

Newsletter October 2024

Hello RIG group members,

This is the October newsletter and your new committee has just met. 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 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 November.

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 session went well, and the diverse interesting papers added to the lively debate. The full abstract for the session along with five of the presentations can be found on our Knowledge Hub page.

RIG Committee other news

Your committee met on the 27 September and among the discussion was a decision to hold an in-person meeting in Bradford in November.

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

We have now received the recommendations from our small working group on the RIG Matrix and the whole committee are now reviewing the excellent work from Matty and Perry. If all is well, we will be submitting it to CIfA to consider 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 early 2025.

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 held up in traffic.

Meanwhile we are working with ClfA to get more academic members of ClfA, your input would be appreciated.

There followed a brief discussion on ClfA's proposal to reconsider the role of committee Treasurer and incorporate this into a new officer role of vice chair, which we think is an excellent idea.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great October.

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