

Newsletter September 2024

Hello RIG group members,

Well, this is the September newsletter, and your committee has changed, and we have lots to report. So please read on.

RIG Committee

The RIG AGM was held on Tuesday 6 August 2024 by Zoom and was a success.

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). 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 27 September @ 19.00 (BST) by zoom.

RIG at EAA Rome 2024

Members of the RIG committee had session #882 at EAA Rome 2024 on 31 August 8.30 to 10.30 CET. Session #882 was "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. We also had more people than the room sat (26) with over 30. The full abstract for the session can be found on our Knowledge Hub page and our secretary is adding the presentations to our knowledge hub for all to see, as soon as he receives them from the authors.

RIG Committee other news

Your committee met at the end of June and among the discussion was a decision to hold an in-person meeting in Glasgow with GLAS, or in Bradford either in October or November. In addition, we are continuing to review Standard and guidance, as well as looking into regional plans and if they are fit for purpose. 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.

At the AGM, 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 was raised. It will be an agenda item at the next committee meeting. There followed a short discussion on the language of the matrices and how incomprehensible some are. It was agreed that they needed to be clearer. We also believe that we are the largest Cifa special interest group with over 900 members. Thank You for your continued support.

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