

## Newsletter December 2024

Hello RIG group members,

Well, this is the December newsletter, and your new committee has just met, and we have lots to report so please read on.

### **RIG Committee**

Your committee is as follows: Evelyne Godfrey (Chair), Colin Forrestal (Secretary), Katerina Vavaliou, Ermelinda Trinder, Marianne Moedlinger, Perry Gardner, Daria Dabal, Matilda Holmes.

We still have a vacancy for Treasurer, if you are accredited (PCIfA upwards) and if you wish to volunteer, then send an email to our Secretary [forrestal.colin@gmail.com](mailto:forrestal.colin@gmail.com) and he will send you a co-option form for you to complete and you can be voted in at the next committee meeting. Our next meeting will be in February 2025.

### **RIG at EAA Rome 2024**

Members of the RIG committee had session #882 at EAA Rome 2024 which was titled "Synthesis, Facilitator or Hindrance: Should Synthesis Be Part of Commercial Archaeology or Left to the Academics? The full abstract for the session along with 5 of the presentations can be found on our [Group KnowledgeHub page](#). Sadly, one is being withheld.

### **RIG Committee news**

Your committee met on the 21 November and among the discussion was a decision to hold the in-person meeting in Birmingham in April 2025 to coincide with the ClfA conference. It will probably be the evening before conference starts. More details to follow.

In addition, we are continuing to review ClfA Standards and Guidance, as well as looking into regional plans to ensure they are fit for purpose.

We have now submitted our recommendations from our small working group on the RIG accreditation Matrix to ClfA for it to process our recommendations, which included clearer and inclusive language.

Also in the pipeline is a Heritage Crime Workshop with the help of the Heritage Crime and International Practice groups. This will probably be in mid-2025.

The chair informed us that the EAA Heritage Crime working group were running a session on Heritage Crime, mainly trafficking of artefacts at EAA 2025 Belgrade and that our Albanian committee member had agreed to submit a paper for the session, online. Our Chair is also attending the Heritage Crime conference in Brussels on the 4 December.

Sadly, the matter of ESRC funding for PhD's and that they expect the student to do a three-month placement as part of the programme had to be postponed to the next committee meeting as the main committee member steering this was absent.

Meanwhile we are working with Cifa to get more academic members of Cifa and your input would be appreciated either by email or our KnowledgeHub or Facebook pages. To this end, members of the committee have submitted a session proposal for the Cifa 2025 Annual Conference on this topic. We will keep you informed as to the Cifa decision.

There followed a short discussion with Cifa on their proposal to scrap the role of committee Treasurer and incorporate this into a new officer role of vice chair. It seems that virtually all groups think this is an excellent idea. So, the proposal will be submitted to the Cifa Board of Directors, for them to take the final decision.

Thank You for your continued support and have a Safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### **Knowledge Hub RIG group**

Here's the link for the RIG Knowledge Hub group: <https://khub.net/group/cifa-research-and-impact-group>

### **Contacting the RIG Committee**

Please get in touch with us directly by the RIG Knowledge Hub or by email, if you have any matters you wish to raise with the committee using [cifarig@gmail.com](mailto:cifarig@gmail.com)