



Quaternary Research Association

# CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

## FEBRUARY 2019

### 1. Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting of the QRA

Minutes of the AGM held in Chester in early January 2019 will shortly be available from the members' area of the QRA website.

### 2. Call for Nominations for Honorary Membership

The QRA Executive Committee will consider nominations for Honorary Membership at its next meeting in April 2019. Nominations for Honorary Members are welcome from any QRA member, though we ask that the nominees are NOT informed that their names have been put forward: we want awards to be a pleasant surprise! Please make suggestions to the President, Neil Glasser ([president@qra.org.uk](mailto:president@qra.org.uk)), the Secretary, Helen Roe ([secretary@qra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@qra.org.uk)) or the Awards Officer, Kathryn Adamson ([awards@qra.org.uk](mailto:awards@qra.org.uk)). A current list of Honorary Members can be downloaded from the members' area of the QRA website.

Honorary Membership of the QRA is bestowed on individuals who have given distinguished and career-long service to Quaternary science and/or effective contributions to the activities and development of the QRA itself, and who are on the cusp of professional retirement or who have recently retired. The main criteria for Honorary Membership are: (i) scientific contributions to Quaternary science; (ii) promotion of Quaternary science through outreach activities; (iii) significant contributions to QRA meetings and publications; (iii) contributions to the QRA Executive Committee.

### 3. QRA Awards: [www.qra.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/](http://www.qra.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/)

The next deadline for QRA Awards applications is **15 May 2019**. In this round we welcome applications for the following schemes: **New Research Workers Award (NRWA)**, **Postgraduate QRA Meetings Award (PMA)**, **Quaternary Conference Fund (QCF)**, **Quaternary Research Fund (QRF)** and **QRA-14CHRONO Centre Radiocarbon Dating Award**. Eligibility criteria and application procedures are detailed on the Awards webpages. All postgraduates (even those holding QRA awards) are eligible to apply for the PMAs. For further details, please contact the Awards Officer, Kathryn Adamson ([awards@qra.org.uk](mailto:awards@qra.org.uk)).

### 4. QRA Outreach: [www.qra.org.uk/outreach/](http://www.qra.org.uk/outreach/)

The QRA encourages its members and others to promote and foster engagement between Quaternary Science and a wide and diverse audience. In support, we operate an **Outreach Fund** from which grants of up to £1000 are awarded annually. Larger requests will also be considered. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Kim Davies ([outreach@qra.org.uk](mailto:outreach@qra.org.uk)) for more details. The next deadline is **1 March 2019**.

### 5. Calendar of QRA Meetings: [www.qra.org.uk/meetings](http://www.qra.org.uk/meetings)

Further details about all forthcoming meetings are available from the QRA website.

- July 2019**     **INQUA Pre-Congress Field Trip (Pre:QGL-5): The Nature and Timing of the ‘Younger Dryas’ Glaciation of Scotland**  
 Venue: Southern, central and eastern Grampian Mountains  
 Contact: Adrian Palmer and John Lowe (*a.palmer@rhul.ac.uk*)  
 Details: 19–23 July 2019. [Registration now open via QRA website.](#)
- July 2019**     **INQUA Pre-Congress Field Trip (Pre:QFL-6): The Quaternary Fluvial Archives of the Major English Rivers**  
 Venue: Lower Thames, Solent, Trent, Severn/Avon  
 Contact: Becky Briant, David Bridgland, Tom White, Eleanor Brown (*b.briant@bbk.ac.uk*)  
 Details: 20–24 July 2019. [Registration now open via QRA website.](#)
- Aug 2019**     **INQUA Post-Congress Field Trip (Pst:QHL-3): Late Quaternary Landscape Evolution, Palaeoenvironments and Human Occupation in the North of Ireland**  
 Venue: Northern Ireland  
 Contact: Helen Roe, Nicki Whitehouse, Jasper Knight (*h.roe@qub.ac.uk*)  
 Details: 1–4 August 2019. [Registration now open via QRA website](#)
- Aug 2019**     **INQUA Post-Congress Field Trip (Pst:QGL-4): Different Styles of Younger Dryas Glaciation in the Northwestern and Central Scottish Highlands**  
 Venue: Scottish Highlands  
 Contact: Sven Lukas, Clare Boston (*sven.lukas@geol.lu.se*)  
 Details: 1–5 August 2019. [Registration now open via QRA website](#)
- Aug 2019**     **INQUA Post-Congress Field Trip (Pst:QG/ArchL-5): The Quaternary of the Isles of Scilly**  
 Venue: Scilly  
 Contact: James Scourse (*j.scourse@exeter.ac.uk*)  
 Details: 1–5 August 2019. [Registration now open via QRA website](#)
- Aug 2019**     **QRA Postgraduate Symposium**  
 Venue: University of York  
 Contact: Sophie Williams (*slw555@york.ac.uk*)  
 Details: Final dates tbc.
- Oct 2019**     **Joint QRA/GLWG Field Meeting to Glen Clova and Strathmore, eastern Scotland**  
 Venue: Strathmore  
 Contact: Wishart Mitchell, Martin Kirkbride, Simon Cook (*w.mitchell@dundee.ac.uk*)  
 Details: 24–27 October 2019. [Registration open via QRA website](#)
- Jan 2020**     **Annual Discussion Meeting: Quaternary Earth System Processes and Feedbacks: Challenges for Society**  
 Venue: University of Leeds  
 Contact: Karen Bacon, Natasha Barlow, Ruza Ivanovic, Christian Maerz, Paul Morris, Graeme Swindles (*n.l.m.barlow@leeds.ac.uk*)  
 Details: 8–10 January 2020.

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome. The QRA also co-sponsors meetings. Awards, usually up to £500, can be used for venue costs, to sponsor keynote speakers, to subsidise registration costs for groups of delegates and to promote the role of the QRA to new audiences. The next deadline for co-sponsorship requests is **1 March 2019**. Please contact the Meetings Officer, Becky Briant (*meetings@qra.org.uk*) for further information.

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This flier identifies key upcoming activities within the QRA. Further details can be found on the QRA website. For any enquiries regarding QRA activities please consult *qra.org.uk* or contact the Honorary Secretary: Helen Roe (*secretary@qra.org.uk*), School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, BT7 1NN.