



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2017

1. QRA Executive Committee Nominations

Six members of the QRA Executive Committee complete their terms of office in January 2018. The Executive Committee has nominated the following people to stand for election:

Secretary: Helen Roe (QUB)

Meetings: Becky Briant (Birkbeck)

Publicity: Tom Roland (Exeter)

Publications: Katherine Selby (York)

Outreach: Kimberley Davies (Plymouth)

Following a recent appeal, several well-qualified candidates expressed an interest in filling the **Ordinary Member** position. The Exec. were unable to select a single candidate from this pool, so a ballot will be held: details will be published in the October Circular.

Nominations proposing additional candidates for **any** of these six posts are invited from members and should reach the Secretary by **30 September 2017** at the latest. Candidate nominations must be supported by two existing members of at least one year's standing. If other nominations are received, details will be published in the October Circular and the nominees added to the ballot.

2. Call for Nominations for QRA Medals and Honorary Membership

The QRA sponsors several prizes in recognition of excellence in the field of Quaternary research. 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. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Awards webpage (qra.org.uk/prizes/); the deadline is **15 September 2017**.

Nominations for **Honorary Membership** will also be considered by the Executive Committee at their autumn meeting. 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. Nominations 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.

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

The next deadline for QRA Awards applications is **15 September 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)** and the **Quaternary Research Fund (QRF)**. 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: Undergraduate Dissertation Prize: qra.org.uk/prizes/

The QRA, in association with the RGS-IBG, would like to recognise the achievements of undergraduates in Quaternary science by awarding the QRA Undergraduate Dissertation Prize (£250) for a thesis demonstrating flair and originality. This prize is open to any undergraduate enrolled at a British or Irish university; membership of the QRA or RGS-IBG is not a requirement for entry. The submission deadline is **15 September 2017**; further details can be found on the QRA website (qra.org.uk/prizes/). The winner will be announced at the AGM in January 2018 and the abstract of their dissertation published in an issue of *Quaternary Newsletter*.

5. QRA Outreach Fund: 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 September 2017**.

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

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

Sept 2017 QRA/SLaCC Joint Meeting

Venue: Liverpool & Liverpool Bay
Contact: Sarah Woodroffe (s.a.woodroffe@durham.ac.uk)
Details: 6–8 September 2017

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

Sept 2017 QRA Postgraduate Symposium

Venue: Royal Holloway, University of London
Contact: Rachel Devine and organisers (qrapg17@gmail.com)
Details: 11–13 September 2017

Oct 2017 Joint QRA/GLWG Field Meeting: Glaciation of the area around Nairn and Forres, Scotland

Venue: Grantown-on-Spey
Contact: Jon Merritt (jwm@bgs.ac.uk)
Details: 26–29 October 2017

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

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.