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locational details, followed by the type and period of the remains uncovered, the name of the
director(s) of the excavation, the sponsoring and funding bodies, the location(s) of finds, the
location(s) and contents of the archive, and the nature of any publication. The contents of
two records on the Excavation Index as they would appear in a catalogue format are
illustrated in Fig. 8.

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THE ROME/SIENA CONFERENCE, 1991

The 34th Annual Conference of the Society was held in Rome and Siena from 12 to
17 April 1991. The opening lecture on Friday 12 April was given by Dr Richard Hodges on
'Medieval archaeology in Italy'. On Saturday morning Dr Bryan Ward-Perkins gave a
lecture on 'The transition from antiquity to the Middle Ages' after which Dott. Stefano
Coccia gave a guided tour of standing medieval buildings in Rome and Dr John Mitchell and
Debbie Hodges led a visit to some early medieval churches of Rome. On Sunday Drs Hodges
and Mitchell led a trip to Monte Cassino and San Vincenzo. On the Monday morning Dr
Helen Patterson delivered a paper on 'Medieval pottery studies in Italy' and the conference
then departed for Siena, via Mole di Monte Gelatto, where Federico Marazzi gave a guided
tour. In the evening Professor Riccardo Francovich and the Provincia di Siena hosted dinner
at La Loggia in Siena followed by a lecture by Dr Hodges on 'Montarrenti: uno scavo per
l'Europa'. On the Tuesday Dr Hodges led a tour from Siena to Montarrenti where Professor
Francovich and Dott. Roberto Parenti led conducted tours of the hilltop settlement. Lunch
was provided by the University of Siena at Rocca San Silvestro, after which the conference
was conducted around the university's excavations of the medieval mining village and
associated mines. On returning to Siena the conference was given dinner at La Loggia
followed by a lecture by Gian Pietro Brogiolo on 'Excavations in Brescia (Provincia di
Siena)'. On Wednesday morning the conference was given a guided tour of medieval and
renaissance Siena by Dott. Parenti and then departed for Rome. The conference was jointly
hosted by the British School at Rome and the University of Siena and the Society is greatly
indebted to the staff of both institutions for making the conference a great success. The
outstanding contribution of the Provincia di Siena to the funding of the conference is also
greatly appreciated. A final word of thanks goes to Dr Hodges and Professor Francovich who,
as Local Secretaries, made the Rome/Siena conference one of the most enjoyable and
stimulating meetings held by the Society.

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