



Quaternary Research Association

# CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

## JUNE 2010

### 1. QRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Two members of the QRA Executive Committee complete their terms of office in January 2011. The Executive Committee has nominated the following people to stand for election.

President: Prof. Dan Charman (Exeter)  
Ordinary Member: Dr Mary Gagen (Swansea)

Unless other nominations are received by the Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009, the nominees named above will begin their terms of office in January 2011. If other nominations are made, there will be a ballot, which will be issued in the October 2010 flier.

Pete Langdon  
Secretary

### 2. CALENDAR OF QRA MEETINGS: [www.qra.org.uk/meetings](http://www.qra.org.uk/meetings)

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome. Please contact the Meetings Officer: Dr David Roberts ([d.h.roberts@durham.ac.uk](mailto:d.h.roberts@durham.ac.uk)) to discuss your proposal.

25-27 August 2010. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual QRA Postgraduate Symposium.

Contact: Tom Roland ([exeter@QRA2010.co.uk](mailto:exeter@QRA2010.co.uk))  
[http://www.qra2010.co.uk/QRA\\_Postgraduate\\_Symposium\\_2010/Home.html](http://www.qra2010.co.uk/QRA_Postgraduate_Symposium_2010/Home.html)

29 Sept-2 Oct 2010 **Field Meeting: Solway Firth** Glacial & sea-level history of the Solway region

Contact: Dave Evans, Durham University, [d.j.a.evans@durham.ac.uk](mailto:d.j.a.evans@durham.ac.uk)

29 - 31 Oct 2010 **QRA Research Group meeting: The 11th meeting of the Glacial Landsystems Working Group (GLWG)**

[http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/qec/research\\_groups/glwg/forthcoming\\_glwg\\_meetings/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/qec/research_groups/glwg/forthcoming_glwg_meetings/)

Jan 2011 **Annual Discussion Meeting: Palaeohydrology**

Contact: Fabienne Marret, [F.Marret@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:F.Marret@liverpool.ac.uk)

4-7 April 2011 **Field Meeting: Quaternary of the Exe Catchment and the Blackdown Hills**

Contact: Laura Bassell, [lbassell@hotmail.com](mailto:lbassell@hotmail.com); [laura.basell@rlaha.ox.ac.uk](mailto:laura.basell@rlaha.ox.ac.uk)

September 2011 **Field meeting/workshop: Glaciotectonics/Norfolk**

Contact: Emrys Phillips, [erp@bgs.ac.uk](mailto:erp@bgs.ac.uk); [jrlee@bgs.ac.uk](mailto:jrlee@bgs.ac.uk)

### 3. QRA PUBLICATIONS: <http://qra.org.uk/publications>

Do not forget to check the latest publications from the QRA website including field and technical guides. You can download an order form from the website and view a summary of contents for each published guide.

### 4. QRA RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE GRANTS: <http://qra.org.uk/grants>

Full details of all QRA grants and application forms are available on the website. Applicants for awards should read the details carefully before submitting an application. In addition the website has information about obtaining travel grants for the 2011 INQUA congress (<http://qra.org.uk/about/inqua>) which will run from **21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July 2011**. Details at: <http://www.inqua2011.ch/>

### 5. NEW QRA AWARD: JAMES CROLL MEDAL

This is the highest award of the QRA and is named in honour of James Croll (1821-1890). The Medal is normally awarded to a member of the QRA who has not only made an outstanding contribution to the field of Quaternary science, but whose work has also had a significant international impact.

#### ***Nominations and application procedure***

The candidate should be nominated and seconded by any QRA members 'of standing' who are familiar with the candidate's work. Completed nomination forms should be forwarded to the Awards Officer (Siwan Davies: [siwan.davies@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:siwan.davies@swansea.ac.uk)) by the **15th September 2010** deadline.

#### ***Presentation of the award***

The award will be presented at the January AGM. The successful candidate will be invited to receive their award in person from the President. Travel costs and one night's accommodation will be made available from QRA awards funds (if required).

### 6. NEW QRA Research Groups: <http://qra.org.uk/research>

Two new research groups are now fully active within the QRA:

#### **Glacial Landystems Working Group (GLWG)**

GLWG is an informal working group which aims to act as a catalyst for research on palaeoglaciological reconstructions, focusing specifically on landform/sediment associations and their application to glaciated landscapes. The group organises a range of field meetings at various locations in glaciated Britain.

**website:** [http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/gec/research\\_groups/glwg/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/gec/research_groups/glwg/)

#### **Tephra in Quaternary Science (TIQS)**

Recent developments in tephrochronology have heralded a new wave of research initiatives that utilise it to tackle significant scientific issues which, hitherto, have been unachievable with the traditional dating techniques. This group will bring together individuals and groups with wide-ranging expertise in order to promote cross-group collaborations for optimising and advancing tephrochronology.

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A reminder: this flier replaces the circular and identifies key upcoming activities within the QRA. All specific details can be found on the QRA website. For any enquiries regarding QRA activities please consult [www.qra.org.uk](http://www.qra.org.uk) or contact the Secretary, Dr Pete Langdon, [p.g.langdon@soton.ac.uk](mailto:p.g.langdon@soton.ac.uk). School of Geography, Highfield, University of Southampton, Southampton, SO17 1BJ