

International Mountmakers Forum (IMF) Kick-Start Event

Natural History Museum- London, UK

15 April, 2015

Last month our group took a big step forward when the Natural History Museum in London hosted an informal International Mountmakers Forum meeting. The event was co-organized by Helen Walker (*Natural History Museum*) and Sam Gatley (*Victoria and Albert Museum*) to inform museum professionals in the UK (and Europe) about the IMF and to generate support for a future UK IMF conference. Thanks to Helen and Sam's efforts, the meeting was a huge success with over a 150 in attendance! This was the first time an event dedicated solely to mountmaking has taken place in the UK and the meeting felt very much like the first IMF hosted at Getty Museum in 2008- lots of enthusiasm for the profession, with many connections being made. Given the turnout at the event, it underscored the interest in mountmaking in the UK and the desire to connect professionally. It also set the groundwork for a future IMF conference in London- hopefully #6 in 2018!

Many thanks again to Helen and Sam for all of their efforts!