



Quaternary Research Association

# CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

## JUNE 2011

### 1. QRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Four members of the QRA Executive Committee complete their terms of office in January 2012. The Executive Committee has nominated the following people to stand for election.

Editor Quaternary Newsletter:	Dr Sven Lukas (Queen Mary, London)
Publicity Officer:	Dr Richard Waller (Keele)
Outreach and External Liaison Officer:	Dr Barbara Silva
Ordinary Member:	Dr Emrys Phillips (BGS)

Unless other nominations are received by the Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011, the nominees named above will begin their terms of office in January 2012. If other nominations are made, there will be a ballot, which will be issued in the October 2011 flier.

Pete Langdon  
Secretary

### 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>. **The closing date for the Undergraduate Dissertation Prize is 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

### 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. New 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**

**The Quaternary of the Exe and Adjoining Areas (Basell et al)**

#### 4. 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 Eleanor Brown ([Eleanor.Brown@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Eleanor.Brown@naturalengland.org.uk)) to discuss your proposal.

Quaternary Research Association Postgraduate Symposium 2011  
Department of Geography, Durham University, 30th August - 1st September 2011  
<http://www.dur.ac.uk/grapq2011/>

September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 The Geologists' Association - **Geoconservation for Science and Society: An Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Co-sponsored meeting)**

Venue: University of Worcester

Contact: David Bridgland ([D.R.Bridgland@durham.ac.uk](mailto:D.R.Bridgland@durham.ac.uk)) & Eleanor Brown (contact above)

<http://www.geologistsassociation.org.uk/conferences.html>

September 11-16<sup>th</sup> 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)

October 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 **Marine Tephrochronology (Co-sponsored meeting)**

Venue: Burlington House, Geol Soc

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

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/gg/news/events/index.shtml>

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

Venue: New Forest

Organisers: Pete Langdon ([pql@soton.ac.uk](mailto:pql@soton.ac.uk)) & Tony Brown ([tony.brown@soton.ac.uk](mailto:tony.brown@soton.ac.uk))

Session topics will include:

The Anthropocene; Quaternary Science, Society and the climate system from centennial to millennial scales; Using past interglacials as analogues for the current warm stage; Wetland & lake archives; Human-climate-ecosystem interactions: learning from the past; Geoconservation & Applied Quaternary Science.

In addition the meeting will feature an Open Poster Session where any Quaternary science can be presented. It is hoped this will allow some of the other current debates in QS to be discussed.

**A full schedule and other meeting information will be up on the website shortly.**

#### 5. OTHER QRA NEWS HEADLINES: <http://www.qra.org.uk/news>

The Irish Sea Conservation Zone Stakeholders Group met recently and some Quaternary sites have been highlighted for conservation including some submerged forests and peat beds as well as the drumlin field off Anglesey and the start of St. George's channel. Prof. Cynthia Burek is the only person on the stakeholder group to represent Geoconservation in a committee of 40 so it is sometimes an uphill battle against commercial interests. Reference areas are being finalised at the next meeting. It is vitally important that these sites are safeguarded within the Marine and Coastal Access 2009 legislation and this is an important process to do this. It is an ideal chance to raise the profile of the Quaternary and it is hoped that the other 3 marine areas can do the same.

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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