



Quaternary Research Association

# CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

## OCTOBER 2017

### 1. QRA Annual Discussion Meeting 2018

#### *Data/model inter-comparison in Quaternary research*

The QRA Annual Discussion Meeting 2018 will be held between Wednesday 3rd and Friday 5th January 2018 at the University of Plymouth. The meeting aims to bring together researchers across the broad range of sub-disciplines within Quaternary science. This will enable the sharing of ideas, approaches to data-model inter-comparisons including dealing with uncertainties, and the dissemination of research across the discipline. There have been major recent advances in Quaternary research in both data and modelling approaches and the conference aims to highlight these. There will be an optional fieldtrip to Kent's Cavern and Hope's Nose raised beach on Saturday 6th January.

#### **Organisers**

Stephanie Mills, Caroline Clason, Neil Roberts, Ralph Fyfe, Nicki Whitehouse, Matt Telfer, Anne Mather, Time Daley and Jessie Woodbridge

#### **Registration and accommodation**

The registration fee includes all refreshments during the meeting, an ice-breaker reception and the optional field trip. *Registration is now open.*

**Early bird** (until 31 October 2017):           **£140.00** (full); **£100.00** (students/unwaged).  
**Late booking** (from 1 November 2017):   **£185.00** (full); **£135.00** (students/unwaged).

Delegates should make their own accommodation arrangements. Hotel and B&B accommodation are available within walking distance of the conference venue; preferential rates have been negotiated with the Copthorne Hotel and the Jurys Inn (see details at [qra.org.uk/adm/](http://qra.org.uk/adm/)). A conference dinner will be held at the National Marine Aquarium (for an additional £50 per person).

Register for the ADM online via the conference registration page – please follow the link from the QRA website ([qra.org.uk/adm/](http://qra.org.uk/adm/)).

#### **Abstract submission**

Submit your abstract to Caroline Clason ([QRA2018@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:QRA2018@plymouth.ac.uk)) by 12 noon on **24 October, 2017**.

### 2. QRA Executive Committee Nominations

Six members of the QRA Executive Committee complete their terms of office in January 2018. Following the call in the last Circular, one nomination was received for each post. There being no other candidates, a ballot is unnecessary; the nominees will therefore begin their terms of office in January 2018:

**Secretary:** Helen Roe (QUB)  
**Meetings:** Becky Briant (Birkbeck)  
**Publicity:** Tom Roland (Exeter)

**Publications:** Katherine Selby (York)  
**Outreach:** Kimberley Davies (Plymouth)  
**Ordinary:** John Hiemstra (Swansea)

### 3. Member Consultation: Circular

The Executive Committee seeks guidance from the membership concerning the future of the Circular. The role of this document has become diminished in recent years following the move online for most of the Association's business. Many of the announcements and information that the Circular was designed to carry now appear on the QRA webpages and/or are distributed to members in a timely fashion via the email news-shot. Is there a continued value for the Circular as a stand-alone document, therefore? The Executive Committee seeks input from members before the issue is discussed at their next meeting in Spring 2018. Members are invited to provide written comment before the end of February 2018 by whichever means are convenient, including email (to either [president@qra.org.uk](mailto:president@qra.org.uk) or [secretary@qra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@qra.org.uk)) and letter. There will also be an opportunity to discuss this issue at the forthcoming AGM in January. The Executive Committee will report back to the membership in due course.

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

The next deadline for QRA Awards applications is **15 January 2018**. In this round we welcome applications for the following schemes: **New Research Workers' Award**; **Quaternary Conference Fund**; **Quaternary Research Fund**; the **Bill Bishop Award**; and the **QRA-14CHRONO Centre Radiocarbon Dating Awards**. Eligibility criteria and application procedures are detailed on the Awards webpages. For further details, please contact the Awards Officer, Adrian Palmer ([awards@qra.org.uk](mailto:awards@qra.org.uk)).

### 5. QRA Outreach Fund: [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. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Barbara Silva ([outreach@qra.org.uk](mailto:outreach@qra.org.uk)) for more details. The next deadline is **1 March 2018**.

### 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.

#### **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](mailto:jwm@bgs.ac.uk))  
Details:          26–29 October 2017

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

Venue:            University of Plymouth  
Contact:         Caroline Clason ([caroline.clason@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:caroline.clason@plymouth.ac.uk))  
Details:          3–5 January 2018. See front page of this Circular. *Registration now open.*

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

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

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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](http://qra.org.uk) or contact the Honorary Secretary: Mick Frogley ([secretary@qra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@qra.org.uk)), Department of Geography, Chichester 1 Building, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9QJ.