



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2017

1. Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the QRA

Minutes of the AGM held in Durham in early January 2017 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 2017. 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), the Secretary, Mick Frogley (secretary@qra.org.uk) or the Awards Officer, Adrian Palmer (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:

- Scientific contributions to Quaternary science
- Promotion of Quaternary science through outreach activities
- Significant contributions to QRA meetings and publications
- Contributions to the QRA Executive Committee

3. QRA Awards: www.qra.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/

The next deadline for QRA Awards applications is **15 May 2017**. 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, Adrian Palmer (awards@qra.org.uk).

4. QRA Outreach: 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 £750 are awarded annually. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Barbara Silva (outreach@qra.org.uk) for more details. The next deadline is **1 March 2017**.

5. Calendar of QRA Meetings: www.qra.org.uk/meetings

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

May 2017 Field Meeting: The Quaternary of the North Pennines

Venue: Middleton-in-Teesdale
Contact: David Evans (d.j.a.evans@durham.ac.uk)
Details: 11–14 May 2017. *Registration now open.*

Sept 2017 Field Meeting: The Quaternary of the Vale of Pickering and environs

Venue: Scarborough
Contact: Adrian Palmer (a.palmer@rhul.ac.uk)
Details: 8–11 September 2017

Sept 2017 Overseas Field Meeting: The Quaternary of the Yellow River and its environs

Venue: Lanzhou University, China
Contact: David Bridgland (d.r.bridgland@durham.ac.uk)
Details: 10–18 September 2017. *Expressions of interest invited.*

Aug 2017 QRA Postgraduate Symposium

Venue: Royal Holloway, University of London
Contact: Rachel Devine (mava401@live.rhul.ac.uk)
Details: Final dates tbc.

Jan 2018 Annual Discussion Meeting: Data / model inter-comparison in Quaternary research

Venue: Plymouth University
Contact: Caroline Clason (caroline.clason@plymouth.ac.uk)
Details: 3–5 January 2018

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome. Please contact the Meetings Officer, Clare Boston (meetings@qra.org.uk), to discuss your proposal.

The QRA also co-sponsors other meetings that support the aims of the association and may be of interest and benefit to QRA members. 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 2017**. Please contact the Meetings Officer (meetings@qra.org.uk) for further information.

6. Publications: qra.org.uk/publications/

Three new Field Guides are now available from the online bookstore (members' prices, incl. P&P):

- *The Quaternary of Skye* (Ballantyne & Lowe) **£16.00**
- *The Quaternary Periglaciation of Kent* (Murton & Giles) **£13.60**
- *The Quaternary Glaciation of the Mourne Mountains* (Roberson, Barr & Cooper) **£17.60**

The History of the Quaternary Research Association (edited by John Catt & Ian Candy) is now available to members at the reduced price of **£24.00** (incl. P&P). Why not get a copy for your Library?

***** Watch out for our online book sale during February *****

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: Mick Frogley (secretary@qra.org.uk), Department of Geography, Chichester 1 Building, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9QJ.