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From IAP to IAQ, an evaluation of six years of getting together

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The first Indoor Air Pollution meeting took place in 1998 in Glasgow. Ideas were shared, research discussed and goals were set for future work. The focus of the meeting was on volatile air pollutants, their determination, the interaction with museum objects and the possible strategies for mitigation. Through the years the 'Indoor Air Pollution' evolved into 'Indoor Air Quality', studies on particulate matter became incorporated in the discussion and the field of topics widened. The meetings that started out as a platform for the exchange of knowledge and ideas for the core group involved in active research have gained value as moments to disseminate knowledge to a wider audience and gain attention for IAQ in collections care. Looking back on the original aims and goals, what has been achieved? What still needs to be achieved? How does IAQ fit in the bigger context of preventive conservation and collection risk assessment? From IAP to IAQ, what is next?