

# CIFA INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

**11 November 2024, 1700-1800**

## **Minutes – Committee Meeting (via Teams)**

Present: Niamh Carty, Richard Hughes, Leonora O'Brien (Chair), Max DuBois Jones, Ruth Humphreys

Apologies: Caroline Pathy-Barker (Secretary), Bill Finlayson, Charles Le Quesne, Anna Nicola, Alice Hobson

Minutes: Leonora O'Brien

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Cifa International Practice Group AGM 2025 date**

Wednesday 22 January 2025 1700-1800

**Action:** Cara Burton to circulate notification, invitation & nomination form to members.

### **3. Committee structure and AGM**

Vacancies for the following:

- Chair
- Treasurer-Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Elected OCM x 4
- Advisers
- New Advisory Council representative to be nominated at AGM

### **4. Engagement with Cifa leadership and strategy**

Seek meetings with Nathan Baker and Rob Lennox re. international aspects of strategy, ongoing consultations, policy etc. going forwards.

**Action:** Arrange meeting dates with Cara depending on availability.

### **5. Archaeological participation in climate change agendas**

Subcommittee met. Useful range of potential group activities suggested.

#### **Actions:**

Max: Circulated notes to IPSIG committee and consider pursuing an event.

Richard: Seek out potential speakers inc. ICOMOS, disaster risk planning/management. Noted that COP now includes heritage within agendas. The Brazil IGM of ICOMOS is interweaving climate change as key topic, reinstating the 18 SDG: culture.

Bill: Pursue opportunities with DCMS-funded projects, speakers, piggybacking with ongoing initiatives.

### **6. Use of international standards and guidance considered in RO inspections**

Ruth: Preparing introduction to international standards and guidance, e.g. UNESCO, ICOMOS, Inter-Governmental Institutions, International Financial Institutions in response to Cifa inspection to inform ROs and inspection panel members.

### **7. Expedition workshop / checklist - planning international expeditions**

Ongoing updates

Leo: Shared document has been updated to include net zero considerations

**8. ClfA Conference 30 April & 1 May 2025 Millenium Point, Birmingham**

Dec 2024 ClfA conference call for papers deadline. Meeting considered a range of options, including:

- Collaborative workshop session on AI, remote sensing and predictive modelling
- Reflections on challenges faced professionally in different cultural environments, with invited speakers
- Reflections on repatriation
- Archaeology futures
- An international regional essay prize for young archaeologists via British Council network, with local award ceremony
- Lessons from the past –archaeology and engineering, disasters and earthquakes, (e.g. Turkey, Japan, China, Brazil, Chile)
- Disaster risk management and war (e.g. Sudan, Gaza/Lebanon/Syria+, Ukraine),
- International perspectives on rewilding and palaeoenvironment
- International perspectives on climate change & geo-heritage, deep time datasets and human adaptation

Considered that these topics may be best suited to an online conference format with a longer lead in, recorded, international, providing an equal platform gathering all views, and enabling dialling in. These would involve partnership working, organisation and marketing, and would require a separate ClfA funding stream.

Decision to propose a discussion (Seminar) on planning international expeditions to the conference organising team.

**Action:** Leo to draft and send proposal to conference organising team.

**9. Funds/Treasurer Report**

End Jan 2025 Annual Budget Requests to be sent to ClfA. £800 in current kitty. Considered likely outgoings next year March 2025+. There is a separate budget for training, events and workshops.

**10. AOB**

ClfA secretariat has provided stats on IPSIG member numbers & grades

**11. Date of next meeting:** Weds 18 Dec 2024 1700