



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2022

1. Membership details - update <https://qra.org.uk/membership/>

To ensure that our membership database is fully up-to-date, please make sure that you notify the QRA Administrative Officer, Val Siviter (admin@qra.org.uk) if you have moved address recently or changed your membership category (for example, from ordinary member to retired member, or from student member to ordinary member). Val will be in touch if there are any queries in relation to subscription payments. Please check your inbox for emails from the 'admin@qra.org.uk' address and respond to Val directly.

2. Call for Nominations for Honorary Membership

The QRA Executive Committee will consider nominations for Honorary Membership at its next meeting in April 2022. 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: the awards should be a pleasant surprise! Please make suggestions to the President, Simon Lewis (president@qra.org.uk), the Secretary, Adrian Palmer (secretary@qra.org.uk) or the Awards Officer, Will Fletcher (awards@qra.org.uk) by **31 March 2022**. A current list of Honorary Members can be downloaded from the members' area of the QRA website.

Honorary Membership of the QRA is bestowed upon 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; and (iv) contributions to the QRA Executive Committee.

3. QRA Awards: <https://qra.org.uk/grants-prizes/>

The next deadline for standard QRA Awards applications is **15 May 2022**. In this round we welcome applications for the following schemes: **New Research Workers Award (NRWA)**, **Quaternary Conference Fund / Postgraduate Conference Fund (QCF/PQCF)**, **Quaternary Research Fund (QRF)** and the **QRA-14CHRONO Centre Radiocarbon Dating Award**. Eligibility criteria and application procedures are detailed on the 'Grants, Awards and Prizes' webpage. For further details, please contact the Awards Officer, Will Fletcher (awards@qra.org.uk).

4. QRA Outreach: <https://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 of this, we operate an **Outreach Fund** from which grants of up to £1000 are awarded. Larger requests will also be considered. Please contact the Outreach Officer, James Lea (outreach@qra.org.uk) for further details. The next deadline is **1 March 2022**.

5. QRA Geoconservation Award: <https://qra.org.uk/special-grants/>

QRA Members and organisations who deliver and promote the conservation of our Quaternary geoheritage are invited to apply for the QRA's **Geoconservation Award**. Awards of up to £1000 are awarded annually. Larger requests will also be considered. Please contact the Conservation Officer, Michael Dempster (conservation@qra.org.uk) for more details. The next deadline is **1 March 2022**.

6. Calendar of QRA Meetings: <https://qra.org.uk/meetings/>

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

- Mar 2022** **QRA / Quaternary Engineering Group Field Meeting:**
Quaternary Engineering Geology of the West Cumbria Region
- Location: Santon Bridge, West Cumbria
Leaders: Nick Smith, Chris Coleman, Paul Fish (Jacobs), Jon Merritt, Emrys Phillips
Contact: Jon Merritt (jwm@bgs.ac.uk; jonathanmerritt0@gmail.com)
Date: 17-20 March 2022
- May 2023** **QRA Field Meeting:**
The Quaternary of Wester Ross: glacier dynamics and post-LGM evolution of glaciated mountainous terrain
- Location: Kinlochewe
Leaders: Colin Ballantyne & Doug Benn
Contact: Colin Ballantyne (ckb@st-andrews.ac.uk)
Date: May 2023

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome.

The QRA offer co-sponsorship awards to promote the role of the organisation to new audiences. These awards are usually up to £500 and can be used towards venue costs, to sponsor keynote speakers or to subsidise registration costs for groups of delegates (e.g. early career researchers). The next deadline for co-sponsorship requests is **1 March 2022**. Please contact the Meetings Officer, Emrys Phillips (meetings@qra.org.uk) for further information.

7. QRA Online Bookstore: <https://qra.org.uk/field-guides/>

There are a large number of QRA field guides currently available for purchase via the website, covering locations ranging from East Anglia to Northern Ireland and Iceland. There are also many technical guides available. Recently added volumes include '*A Practical Guide to the Study of Glacial Sediments*' by Evans and Benn (2021) and '*The Quaternary of the West Grampian Highlands*' field guide by Palmer et al. (2021). QRA members will receive a 20% discount on book orders. For further details please see the website.

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: Adrian Palmer (secretary@qra.org.uk), Department of Geography, Royal Holloway University of London, Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey, TW20 0EX.