

## Matienzo Caves logbooks search - Conditions of Use

### BACKGROUND

- 1) The Matienzo Caves logbooks search facility allows complete access to (eventually) all the (scanned) pages in all the Matienzo logbooks allowing detailed research through one of the primary sources of information.
- 2) To date, this information has only been available by consulting a card index and physically poring over the logbooks during the expeditions. This facility will still be available to anyone in the "Matienzo Office".
- 3) The use of IT enables the researcher to search out logbook entries about a site or sites in any year or years. This will speed up tremendously the old card index / logbook search and will help to ensure that the user has all possible reports, text, surveys and photos about any site - except for material held in plastic wallets, such as underground survey notes and subsequent Survex printouts.
- 4) Initially at least, the online Logbook Search facility will be limited to Matienzo regulars who logon with a user name and password.
- 5) The Conditions of Use have been drawn up to reflect and continue the sharing system that (nearly always) pervades Matienzo Caves expeditions, viz. Sites do not belong to any one person or group. Information should be written down as soon as possible to be shared. People should respect the wishes of the initial discoverer(s) regarding early explorations (in new caves or new cave sections) but, after perhaps a couple of exploratory trips, a going system with a number of leads should have open access (but coordinated by the discoverer(s)?).
- 6) This IT facility would not be possible had previous explorers not shared their discoveries; we should do the same. We have an obligation to report finds to the permit authority in Cantabria.
- 7) Allowing free and open access on the Internet to all the information in the logbooks could conceivably give away too much information to potential cave pirates. Only committed Matienzo cavers will be given the online facility although, offline, the system will be available in the "Matienzo Office".

People who use the online Logbooks Search facility must agree to the following Conditions of Use.

### CONDITIONS OF USE

- 1) The username and password provided must not be given to anyone else. All regular Matienzo cavers can have his or her own password.
- 2) Users agree to the Matienzo exploration and information sharing system:
  - a) Sites do not belong to any one person or group.
  - b) New information about the caves should be written down or typed as soon as possible to be shared. Systems should be photographed and surveyed if at all possible.
  - c) People should respect the wishes of the initial discoverer(s) regarding early explorations in new caves or cave passages but, after perhaps a couple of exploratory trips, could expect to be invited and /or involved in any ongoing explorations.

### TECHNICALITIES

Users will be provided with a user name and password through an email. There will be no options to change these online, but an email will provide a new user name and password if necessary. This system will limit users and provide for easier maintenance. No personal data will be kept except for an email address. There are currently no plans to keep any information about frequency of use, who uses the facility, etc. This might change and would be implemented with a period of notice.