



Quaternary Research Association

# CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2019

## 1. QRA Executive Committee Nominations

Four members of the QRA Executive Committee will complete their terms of office in January 2020. The following positions will become vacant: **President, Treasurer, Quaternary Newsletter Editor** and one **Ordinary Member**.

Nominations for **any** of these posts are invited from members and should reach the Secretary ([secretary@qra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@qra.org.uk)) by the following deadlines: for the role of President, by **31 July 2019**, and for the other posts by **30 August 2019**. 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/](http://qra.org.uk/prizes/)); the deadline is **15 September 2019**.

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](mailto:president@qra.org.uk)), the Secretary, Helen Roe ([secretary@qra.org.uk](mailto:secretary@qra.org.uk)) or the Awards Officer, Kathryn Adamson ([awards@qra.org.uk](mailto: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/](http://qra.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/)

The next deadline for QRA Awards applications is **15 September 2019**. 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, Kathryn Adamson ([awards@qra.org.uk](mailto: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/](http://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 2019**; further details can be found on the QRA

website ([qra.org.uk/prizes/](http://qra.org.uk/prizes/)). The winner will be announced at the AGM in January 2020 and the abstract of their dissertation published in an issue of *Quaternary Newsletter*.

#### **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. Larger requests may also be considered. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Kimberley Davies ([outreach@qra.org.uk](mailto:outreach@qra.org.uk)) for more details. The next deadline is **1 September 2019**.

#### **6. QRA Geoconservation Award: [qra.org.uk/geoconservation/](http://qra.org.uk/geoconservation/)**

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](mailto:conservation@qra.org.uk)) for more details. The next deadline is **1 September 2019**.

#### **7. 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.

##### **July 2019 INQUA (Pre:QFL-6): The Quaternary Fluvial Archives of the Major English Rivers**

Venue: Lower Thames, Solent, Trent, Severn/Avon  
Contact: Becky Briant, David Bridgland, Tom White, Eleanor Brown  
Details: 20-24 July 2019

##### **Aug 2019 INQUA (Pst:QHL-3): Late Quaternary Landscape Evolution, Palaeoenvironments and Human Occupation in the North of Ireland**

Venue: Northern Ireland  
Contact: Helen Roe, Nicki Whitehouse, Jasper Knight  
Details: 1-4 August 2019

##### **Aug 2019 QRA Postgraduate Symposium**

Venue: University of York  
Contact: Sophie Williams and organisers ([qrapg19@gmail.com](mailto:qrapg19@gmail.com))  
Details: 28-30 August 2019

##### **Sept 2019 Joint QRA/Sea Level and Coastal Change Meeting**

Venue: Devon and Cornwall  
Contact: Sarah Woodroffe ([s.a.woodroffe@durham.ac.uk](mailto:s.a.woodroffe@durham.ac.uk))  
Details: 1-4 September 2019

##### **Oct 2019 Joint QRA/GLWG Field Meeting: Glencova and Strathmore, Eastern Scotland**

Venue: Strathmore  
Contact: Wishart Mitchell ([w.mitchell@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:w.mitchell@dundee.ac.uk))  
Details: 24-27 October 2019

#### **8. INQUA Congress July 2019 – UK Delegates Meeting**

Any QRA members who will be participating in the INQUA Congress in Dublin are welcome to join an informal meeting for UK delegates on **Friday 26 July (13:30-14:30)** in Wicklow Meeting Room 4 of the Congress Centre.

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