

Research Framework Meeting
20th May 2010
RCAHMW, Aberystwyth

Present: Gwilym Hughes, Peter Wakelin, Ian Brooks, Jenny Hall, Astrid Caseldine, Edith Evans, David Browne, Emily Bateman, Steve Burrow, David Gwyn, Jeff Davies

1) Apologies: John Latham, Kate Geary, Stephen Briggs, Peter Claughton, Emma Plunkett-Dillon, Elizabeth Walker, Ken Murphy, Andrew Marvell, Fiona Gale, Gary Robinson, Nancy Edwards

2) Notes from last meeting:

3) Review process including feedback from Chairs:

Palaeoenvironmental, Astrid Caseldine. Astrid is still waiting for some comments back but has produced a document including everything as far as she has already received. She still needs to visit GGAT, but hopes to have the document ready to go on the website by the end of June.

Palaeolithic and Mesolithic (250,000BC – 4000BC), Elizabeth Walker. Elizabeth has now received response to most of the people she contacted including the four Welsh Archaeological Trusts. She has started to formulate a first draft document for circulation and for placing on the website which can then be edited.

Neolithic and Early Bronze Age (4000BC – 1500BC), Steven Burrow. The Research meeting prior to the Bronze Age conference did not take place due to time constraints and other commitments. However Steve has emailed 40 people and had 21 responses so far. From these responses a first draft document has been circulated with a deadline of the 27th May for comment. The most difficult part has been how the Research Framework is being used. Most responses said that they hadn't used it; one response said they used it all the time. There was some feedback that unless money is tied to the Research Framework there is little incentive to follow it

Later Bronze Age and Iron Age (1500BC - AD43), Fiona Gale. Fiona was not present at the meeting. As with the Earlier Prehistoric period, the meeting prior to the Bronze Age conference was cancelled due to other commitments.

Roman (AD43 – AD410), Jeff Davies. Jeff has been provided with some good feedback and is just missing comments from NW Wales. He should have a document to go on the website by the end of June, if outstanding material is provided as soon as possible. He has had feedback on the use of the Research Framework, again some of the comments saying that linking it to funding would be a motive for using it. A good example of using the Research Framework as a fund-raising tool is the work at Caerleon. Responses have been largely from the larger organizations.

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Early Medieval (AD410 – AD1100), Nancy Edwards. Nancy is ready to finalise the draft document to go on the website.

Medieval (AD1100 – AD1539), David Austin. Gwilym has contacted David Austin who has now decided that other commitments means that he hasn't enough time to put into coordinating the medieval responses. **Action Point:** GH to find someone willing to take over the co-ordination of this theme.

Post Medieval Wales (AD1539 – AD1750), David Gwyn. David has identified and set up a group to take the review forward.

Industrial and Modern Wales (AD1750 – Present), Stephen Hughes. A draft has been produced which will be discussed at the Welsh Industrial Panel at Aberdulais on May 25th.

Maritime, Sian Rees. Polly Groom is helping Sian with this theme.

Infrastructure, Emily Bateman. ALGAO Wales said that they would like to co-ordinate the final plenary session. They will put a proposal forward to the steering committee as to how this might be taken forward.

4) The format of the Review Papers was discussed and the format to be revised to be titled as follows. Sections A to D should aim to be about 2000 words in total

- A) Recent Research
- B) Relevance to Existing Priorities
- C) Proposed Amendments to Priorities
- D) How the Research Framework has been used
- E) Bibliography

The deadline for review papers was changed to the end of June,

5) Conference: JH to ask Fiona Gale about key note speakers. David Gwyn asked about the after dinner speaker.

JD will appoint a deputy to chair the Roman workshop and give Roman paper if he isn't available.

Plenary sessions to be chaired by GH, PW, probably Richard Brewer, or someone else from the NMW. JD & EB suggested that someone from the university sector chaired the fourth session.

Conference dinner options need to be looked into.

RCAHMW would like to put flyers/leaflet in the conference pack and have an exhibition space. Other organisations to be contacted to ask if they would like to do the same.

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6) Publicity. Cadw produced the flyers which were circulated via the IfA Conference and the IfA Wales/Cymru membership list. Several organisations were sent flyers to distribute locally and a PDF of the flyer has been placed on the Research Framework website.

Suggestions were made for changes to the website, including bringing the Feedback Forum (Discussion) more to the front and highlighting the conference.

Period/theme chairs were asked to add something to the Discussion pages to try to start dialogues.

6) Financial Report:

£250 from CAA towards conference pack

£140 from RCHAMW for updating website

£500 from Cadw for conference costs

£500 from IfA for speakers costs/bursaries

6) Date of next meeting: **Thursday 15th July, 11am at the RCAHMW**

Teleconference for sub group to organise details of conference - 3rd June 12 o'clock

8) AOB. Mention was made of the English Heritage Research Agenda for Prehistory, and a general request was made for up to date links to other Research Frameworks to put on the website