



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2011

1. INQUA 2011: <http://www.inqua2011.ch/>

The QRA is a member of the International Union for Quaternary Research - INQUA (<http://www.inqua.tcd.ie/>), which unites scientists from all over the world. The next (XXVIII) INQUA Congress will be held in Bern, Switzerland 20th July - 27th July, 2011.

Please note that Early bird registration closes on 31st March 2011 and costs CHF 750 (CHF 550 for PhD students), equivalent to ca. £490 and £360 respectively, based on current exchange rates. Later registration is even more expensive.

The QRA website has information about obtaining travel grants for the 2011 INQUA congress and an application form can be found at <http://www.qra.org.uk/grants/8>. Note that the deadline for receipt of applications is **15th February 2011**

2. QRA AWARDS NOMINATIONS: <http://www.qra.org.uk/grants/awards>

The QRA sponsors several prizes in recognition of excellence in the field of Quaternary research. The **Undergraduate Dissertation Prize** is awarded annually and is administered by the RGS-IBG. The **Lewis Penny Medal** is awarded to a young or new research worker who has made a significant contribution to our understanding of the Quaternary stratigraphy of the British Isles. Our senior award, the **James Croll Medal**, is 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.

We invite the membership to make nominations for these awards. Application procedures and forms can be found on the QRA website <http://www.qra.org.uk/grants/awards> and have a deadline of **15th May 2011** for the Lewis Penny and James Croll medals.

3. Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting of the QRA, Liverpool, 2011

These minutes were distributed in the February Circular in previous years, but as we now just distribute current QRA Highlights in this circular flier, with main content limited to the QRA website, these minutes will now be available on the website at: <http://www.qra.org.uk/publications/circular>

4. 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. New 2010 guides (members prices):

The Quaternary of Western Sutherland & Adjacent Areas (Lukas & Bradwell) £14.00

The Quaternary of the Solway Lowlands & Pennine Escarpment (Livingstone et al) £14.00

5. CALENDAR OF QRA MEETINGS: www.qra.org.uk/meetings

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome. Please contact the Meetings Officer: Dr Eleanor Brown (Eleanor.Brown@naturalengland.org.uk) to discuss your proposal.

April 2011 **Quaternary of the Exe Catchment & Blackdown Hills**

This meeting is now full at a capacity of 45.

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

Contact: Emrys Phillips, erp@bgs.ac.uk; Jon Lee, jrlee@bgs.ac.uk

September 2011 The Geologists' Association - **Geoconservation for Science and Society: An Agenda for the 21st Century**

Venue: University of Worcester

Contact: David Bridgland (D.R.Bridgland@durham.ac.uk) & Eleanor Brown (Eleanor.Brown@naturalengland.org.uk)

Nov 2011 **Marine Tephrochronology (Co-sponsored meeting)**

Venue: Burlington House, Geol Soc

Contact: Bill Austin, St Andrews (wena@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Jan 2012 **ADM: Quaternary Science and Society**

Venue: Southampton/New Forest

Organisers: Peter Langdon (p.g.langdon@soton.ac.uk) & Tony Brown (tony.brown@soton.ac.uk)

6. UPDATES TO THE QRA WEBSITE

The site will have increased functionality from early 2011, including:

- Online payment for membership, field and technical guides
- QRA on the map (an interactive map with QRA field guides linked to sites)
- Photo gallery (with the interactive map)
- Links with JQS, QSR and Boreas

Furthermore we will improve the database management of the website and also produce an annual membership card which will be sent to each QRA member. This will be necessary for any of the membership who want to visit and use the facilities at the RGS, with whom we are now affiliated.

7. QRA NEWS HEADLINES: <http://www.qra.org.uk/news>

Please check the QRA website regularly for any news updates.

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 or contact the Secretary, Dr Pete Langdon, p.g.langdon@soton.ac.uk. School of Geography, Highfield, University of Southampton, Southampton, SO17 1BJ