



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2020

1. QRA Annual Discussion Meeting 2021

Landscapes of Change: Past, Present and Future Perspectives

The QRA Annual Discussion Meeting 2021 will be run online, hosted by University of Portsmouth. The conference will be broad in scope, capturing a range of interests of QRA members.

Dates: Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th January 2021

Rationale:

As climate changes, our environment and landscapes evolve in response. This presents a complex range of processes, interactions and challenged to ecosystems and human society. Understanding how landscapes have evolved during the Quaternary and the driving mechanisms behind these changes is important for increasing knowledge on earth-system, ecosystem and human behaviours and interaction and crucial for improving estimates of future environmental change. The aim of this QRA ADM is to explore the role of landscape change within a wide range of Quaternary-related sub-disciplines. Our goal is to bring together terrestrial, marine and coastal scientists, glaciologists, palaeoecologists, archaeologists, geochronologists, engineers and modellers with a range of perspectives on landscape, to explore recent developments in environmental change research and look towards future environmental and landscape-related challenges.

Scientific themes:

- Evolving landscapes
- Changing coastal and marine environments
- Abrupt environmental change and extreme events
- Human-landscape interactions
- Towards the future

Organisers:

Clare Boston, Tim Barrows, Mark Hardiman, Harold Lovell, Sabine Wulf (University of Portsmouth)

Registration:

Registration for the meeting is free of charge. Joining details to follow.

Abstract submission:

Deadline 30th November 2020. Abstracts are welcomed for oral and poster presentations that relate to the five scientific themes. Submission details to follow.

Enquiries: QRA2021@port.ac.uk **Twitter:** @QRAPompey2021

Please check the QRA website for further details: <https://qra.org.uk/adm/>

2. QRA Annual General Meeting 2021

The AGM will take place online on **Thursday 7th January at 2.00 pm** after the lunch break on Day 2 of the Annual Discussion Meeting. Joining instructions will be made available via email, the AGM Agenda (to be posted in the Members' Area of the website in December) and during the conference itself.

3. Executive Committee Nominations

The following nomination was received for the Ordinary Member post which will become vacant in January 2021: Rob Storrar (Sheffield Hallam). Rob will begin his appointment after the AGM.

We have two further posts that will become vacant in January 2021: **Meetings Officer** and **Outreach and External Relations Officer**. The nomination deadline for these posts has been extended until **Friday 29 November**. If you would like to learn more about what the roles entail, or are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague please contact the Secretary (secretary@qra.org.uk).

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

The next deadline for Awards applications is **15 January 2021**. In this round we welcome applications for the following awards: **New Research Workers' Award; Quaternary Conference Fund; Quaternary Research Fund; The Bill Bishop Award; Radiocarbon Dating Short Course Bursaries; ¹⁴C-CHRONO Centre Radiocarbon Dating Award**. Please consult the QRA website for eligibility criteria and application procedures, or contact the Awards Officer (awards@qra.org.uk).

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. To support this, we operate an Outreach Fund with awards of normally up to £1000. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Kim Davies for more details (outreach@qra.org.uk). The next application deadline is **1 March 2021**.

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

Further details of forthcoming meetings are available from the QRA website. If you would like to apply to receive QRA support to host or co-sponsor a meeting, please contact the Meeting's Officer (meetings@qra.org.uk). Meetings can range from short (e.g. 1/2 day) workshops or single day field visits, to conferences or multi-day field trips with or without a published field guide.

Jan 2021 **Annual Discussion Meeting: Landscapes of Change: Past, Present and Future Perspectives**

Hosts: University of Portsmouth (*to be held online*)

Contact: Clare Boston (email: QRA2021@port.ac.uk)

Details: 6–8 January 2021

See front page of this Circular for further details.

Sept 2021 **Nature and Timing of Deglaciation of the SW Scottish Highlands**

Location: Fort William, Scotland

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

Details: early September 2021

Co-sponsored Meetings:

Mar 2021 **CryoMars 2020** (*rescheduled from June 2020*)

Location: University of Sheffield

Contact: Frances Butcher (f.butcher@sheffield.ac.uk)

Details: 1 March 2021

Aug 2021 **Society for African Archaeologists SAFA** (*rescheduled from Sept 2020*)

Location: University of Oxford

Contact: safa2020@arch.ox.ac.uk

Details: 15-20 August 2021

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.