



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2018

1. QRA Executive Committee Nominations

Four members of the QRA Executive Committee will complete their terms of office in January 2019. The following positions will become vacant: **Treasurer, Vice President, Awards Officer** and **Conservation Officer**.

Nominations for *any* of these four posts are invited from members and should reach the Secretary by **15 September 2018** at the latest. Candidate nominations must be supported by two existing members of at least one year's standing. Details of the nominees will be published in the October Circular. If more than one person is nominated for each post a ballot will be arranged.

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 2018**.

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, Helen Roe (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 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)** 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). For details of the QRA's new **Geoconservation Award** see Section 6 below.

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 2018**; further details can be found on the QRA website (qra.org.uk/prizes/). The winner will be announced at the AGM in January 2019 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 £1000 are awarded. Larger requests may also be considered. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Kimberley Davies (outreach@qra.org.uk) for more details. The next deadline is **1 September 2018**.

6. QRA Geoconservation Award: 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. Please contact the conservation Officer, Eleanor Brown (conservation@qra.org.uk) for more details. The next deadline is **1 September 2018**.

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

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

June 2018 Field Meeting: Palaeolithic archaeology in the Breckland

Venue: Breckland, Norfolk
Contact: Simon Lewis (s.lewis@qmul.ac.uk)
Details: 28 June 2018

Aug 2018 QRA Postgraduate Symposium

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

Aug 2018 Joint QRA/GLWG Overseas Field Meeting: Glacial landsystems of SE Iceland - Quaternary applications

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

Jan 2019 Annual Discussion Meeting: Environmental Change: pace, magnitude and impact

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

For details of QRA Co-sponsored Meetings, please refer to the QRA website.

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.