

The call for papers for the 2019 IAI Conference is now open. This year the Conference will take place in the River Lee Hotel, Co. Cork on April 5th and 6th 2019.

The title of this Conference is “**Now and Again: Current and Recurring Issues Facing Irish Archaeologists**” and the theme for Day 1 of this Conference will be the Archaeological Profession itself.

Papers can be of varying lengths ranging from 5-minute position statements to 20-minute outlines. These papers will be used as a starting point for roundtable discussions at the Conference to gather data and opinions on topics and issues facing the profession, such as the grading of archaeological practitioners; training of archaeological professionals; and “**The Definition of an Archaeologist**”.

The outcomes of the Conference will allow the IAI to develop an agreed Definition of an Archaeologist that encompasses all strands of the Profession.

The format of this Conference is as follows:

Friday 5th April

Day 1 – Session 1: Presentations from key stakeholders and wider membership on the issues facing Irish Archaeologists focused with a view to provoking further discussion at the round tables.

Day 1 – Session 2: Round table discussions consisting of 8–10 participants. Opinions and experiences will be compiled with points reported back to the Conference.

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Saturday 6th April

Day 2: of this Conference will feature an Environmental Archaeology and Urban Archaeology theme with further details to be announced over the coming week.

Those who are interested in presenting at the upcoming Conference should email an abstract of between 100 to 500 words with a title and an indication of speaking time required to chair@iai.ie by Feb 1st 2019.

Those who are interested in presenting their research on Day 2 of the Conference are asked to email an abstract of their intended talk to Lynda.mccormack11@gmail.com by Feb 15th 2019.