



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2018

1. QRA Annual Discussion Meeting 2019

Environmental Change: Pace, Magnitude and Impact

The QRA Annual Discussion Meeting 2019 will be held between Thursday 3rd and Saturday 5th January 2019 at the University of Chester. Contributions are invited which detail recent research into the pace, magnitude and impact of environmental change as recorded in terrestrial and marine depositional sequences and in geomorphic records. Contributions which focus on record integration and system simulation are welcome. The meeting will provide a platform to encourage cross-disciplinary interaction and integration, and an opportunity to discuss emerging challenges.

Organisers

Graham Wilson, Katherine Welsh, Amanda Wilson, Dale Tromans and Philip Marren (Chester).

Registration and accommodation

The registration fee includes all lunches and other refreshments during the meeting. *Registration is now open.*

Early bird (until 23 November 2018): **£150.00** (full); **£100.00** (students/unwaged).

Late booking (until 30 November 2018): **£190.00** (full)

On-site accommodation is available for Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January 2019 at a cost of £30 per night; participants are also free to make their own arrangements from a wide selection of options in Chester city centre. A conference dinner will be held at Chester Cathedral on the evening of Friday 4th January (an additional £38 per person).

Register for the ADM, book accommodation and submit dietary preferences via the conference registration page – please follow the link from the QRA website (qra.org.uk/adm/).

Abstract submission

To submit an abstract, simply download the template from the conference website and e-mail your completed version to QRA2019@chester.ac.uk by **Friday 2 November, 2018**. Further details (including poster formats, etc.) are available from the conference website.

2. QRA Executive Committee Nominations

Three members of the QRA Executive Committee complete their terms of office in January 2019. Following the call in the last Circular, one nomination was received for each post. As there are no other candidates, a ballot is unnecessary; the nominees will therefore begin their terms of office in January 2019.

- **Vice President:** Jane Hart (Southampton)
- **Awards Officer:** Kathryn Adamson (Manchester Metropolitan)
- **Conservation Officer:** Eleanor Brown (Natural England)

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

The next deadline for Awards applications is **15 January 2019**. In this round we welcome applications for: **New Research Workers' Award**; **Quaternary Conference Fund**; **Quaternary Research Fund**; the **Bill Bishop Award**; **Radiocarbon Dating Short Course Bursaries**; and the **QRA ¹⁴CHRONO Centre Radiocarbon Dating Awards**. Please consult the QRA website for eligibility criteria and application procedures, or contact the Awards Officer (awards@qra.org.uk).

4. QRA INQUA 2019 Congress Travel Grants: qra.org.uk/inqua-congress/

The four-yearly international INQUA Congress represents the foremost opportunity for Quaternary scientists from around the world to present their work and discuss the latest developments across a range of disciplines. To support attendance, we operate an **INQUA Travel Fund** for members with grants of up to £750. Please see the website for further details of eligibility and the applications procedure (qra.org.uk/inqua-congress/). The deadline is **1 February 2019**.

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 with awards of up to £1000. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Kim Davies for more details (outreach@qra.org.uk). The next deadline is **1 March 2019**.

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

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

Jan 2019 Annual Discussion Meeting: Environmental Change: Pace, Magnitude and Impact

Venue: University of Chester

Details: 3–5 January 2019. See front page of this Circular. *Registration now open.*

April 2019 Field Meeting: Anglesey

Contact: Lynda Yorke (l.yorke@bangor.ac.uk)

Dates: 11–14 April 2019

The following INQUA Pre- and Post Congress fieldtrips will also be hosted by the QRA:

July 2019 The Nature and Timing of the Younger Dryas Glaciation of Scotland

Contact: Adrian Palmer (a.palmer@rhul.ac.uk)

Dates: 19-23 July 2019

July 2019 The Quaternary Fluvial Archives of the Major English Rivers

Contact: Becky Briant (b.briant@bbk.ac.uk)

Dates: 19-23 July 2019

August 2019 Late Quaternary Landscape Evolution, Palaeoenvironments and Human Occupation in the North of Ireland

Contact: Helen Roe (h.roe@qub.ac.uk)

Dates: 1-5 August 2019

August 2019 Different Styles of Younger Dryas Glaciation in the Northwestern and Central Scottish Highlands

Contact: Sven Lukas (sven.lukas@geol.lu.se)

Dates: 1-5 August 2019

August 2019 The Quaternary of the Isles of Scilly

Contact: James Scourse (j.scourse@exeter.ac.uk)

Dates: 1-5 August 2019

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: Helen Roe (secretary@qra.org.uk), School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast BT7 1NN.