

CIFA Geophysics Special Interest Group Annual General Meeting

Held at the Birmingham and Midland Institute
11a.m on Thursday the 12 Jan 2017

Present:

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| Lucy Learmonth (Chair) | LL |
| Andrew Hutt (Treasurer) | AH |
| Matthew Guy (NSGG & EuroGPR Liason) | MG |
| Paul Linford (Historic England & ISAP Liason) | PL |
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| Mark Whittingham | MW |
| Roger Ainslie | RA |
| Colin Forrestal | CF |
| Sion Parsons | SP |

1. Apologies:

Jimmy Adcock (**JA**), Duncon Hale (**DH**), Graeme Attwood (**GA**), Michael Puntorno (**MP**).

LL took the chair, welcomed those attending the meeting and noted apologies of those unable to attend.

2. Quorum:

Achieved.

3. Outgoing Chair's introduction:

Presented on behalf of **JA** by **LL**. **LL** thanked **JA** for his dedication over the past years.

4. Minutes of the last AGM:

Accepted. Proposed by **AH** and seconded by **MG**

Agreed that a new direction was required for the GeoSIG.

5. Financial Report:

A short report was delivered by **AH**. GeoSIG hadn't held any meetings in 2016 so only £30.00 of the group's £500.00 budget was allocated.

6. EuroGPR Report: presented by MG

EuroGPR's focus in 2016 was to finalise the new ESTI standards for Ultra-Wide Bandwidth users, in accordance with the review of the radio directive legal framework. The radio directive sets out the bandwidth and transition power of any device transmitting EM radiation in Europe. EuroGPR have been once more working with ESTI to secure fair rights for the GPR community. The ETSI standards should have been completed in December 2016, publication is expected in March with an implementation deadline of June 2017.

In 2017 EuroGPR aim is to increase exposure through Europe by having a presence at events throughout the year. This will include GeoBusiness in London and IWAGPR in Edinburgh. They are also trying to increase member's benefits which will include an on-line training material and an examination.

EuroGPR request members residing in the UK to update their details and include their Ofcom licence numbers.

7. NSGG Report: Presented by MG

The NSGG held two events in 2016; New advances in Geophysics and the 13th Archaeology and geophysics meeting held at Burlington house, London. Both events were well attended with the latter drawing over 110 delegates from the UK and Europe. As is custom, the profits from the 13th Archaeology and geophysics meeting will be donated to the Tony Clark Memorial fund. In past years this amount has been around £1000.00.

At the 2016 NSGG AGM the membership voted to initiate a Near Surface Geophysics Student Bursary. The bursary will be used to support student research projects and conference expenses.

2017 includes the biennial field exhibition at the NSGGs test site in Leicester. The event will be held on Thursday 11th of May and provides an opportunity for end users to operate equipment they may not always have access to.

8. Secretarial/Membership Report:

LL gave figures for the GeoSIG membership which stands at 4—CIFA and 2 non-CIFA members.

9. Election of Officers

LL appointed as Chairman

GA appointed as Secretary

AH appointed as Treasurer

MW appointed as Ordinary Committee Member

10. Appointed Representatives from other Organisations:

MG to continue as link to NSGG (Near Surface Geophysics Group)

MG takes over EUROGPR liaison role from Martin

PL to continue as Historic England and ISAP (International Society of Archaeological Prospection) liason.

Action: MG to check is **Alastair Ruffell** and **Anne Roseveare** are happy to remain as links to the Forensic SIG and BSSS (British Society of Soil Science) respectively.

11. CIFA News

No representative from CIFA was able to attend. No further discussion.

12. Outreach and activities:

13. AOB

14. Date of next AGM

January 2018 – date to be confirmed.