

Committee Minutes

30 April 2025, 17.30

In person

Present: Matilda Holmes (MH) (Vice Chair), Colin Forrestal (CF) (Secretary), Perry Gardener (PG), Daria Dabal (DD)

1.	Apologies	Action
	Evelyne Godfrey (EG) (Chair), Katerina Vavaliou (KV), Marianne Mödinger (MM), Cara Burton (CB) (CIfA), Ermelinda Trinder (ET)	
2.	Previous Minutes	
	These were accepted.	
3.	Matter Arising from Previous minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PG raised the option of the mentoring with English Heritage Assistance, if we should not advertise this to the group. PG asked CB if RIG could feature in the Innovation festival as a follow up to this session. 	
4.	CIfA 2025 Conference – RIG/Early Careers session	Done
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The view of the members at the conference is that it was well organised and easy to access everything as it was enclosed. The auditorium the RIG/Early Careers session was in was large, but the acoustics was excellent. The session was a big success and well-presented, much down to the organisation that went into it from the members of RIG and Early Careers who ran it. The presentations covered a wide range of topics from connections, teaching and learning, myth busting and communication, collaboration and co-ordination. The discussion that followed the presentations were lively and interesting. If correct training was of paramount importance, why were speciality units such as Sheffield University's Zooarchaeology being re-designated? If departments were being closed, where would the mentoring and teaching of the next generation coming from? Where were the future apprentices and students to get the required knowledge that academic and commercial units required? CIfA were unable to obtain the Banner and postcards for RIG in time for this session although the RIG PowerPoint design was very eye catching and thought provoking. 	
5.	PhD Funding Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As KV was not present at this meeting, this item is being held over until the next meeting. 	
6.	Heritage Crime Workshop.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contact has gone quiet with the International Practice and the Heritage crime groups. CF to re-establish communications, as soon as possible. 	CF/EG
7.	Regional Plans Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PG commented that we need regional networks. These work well with very specific sites but doesn't on atypical sites. Suggest possible pooling of resources. 	ALL
8.	EAA Belgrade 2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None of the members present were involved so the item was held over to the next meeting. 	Ongoing
9.	New RIG CIfA webpage & Knowledge Hub	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held over to the next meeting as meeting had to end. 	CF
10.	Academic Matrix Launch	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held over to the next meeting. 	
11.	Business Plan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held over to the next meeting 	
12.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
13.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to do a meet-o-matic for end of June 	CF