphabetical list. For instance, one way to find works on the Battle of Actium is to choose ‘topography’ from the top-level list of headings; then click on the + icon next to it. In the search box next to ‘battlefields’, type in Actium and click on Start. Note that the word you type in must begin with a capital letter. You can abbreviate the term – in this example ‘Ac’, or
even ‘A’ is sufficient. It may be worth carrying out an ordinary Search on the keyword Actium to ensure that you have found all the items on the subject listed in the database.

**Viewing Results**

Typically, when you have carried out a search, you are presented with a list of results. A link to the results will also appear in your Session results list on the right hand side of the screen, and remain there till the end of your current visit to the database. You can shorten the main results list by getting rid of the green tick against any unwanted item and clicking on delete unchecked records; or by clicking on date range of publication and setting a date range (e.g. 2000-2008). To see the full version of any of the list, click on the entry. You are given a brief bibliographical description. Usually you can click on various parts of it for related entries; e.g. clicking on the author brings up other works by that author. If you do view a related item in this way, a link to it appears in the Navigation (History) list on the right hand side of the screen, which remains there for the rest of your session. Below the bibliographical description, there is a row of tabs which will give you further information on and sometimes links to:

- ‘Parents’ - the name of the series or journal in which the item is published, with a list of other works, ‘children’, in the parent publication
- **reviews** - links to entries for reviews of the current work
- **links** – this duplicates the links to other works by the author(s) etc. that appear in the body of the bibliographical description
- **subjects** – a list of subject headings assigned to the item. These are not live links, but you can use them to find other material on the same subject in the Browse Tree of Subject headings option (see above)

**Recording Results**

There is no formal way of saving, printing or emailing results. You can use the copy facility on your browser (to copy a full entry, highlight the required text and press Control + c) and paste (Control + v) the result into a text editor. To print, use the print facility on your browser (to print a full entry, press Control + p).

**To Start a New Search**

Click on the blue Search result options link on the right hand side of the screen. Note that this wipes out your previous search, although there is still a link to it on the Session Results screen.

**Help and Logging Off**

Help is available on the Projekt Dyabola home page. Choose support from the left hand menu. Scroll down to the entry for Subject Catalogues of the DAI. There is an English language version of the introductory manual in HTML and PDF formats, but beware, they are designed for the CD-ROM version of the database, and can be misleading.

To logoff from the database, click on the blue Exit link on the right side of any of the search screens.

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