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Neil Kornze, Principal Deputy Director
U.S. Department of Interior
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Dear Mr. Kornze,

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is organizing International Archaeology Day to be held on October 19, 2013. For the past two years, this event was celebrated as National Archaeology Day; however, with a total of eight countries participating last year we felt it was appropriate to change the name. Last year, we were honored to have the BLM join as one of 125 Collaborating Organizations. Participation spanned 49 U.S. states, 8 Canadian provinces, and six additional foreign countries as approximately 60,000 people participated in nearly 300 events.

The Archaeological Institute of America, founded in 1879, is North America's oldest and the world's largest organization devoted to the world of archaeology. The Institute's mission is to promote a vivid and informed public interest in the cultures and civilizations of the past, support archaeological research, foster the sound professional practice of archaeology, advocate for the preservation of the world's archaeological heritage, and represent the discipline in the wider world.

I write to ask the BLM to join us in celebrating International Archaeology Day again this year as a Collaborating Organization. Collaborating Organizations agree to hold events and/or promote International Archaeology Day to their members (more details available on our website: archaeological.org/archaeologyday/CollaboratingOrganizationInfo).

If you decide to become an official Collaborating Organization (and we hope you will join us again this year), we would appreciate it if you would pass information about International Archaeology Day to relevant employees within the BLM and encourage participation.

If you have any questions about International Archaeology Day, please do not hesitate to contact AIA Senior Programs Coordinator Meredith Anderson Langlitz (mlanglitz@aia.bu.edu; 617-358-5909).

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter Herdrich'.

Peter Herdrich
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