

## CIFA INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

30 July 2025, 1730-1830

### Minutes – Committee Meeting (via Teams)

**Present:** Leonora O'Brien (Chair), Niamh Carty (Vice-chair), Max DuBois Jones, Ruth Humphreys, Bill Finlayson, Adam Pietrzak, Caroline Pathy-Barker, Peter Hinton, Cara Burton (CIfA)

Agenda Point		Actions
1.	<b>Annual report</b> Completed as a group.	
2.	<b>Future of the group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the nature of the group is complex, and as such we cannot provide advice for everyone, everywhere</li><li>it's disheartening when we are without the officer positions</li><li>potential to become a network (will look at regulations and guidance once ready) so the focus is on bringing relevant members together</li><li>it's important that IPSIG are still in the consultation loop, and that someone has oversight when non-UK or non-English practices are not considered</li><li>although a network might not have a rep on the Advisory Council, it's agreed that it's important they are represented and elected positions are considered</li></ul>	
3.	<b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>could run a democratic and open conversation looking at the dark corners of ethics and practice internationally</li><li>it should be a bottom-up conversation, a forum for members</li><li>people may not be able to talk freely at work, so evening sessions might be beneficial in future to enable joining from home</li><li>topic - significance and cultural heritage in other countries</li><li>networking event to discuss how this happens in adjacent countries</li><li>share case studies (Leo, Bill, Niamh) on intangible heritage gathered &amp; how it links with work as a starter for discussions. Share 3 slides each of your experiences to demonstrate</li><li>booked for 22 October 2025 at 12:30-13:30 GMT - <a href="https://www.archaeologists.net/civicrm/event/info?id=614&amp;reset=1">https://www.archaeologists.net/civicrm/event/info?id=614&amp;reset=1</a></li></ul>	
4.	<b>IPSIG membership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>who are our members? How many are potentially in different time zones? (See appendix 1 for breakdown of locations of wider CIfA membership &amp; IPSIG membership)</li><li>EU time zones predominantly as predicted</li></ul>	
	<b>What do the members think?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>survey the members to understand what they want rather than decisions on the future of the Group being made by the small number of committee members. Can ask what people want to discuss in networking events to drive engagement.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>meeting 20 August 2025 for survey - Leo, Niamh, Adam, Max and Ruth</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leo spoken with Landscape SIG on Knowledge Hub. Keen to collaborate.</li> <li>TA article, what could be contributed? Deadline is 1 December. Don't know theme yet</li> </ul>	

Location (home, if not UK)	CIfA	IPSIG
Albania	1	1
Australia	8	1
Austria	3	1
Belgium	2	0
Bermuda	1	0
Canada	7	2
Cyprus	1	0
Denmark	2	1
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	1	0
France	3	1
Germany	57	9
Gibraltar	2	1
Guernsey	1	0
Hong Kong	1	1
India	4	1
Ireland	21	5
Isle of Man	2	0
Israel	1	0
Italy	5	2
Jersey	2	0
Netherlands	5	2
New Zealand	4	0
Norway	1	0
Singapore	1	0
Spain	2	1
Sweden	3	0
Switzerland	1	2
United States	10	4