

Members eBulletin, July 2023

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CIfA NEWS ROUNDUP

Innovation Festival - call for sessions



CIfA's annual online **Innovation Festival** has established a reputation for showcasing and celebrating innovative practices across the historic environment sector, and would love to hear from contributors to lead sessions in this year's Festival in October.



Contributors are invited to submit ideas for sessions in areas focusing on: academic research; public benefit; working practices; innovative approaches; and innovation by design. Sessions will be delivered online, and in a format of the contributor's choosing, from a short one-topic presentation to a three-hour workshop, a 'lunch and learn' style chat, or a pre-recorded video – the choice is yours.

The week-long virtual Innovation Festival will be held from **9th – 13th October, 2023**. For more information, and for further details on how to submit a session proposal (**deadline 18th August**), [click here](#).

Membership update

Join over 3000 accredited professionals!

Accreditation demonstrates you have the skills and professionalism to carry out your work and that you've committed to work in accordance with CIfA's professional Code of conduct. [Find out more here](#)

This brings our total membership to 4256, divided into 3249 accredited and 1007 non-accredited.

The break-down is as follows:

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| Honorary MCIfA | 10 |
| MCIfA | 1610 |
| ACIfA | 740 |
| PCIfA | 889 |
| Affiliate | 417 |
| Student | 590 |

This year there remains an increase in the number of new and upgrading applicants, in particular new Practitioner (PCIfA) applicants, many of which were successful. We are pleased to tell you that since January 2023, 43 existing members successfully upgraded, and 90 new applicants were successfully accredited.

Since January 2023 we have validated 81 Student and 24 Affiliate members, plus 23 successful re-joiners at accredited grades.

We are also continuing our free workshops to help applicants complete the application process for accreditation, which have proved useful to those who have attended, many of whom have made successful applications. [Book new dates here!](#)

We look forward to receiving your application!

[Find out more here](#) and [apply online here](#). If you need any help, please contact Lianne or Ellen at membership@archaeologists.net.

We need you for Validation committee and application panels!

Are you interested in ensuring that archaeologists have the knowledge, skills and professionalism to meet the needs of society, clients and stakeholders in the future?

If so, we need you!



The role of our Validation committee is to carry out a peer review process to assess individual applications against the requirements for CIfA accreditation for both ethical and technical competence. We have been holding them virtually this last year and hope to hold one in person later this year.

We are always looking for accredited members at any grade (PCIfA, ACIfA, MCIfA), to get involved to ensure we have a wide representation for this process, particularly for the specialisms. This helps applicants but also benefits individuals and can count towards your CPD.

Are you interested?

Find out more about [getting involved here](#).

Please email Lianne to find out more about the Validation committee lianne.birney@archaeologists.net

CIfA Board of Directors Lay Director Vacancy



Do you know anyone from outside the archaeology profession who might be interested in joining CIfA's Board of Directors?

Lay directors bring a new perspective to the Board from outside the archaeological profession, helping us to think differently or to enhance our existing procedures based on their experience and expertise.

The Board has recognised the value of different insights and detached viewpoints that lay directors bring to CIfA and considers this independent thinking an important component of good governance.

More information and application form [can be found here](#).

Archaeological works: a guide for construction companies and householders



CIFA has launched a brand-new free guide for small developers and homeowners to help them navigate their way through the planning process in relation to archaeology discovered during construction work.

Archaeological works: a guide for construction companies and householders should prove an invaluable aid for those modifying or extending a property, building a single or very small number of homes, or a small commercial development.

The guide provides advice on a wide variety of areas relating to archaeology and planning regulations, from how to engage the services of a professional archaeologist to advice on considerations relating to the costs involved in archaeological investigations.

More information [can be found here](#) and we would encourage members to share this with relevant clients.

Call for nominations for CIFA Deutschland committee



At their AGM in September, the CIFA Deutschland Area Group will be electing a new ordinary committee member to fill a currently vacant position. The position is open to all members (accredited and non-accredited) at any stage in their career. Prospective candidates can get in touch with cifa.deutschland@archaeologists.net to request the candidate form. The deadline for nominations is **Sunday 6 August 2023**.

The committee also would like to announce that four additional positions on the committee will open up in 2024 as the respective committee members will have completed their two terms of office and will therefore not be eligible to run again in the 2024 elections. Members who are unable to stand for this year's committee election but would consider standing for election next year are therefore also encouraged to get in touch.

RO Update



The Registered Organisation (RO) scheme still has places for panel members for two inspections in Ireland (**Kilcoole and Cork**) for **5 and 6 September 2023**.

If you would like to take part or know of anyone who may be interested please get in touch with ellen.mcnamara@archaeologists.net. Reasonable travel expenses will be covered.

Information for prospective panel members [can be found here](#).

Events/training/elearning

Keep up-to-date with all our events via our [events webpage](#).



MCIfA accreditation: a step-by-step guide

1 August 2023 | 17:00 - 17:35 | online

Join our digital workshop to help understand the accreditation process for Member (MCIfA) applications.

[Register here](#)



Ordinary Meeting of the LAG

1 August | 18:30 - 20:00 | online

The LAG host regular ordinary meetings throughout the year in order to provide a space to network and to discuss topics of relevance to the membership.

[Register here](#)



Implementing racial equity and wellbeing in the workplace.

19 Sept | 10:30 – 13:00 | online

Run by the European Society of Black and Allied Archaeologists (ESBAA), this CPD workshop will focus on implementing racial equity and wellbeing in the workplace.

[Register here](#)

Other News

The Historic Environment Overview 2022-23

CIfA welcomes the publication of the Historic Environment Overview 2022-23, which provides headline updates on key changes to the sector. Produced by the Historic Environment Forum with support from Historic England and the National Trust, the full report [can be accessed here](#).

The Overview showcases key activity across the sector in England during the last financial year, highlighting the important part played by archaeology in a year of challenge and opportunity for the historic environment sector.

The report noted the historically high demand in recent years of archaeological work as the construction sector has been buoyed by Government infrastructure spending, but that this has turned the spotlight on sector capacity and skills shortages, with CIfA convening a cross-sector summit of employers and sector bodies to discuss potential solutions.

It was noted that CIfA's Climate Change Working Group has been supporting the promotion of Historic England's Sector to Net Zero project, and the Overview also highlighted CIfA's work on diversity and equality to make the archaeological discipline more inclusive.

Another highlight was the collaboration between ALGAO, Historic England and CIfA on the development of the Planning and Archaeology Historic England Advice Note, and on amendments to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

The Overview concluded that despite operating in difficult circumstances, during the past year the heritage sector has continued to provide opportunities for people to learn, experience and benefit from England's historic environment, which CIfA heartily applauds.

Call for papers (TAG) - Environments of equity, climates of work

This is a call for participants in a standard paper session at the 44th annual meeting of the [Theoretical Archaeology Group \(TAG44\)](#) set to be held at the **University of East Anglia**, Norwich, UK, on **Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 December 2023**. The conference theme is Climate Archaeology: Temporalities and Ontologies.

More information [can be found here](#).

Call for Papers - Roman Archaeology Conference / Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference

Call for papers for the 'Roman Britain' session at the joint Roman Archaeology Conference / Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference (London, 11-14 April 2024).

Since its inception, the **Roman Archaeology Conference** has included an open session dedicated to the archaeology of Roman Britain. RAC2024 is no exception, but this time the session will focus on the contribution of commercial and independent organisations to the study of Roman Britain.

Speakers are invited to present the results of archaeological projects, including excavations, initiated or led by commercial contractors, independent archaeological organisations, and local societies or communities (including multi-partner collaborative projects).

Presentations can be on any project, large or small, but proposals are encouraged that show results have contributed, or could contribute, to the study of Roman Britain, including RAC2024's main research themes such as new scientific applications in Roman archaeology, decentering and decolonizing Roman archaeology, globalization and materiality, and archaeological ethics.

Paper proposals should be sent to [Dr Peter Guest](#) at (deadline **Friday 15 September 2023**). Further information about RAC/TRAC24 [can be found here](#).

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