

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE PRACTICE GROUP

Friday 21 April 2017, 13:30-13:50

Room 1.49, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, Armstrong Building, Newcastle University,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU

AGM Minutes

Present: Leonora O'Brien (LO'B, AECOM, OM/Interim Chair), Kenneth Aitchison (Landward Research Ltd), Peter Clark (Canterbury Archaeological Trust; Ordinary Member), Mike Dawson (CgMS), Charles Le Quesne (ERM), Henry Owen-John (Historic England), Kathryn Price (Historic England), Jamie Quartermaine (Oxford Archaeology; Ordinary Member), Mark Spanjer (Saxion University, Netherlands), Kerry Wiggins (ClfA), Kevin Wooldridge (Freelance/RIO Göteborg, Sweden, Specialist group liaison, Scandinavia)

Apologies: Frank Meddens (Treasurer), Mark Dunkley (Ordinary Member), Richard Lee (Ordinary Member), Zsolt Magyar (Specialist group liaison, Central & Eastern Europe)

Information distributed:

- 1) Agenda/slide printouts
- 2) Written report from Frank Meddens setting out his progress on initiatives in the past year
- 3) Summary of discussion from DCMS/ClfA Workshop on Archaeology and UK Soft Power on 19 April 2017

Minutes: Leonora O'Brien

1.	Apologies for absence Frank Meddens, Mark Dunkley, Richard Lee, Zsolt Magyar	Action -
2.	Minutes of 2016 AGM & matters arising No minutes were taken in 2016.	-
3.	Chair's welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Formed in 2013 – has grown to 510 members- Providing a forum for discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Conference sessions at ClfA Glasgow (2014) & EAA Annual Conference (2015) and ClfA Newcastle (2017)- Providing advice to ClfA Executive & Policy Advisers –<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Advocacy work with DfIDo World Bank draft Environmental and Social Frameworko DCMS Cultural Protection Fund- Articles in ClfA Archaeologist Magazine, Yearbook & e-Bulletins- Development of Competence Matrix	-
	Membership numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- There are currently 510 members of IPSIG- There are 121 members of the LinkedIn IPSIG group	-
	Officers' Reports: Hon Chair's Report In the absence of a Chair, Leo O'Brien reported on the group's activities in 2016-2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- March 2016 – Consultation response on government commitment of £30 million towards a new Cultural Protection Fund.- April 2016 – Conference flyer, 'mobilising ClfA talents and capabilities to participate in the protection of world heritage sites	-

	<p>and resources under threat’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – August 2016 – ClfA July Brexit statement emphasising that ClfA is an international facing body committed to working with archaeologists from around the globe to promote professional standards and ethical behaviour, to maximise the benefits that archaeologists bring to society. – August 2016 – Post-Brexit survey, led by Kevin Wooldridge with Jen Parker-Wooding. – July 2016 onwards – preparation of ‘short guides’ series, exploring the different qualifications, experience and systems involved in working overseas. These short guides are published on the website to maximise accessibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archaeological Work in Norway (Kevin Wooldridge) - Archaeological Work in Hungary (Zsolt Magyar) - Archaeological Work in Barbados (Laura Hampden in prep) – April 2017 - ClfA2017 conference, ‘Archaeology: a global profession’. Contributions by IPSIG and its members include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DCMS/ClfA Workshop – Archaeology and UK soft power - Paper – Kevin Wooldridge, ‘When the UK leaves Europe where does that leave me? The perspective of an archaeologist working in both the UK and the EU. Partly based on August 2016 Post-Brexit survey. - Session – ‘Global archaeology, threats and solutions’ session organised by Jamie Quartermaine and Leonora O’Brien and chaired by Mike Dawson. 	
	<p>Context: external events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – April 2016 – Italy and UNESCO agree to create an Italian-led ‘Cultural Blue Helmet’ Task Force focusing on preventing art trafficking, and repairing damage caused by war, crises and natural disasters around the world. – Sep 2016 – Safeguarding Endangered Cultural Heritage - France & UAE pledge \$75 million to protect heritage sites in war zones. – Dec 2016 – British Council & DCMS launch £30 million UK Cultural Protection Fund 2016-2020 to protect heritage in the Middle East and North Africa. – Dec 2016 – UNESCO Protection of Cultural Property – Military Manual published. – February 2017 – UK Cultural Property (Armed Conflict) Act passed. The Act will enable the UK Government to ratify the 1954 Hague Convention. – March 2017 – UN Security Council Condemns Destruction, Smuggling of Cultural Heritage by Terrorist Groups, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2347. – EU Commission proposes to designate 2018 as the European Year of Cultural Heritage. – March 2017 – G7 Ministers of Culture signed "The Florence Declaration" condemning the destruction of cultural sites and calling upon the international community to intensify their fight against the illegal trafficking of cultural goods. – March 2017 – Speech by Karen Bradley, UK Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport supporting cultural heritage protection. 	-

4.	Officers' Reports: Hon Secretary's Report The group does not currently have a secretary.	-
5.	Officers' Reports: Hon Treasurer's Report Frank Meddens apologised for absence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The budget for 2016-2017 was £800 - The budget for 2017-2018 is £850 - Solvent. Suggested expenditure for 2017-2018 is: travel expenses £400, Groups Forum £200, other travel expenses £125, AGM £75 and £50 on marketing/membership. Frank provided a written report to the committee his progress on ongoing projects, circulated to the attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pilot project on climate change impact modelling on sites in Peru, currently seeking funding of c. £18,000. - Predictive modelling to look at land invasions onto sites of cultural heritage importance by people being driven off their land – seeking inputs from cultural geographers. - Frank has joined the Historic Environment Working Group, led by Historic England, which advises government on the impact of climate change on heritage assets and is reviewing best practice and generating strategic approaches. He is representing ClfA/IPSIG. Suggests forming ClfA working group/subcommittee to maximise our potential contribution. TBC with Pete Hinton. The committee is grateful to Frank for maintaining and raising the annual budget and to ClfA for its generous support.	-
6.	Business plan 2014-17 review QQQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee meetings 3 x year, Spring, Summer, Winter - FAIL - Prepare membership competency matrix - PASS - Events – annual ClfA or EAA conference session - PASS - CPD workshop(s) – jointly with Committee on Professional Associations in Archaeology @ EAA conference annually - ONGOING - Group member survey - PASS - E-Bulletin/newsletter 1 or 2 times a year - FAIL - Maintain and update publicity materials - FAIL - Linkage to other organisations – as and when opportunities arise, forge and develop links with other groups – ONGOING 	Actions: All
7.	Elections to committee <i>Current 2016-2017 committee</i> Chair - VACANT Treasurer - Frank Meddens Secretary - VACANT Ordinary members: - Peter Clark - Mark Dunkley - Rob Early - Richard Lee (resigned) - Leonora O'Brien - Jamie Quartermaine <i>Specialist group liaisons/advisors</i>	Co-options to be notified to membership and elected at next committee meeting Kerry Wiggins to confirm protocol

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evelyne Godfrey (ICOM-UK) - Zsolt Magyar (Central & Eastern Europe) - John Sode Woodhead (Israel/Middle East) - Kevin Wooldridge (Scandinavia) <p><i>Co-options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secretary – Kathryn Price (Nominated: Kevin Wooldridge Seconded: Mark Spanjer) - OM – Kenneth Aitchison (Nominated: Peter Clark Seconded: Jamie Quartermaine) - OM – Charles Le Quesne (Nominated: Leonora O’Brien Seconded: Mike Dawson) - OM – Mike Dawson (Nominated: Leonora O’Brien Seconded: Jamie Quartermaine) - Deputy Treasurer – Jamie Quartermaine (Nominated: Peter Clark Seconded: Mike Dawson) <p>All co-options will be notified to membership and elected at next committee meeting as committee members cannot be co-opted at SIG AGMs.</p> <p><i>Prospective 2017-2018 committee</i></p> <p>Chair - VACANT Treasurer - Frank Meddens; Deputy Treasurer - Jamie Quartermaine Secretary - Kathryn Price Ordinary members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kenneth Aitchison - Peter Clark - Mike Dawson - Mark Dunkley - Rob Early - Charles Le Quesne - Leonora O’Brien 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Caroline Pathy-Barker has expressed interest in group, to be contacted regarding possible role as specialist group liaison/advisor for East Asia. – Kevin to forward his Brexit talk to Leo or Kerry to upload to IPSIG website – In order to provide a location for their weblinks, speakers at the Global Threats session are to forward their organisations’ details to Leo/Kerry for upload to IPSIG website, if possible. 	<p>Actions: Leo / Kevin / Kerry Wiggins</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date and place of the next meeting Venue and time to be confirmed, likely to be August-September 2017, preceding EAA conference.</p>	<p>Actions: Leo O’Brien/ Kerry Wiggins</p>