

BUSY DAY!

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It's been a busy day so far. The meeting with AAI&S has now finished, and was very successful. Look out for a press release about the merger. We've also been making some exciting plans for next year's Conference (which will be in Oxford 18 – 20 April).

I've organised an inspection panel for a organisation that's applied to become [Registered with us](#), and we're continuing to write up the benchmarking reports for those of our current Registered Organisations who need to reregister this year (they do so every two years, to make sure they're still operating as we expect them to). I'm also getting some last minute nomination forms in from people eager to be on the Buildings Archaeology Group's committee, and rounded up what training courses our groups have done this year for Alex, who's writing the Annual Report at the moment. I'm currently typing up the last edits on the text of *The Archaeologist* for our designer, as that will go to press next month. This issue is the conference round-up. A copy of the new 'Londinium' map has just arrived on my desk for review (in the following edition I suspect). It's very good, Kirsten's just showed me the iphone app. I like the one-finger excavation technique!

Earlier today we released an [exciting statement](#) about the new Scottish government planning advice note. We are particularly pleased with the stipulation that archaeological work required through the planning process should conform to the relevant IfA Standards and guidance, and the emphasis that work should be done by 'a professionally competent organisation or consultant', with IfA is identified as having a Register of professionally accredited organisations.

The phone's been busier than it has been all week, which is unusual for a Friday. I might need some more coffee....

Kathryn