



Quaternary Research Association

# CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

## FEBRUARY 2018

### 1. Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the QRA

Minutes of the AGM held in Plymouth in early January 2018 are now 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 Spring meeting in April 2018. 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, Adrian Palmer ([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:

- 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: [qra.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/](http://qra.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/)

The next deadline for QRA Awards applications is **15 May 2018**. 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](mailto:awards@qra.org.uk)).

### 4. QRA Outreach: [qra.org.uk/outreach/](http://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. There are two deadlines each year: **1 March** and **1 September**. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Kimberley Davies, for more details ([outreach@qra.org.uk](mailto:outreach@qra.org.uk)).

## 5. QRA Geoconservation: [qra.org.uk/geoconservation/](http://qra.org.uk/geoconservation/)

The QRA launched a new fund for geoconservation at the 2018 AGM in Plymouth. QRA members and organisations who deliver and promote the conservation of our Quaternary geoheritage are invited to apply for the new **QRA Geoconservation Award**. Grants will normally be made up to £1000, although larger requests will be considered. Awards are open to individuals and organisations to deliver conservation projects, activities and organise conservation themed events, as well as share good practice on Quaternary geoconservation.

There are two deadlines each year: **1 March** and **1 September**. For further information and an application form, please contact the Conservation Officer ([conservation@qra.org.uk](mailto:conservation@qra.org.uk)), Eleanor Brown.

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

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

### **Aug 2018 QRA Postgraduate Symposium**

Venue: University of Glasgow  
Contact: Charlotte Slaymark ([qrapg18@gmail.com](mailto:qrapg18@gmail.com))  
Details: 22–24 August 2018

### **Sept 2018 Joint QRA/GLWG Overseas Field Meeting: Glacial Landsystems of SE Iceland**

Venue: Reynivellir, SE Iceland  
Contact: David J A Evans ([d.j.a.evans@durham.ac.uk](mailto:d.j.a.evans@durham.ac.uk))  
Details: 31 Aug–8 Sept 2018

### **Jan 2019 Annual Discussion Meeting: Environmental change – Pace, Magnitude & Impact**

Venue: Chester University  
Contact: Graham Wilson ([graham.wilson@chester.ac.uk](mailto:graham.wilson@chester.ac.uk))  
Details: 3–5 January 2019

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome. Please contact the Meetings Officer, Becky Briant ([meetings@qra.org.uk](mailto: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 2018**. Please contact the Meetings Officer ([meetings@qra.org.uk](mailto:meetings@qra.org.uk)) for further information.

## 7. Publications: [qra.org.uk/publications/](http://qra.org.uk/publications/)

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

- *The Quaternary Landscape History of Teesdale and the North Pennines* (Evans) **£24.00**
- *The Quaternary Periglaciation of the Vale of Pickering* (Lincoln, Edey, Matthews, Palmer & Bateman) **£21.00**
- *The Quaternary Around Nairn and the Inverness Firth* (Merritt, Auton & Phillips) **£22.00**

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](http://qra.org.uk) or contact the Honorary Secretary ([secretary@qra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@qra.org.uk)): Dr Helen Roe, School of Natural & Built Environment, Queen's University Belfast, Elmwood Building, Belfast BT7 1NN.