

Report on [yM](#) and [mDP](#)'s meeting in Milan, March 2023

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Marco De Pietri and I met in Milan for three days (7-9 March) and had a productive working session together.

On the first day, we had extensive discussion about the work that mDP is currently doing on the "[Roster](#)" (in the "Grammar" of the Urkesh website), the website [urkesh.org](#), and the other websites ([AVASA](#), [Cyb-Mes](#), and [4banks](#), particularly [Mes-Rel](#), [Mes-Pol](#), and [CAR](#)). We also discussed the work that I am doing for the digital book of [J4](#), especially the part related to the missing photographic documentation. We also discussed his role in the work on J4 since I do not have access to the server and therefore, I need to rely on mDP in some aspects in order to complete the book of J4.

Another issue that we discussed is related to running the programs. mDP believes that it can be done offline. We tried verifying this with [Bernardo Forni](#), who is yet to answer. This will give me more autonomy in working on J4 and it will give mDP more time to focus on his work.

The second day was spent working together, each on their own aspect of work, and it was very productive because we could have immediate small discussions about the issues we faced and resolve them. We also had a brief discussion about the [Discourse volume](#) monographs that Professor Buccellati asked us to write.

During the afternoon, we looked together at the [signage system](#) in Mozan, since mDP will be working on this, and I explained to him how it is divided. Some are missing from the website, but I will provide him with a full photographic documentation about the signs and panorama when I go to Mozan.

mDP became very involved with this work, as if he was with the project since the beginning, which is very impressive. Therefore, I was interested in hearing his opinion on what I had in mind for the digital book on conservation.

The last thing we discussed, very briefly, is the special lexicon that I began preparing for the book on human figurines. We will discuss this further once I start the actual work on this.

As for our last day together in Milan, it was spent dealing with bureaucratic issues, where mDP was extremely helpful in assisting me in my attempts to take various appointments related to the residency and to the procedures of opening a bank account

in Italy (which is very complicated for non-residents), and he went with me to the bank in an attempt to open a bank account, where we did not receive an approval right away and had to wait until I came back from Berlin to Milan to get the approval and open the account.

Lastly, I would like to stress the importance of such short meeting with other team members, as it helps with resolving some issues that are much more complicated to discuss over e-mails, and it strengthen the bond we have as colleagues and friends, which makes work easier and more enjoyable.