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**[www.qra.org.uk](http://www.qra.org.uk)**

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[www.qra.org.uk](http://www.qra.org.uk)

## 1. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Members are reminded that **subscriptions are due on January 1<sup>st</sup>** each year. Please pay promptly either by setting up a **STANDING ORDER** before this date or by **SENDING YOUR CHEQUE** punctually. In this way you are reducing the number of reminders and therefore postage costs. Overseas members who have difficulty paying by cheque or standing order can pay by visa (see website for details).

The subscription rates for QRA membership are as follows:

<b>Ordinary Members</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>Student, retired and unwaged members</b>	<b>£10</b>
<b>Institutional Membership</b>	<b>£35</b>

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Membership of the Association will be terminated for non-payment of subscriptions.

Membership information, application, standing order and Gift Aid forms can be found on the QRA Website ([www.qra.org.uk](http://www.qra.org.uk))

**In order that the QRA can maintain an up-to-date and accurate membership database please inform the QRA of any changes to your contact details or your membership status**, either by contacting the Secretary ([s.lewis@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.lewis@qmul.ac.uk)) or the QRA Administrator ([val@bethesda.demon.co.uk](mailto:val@bethesda.demon.co.uk)).

## 2. QRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Six members of the QRA Executive Committee complete their terms of office in January 2010. The Executive Committee has nominated the following people to stand for election.

Vice-President:	Dr David Evans (Durham)
Secretary:	Dr Peter Langdon (Southampton)
Publications Secretary:	Dr Ian Candy (Royal Holloway)
Awards Officer:	Dr Siwan Davies (Swansea)
Conservation Officer:	Prof Cynthia Burek (Chester)
Ordinary Member:	Dr Eleanor Brown (Natural England)

Unless other nominations are received by the Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009, the nominees named above will begin their terms of office in January 2010. If other nominations are made, there will be a ballot, which will be issued in the October 2009 Circular.

Simon Lewis  
Secretary

### 3. QRA WEBSITE AND MEMBERS' DIRECTORY

The new QRA website can be found at [www.qra.org.uk](http://www.qra.org.uk) where you will find news, details of meetings, publications and other information about the QRA.

**The Quaternary Research Association**

**About the QRA**

The Quaternary Research Association is a research organisation interested in the last 2.6 million years of Earth's history (the Quaternary) – also known as the 'Ice Age'.

» [more about the QRA](#)  
» [join the QRA](#)

**The Journal of Quaternary Science**

The Journal of Quaternary Science is published on behalf of the QRA by Wiley-Blackwell.

» [JQS page at Wiley-Blackwell](#)  
» [Discounted subscriptions for members](#)

**News**

16/01/09 - QRA Annual Discussion Meeting 2010 - preliminary announcement ([read](#))  
07/01/09 - Lewis Penny Medal 2009 awarded to Tom Bradwell ([read](#))  
07/01/09 - Honorary Members of the QRA for 2009 ([read](#))  
06/01/09 - Annual John Wiley Lecture by Professor Francesco D'Errico ([read](#))

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**Forthcoming meetings**

04/04/09 - 08/04/09  
QRA Field Meeting, The Solent Basin and West Sussex ([view](#))

15/04/09 - 17/04/09  
Geoarchaeology 2009: Landscape to laboratory and back again ([view](#))

19/04/09 - 24/04/09  
EGU Session GM3.5: Cold regions geomorphology: present landforms and past climate ([view](#))

» [view all meetings](#)

**Postgraduate members**

The QRA has an active postgraduate community with around 250 members. Postgraduates organise their own symposium each year (late Aug/early Sep) to exchange ideas in an informal environment.

» [more about postgraduate activities](#)

**INQUA**

The QRA is a member of the International Union for Quaternary Research, which unites scientists from all over the world. The next (XXVIII) INQUA Congress will be held in Bern, Switzerland 20th July - 27th July, 2011.

» [INQUA web site](#)

**Grant applications**

The QRA funds grants to members with the aim of promoting Quaternary research and training as widely as possible. Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed three times a year.

» [view available grants](#)

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**Members' Directory:** The QRA website now has a significantly enhanced members' directory, in which your contact details will be held securely area and you will be able to update your address and contact details. You will also be able to search the directory for other QRA members.

#### IMPORTANT

Please visit the Members' Directory to check your details are correct and make any necessary changes. Log-in and password details were distributed by email in February 2009. You should change the password to make access to your information more secure.

## **QRA Publications**

The QRA currently has field guides to over thirty destinations available for purchase. Recent additions to the series include:

***The Quaternary of the Solent Basin and West Sussex Raised Beaches* (Briant et al.) 2009**

***The Quaternary of Northern East Anglia* (Candy et al.) 2008**

***The Quaternary of the Trent Valley and adjoining regions* (Bridgland et al.) 2007, available in 2009**

***The Quaternary of Glen Roy and vicinity* (Palmer et al.) 2008**

***The Quaternary of the North of Ireland* (Whitehouse et al.) 2008.**

The Technical Guide series includes:

No. 10 *The Identification and Use of Palaearctic Chironomidae larvae in Palaeoecology.* (Brooks et al) 2007.

No. 7 *The Description and Interpretation of Quaternary Stratigraphic Field Sections* (Jones et al.) 1999 (Digitally reprinted version).

More details on QRA publications and an order form can be found on the website ([www.qra.org.uk](http://www.qra.org.uk)).

If you are interested in producing a technical guide please contact the Publications Secretary. If you have a suggestion for a field meeting and accompanying guide book please contact the Meetings Officer.

### **4. QRA POSTGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM: 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009**

The QRA Postgraduate Symposium provides an opportunity for postgraduate students to meet in an informal environment to share their research. Participation is particularly encouraged from those at an early stage in their academic career wishing to gain experience in presenting to a friendly audience and foster links with like-minded Quaternary scientists.

The QRA Postgraduate Symposium for 2009 will take place between 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009. It will be co-hosted by the Schools of Environment and Development and Earth Sciences at the University of Manchester. Further information on the symposium is available on the QRA website and on the meeting website at: <http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/QRA/>

Organisers: Deborah McCormack ([deborah.mccormack@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:deborah.mccormack@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk))  
Rose Wilkinson

### **QRA Postgraduate Web pages**

The QRA web site now has pages devoted to news and information of interest to postgraduate students. The QRA postgraduate blog can be found at [www.qra.org.uk/blog](http://www.qra.org.uk/blog) and it provides a place where information can be posted reporting on recent QRA activities or announcing forthcoming meetings and other events. For more information on how to post items to the postgraduate blog contact Gunnar Mallon ([g.mallon@soton.ac.uk](mailto:g.mallon@soton.ac.uk)).



## 5. QRA ANNUAL DISCUSSION MEETING: JANUARY 2010

### Sea Level Changes: the Science of a Changing World

Hosted by: The Department of Geography, Durham University, Durham City, UK

Tuesday, 5th January to Friday, 8th January 2010

<http://www.geography.dur.ac.uk/conf/sealevelchanges>

From multiple Quaternary glacial/interglacial cycles to perceptions and predictions of future scenarios, changes in sea level reflect the complex interactions and consequences of our transient Earth – Climate system and, more recently, society. The 2010 QRA Annual Discussion Meeting will address these interactions through themed sessions that aim to explore the different spatial and temporal scales of sea-level change.

The conference format will comprise two full days and one half day of presentations on four themed sessions, each introduced by at least one invited paper from World leaders in the field who will provide a summary of our current state of knowledge and the uncertainty of what we don't know or understand. There will also be an evening "Any Questions" style session on "Sea level science and society: effective communication of our research", with a panel comprising academics and the media to answer questions from conference delegates.

The conference will be hosted by the Geography Department at Durham University, in Durham City in the North East of England, a spectacular cathedral city with an amazing heritage. Narrow cobbled streets wind their way around the rocky peninsula to the majestic Norman cathedral and castle. The cathedral and castle not only dominate the skyline, they are also a designated a World Heritage Site.

#### Conference Organisers

Ian Shennan ([ian.shennan@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ian.shennan@durham.ac.uk))

Antony Long ([a.j.long@durham.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.long@durham.ac.uk))

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Sarah Woodroffe ([s.a.woodroffe@durham.ac.uk](mailto:s.a.woodroffe@durham.ac.uk))

#### Provisional Programme

##### Tuesday 5th January 2010

5.30 pm Conference Registration opens at the Department of Geography

6.00 pm Ice breaking session – Drinks reception (with nibbles) at the Department of Geography

7.30 pm Delegate free evening in Durham City

##### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - Scientific Programme – Day 1

8.30 am Registration recommences at the Department of Geography

9.00 am Conference Opening – Appleby Lecture Theatre, Geography West Building

4.00 pm Poster session

5.30 pm Drinks reception prior to 'Any Questions' session

6.00 pm 'Any Questions' session with academic panel

##### Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - Scientific Programme – Day 2

9.00 am Conference scientific session resumes

7.00 pm Conference Dinner, Great Hall, Durham Castle

##### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - Scientific Programme – Day 3

9.00 am Conference scientific session resumes

1.00 pm Lunch, delegates depart

## **Abstract Submission**

Delegates are invited to submit an abstract for either a presentation or poster. All standard presentations will be 15 minutes in length (including questions and answers). Posters are A0 size, landscape and will be on display during the relevant poster session. Further information on abstract submission can be obtained from the QRA ADM 2010 website:

<http://www.geography.dur.ac.uk/conf/sealevelchanges>

Please use the Word-template provided on the website and name the file adm\_lastname\_inst.doc (lastname and inst. referring to the first author's last name and institute) and send the abstract to Kathy Wood – email [kathy.wood@durham.ac.uk](mailto:kathy.wood@durham.ac.uk) by **Friday, 2nd October 2009**.

The four themes of the conference are listed below. When completing your registration form, please indicate which category you feel best describes your presentation/poster.

1. Modelling sea-level change: global to local scales
2. Quaternary sea-level change, past people and their environments
3. Resolving ice-sheet and sea-level interactions
4. Sea-level change 2000 BP to 2100 AD.

## **Registration**

The registration fee for the whole conference is £85.00. This includes lunch and refreshments on each day of the conference (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January), and an ice breaker reception on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Delegates can also register for individual days of the conference at £35.00 per day if they wish (this includes lunch and refreshments).

There will be a conference dinner at Durham Castle on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, at a cost of £40.00 per person.

**Deadline for Registration: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

## **Accommodation**

There is accommodation available for conference delegates at Hatfield College within the University, which is available on a first-come, first-served basis as follows:

Single occupancy (single room), with ensuite. £39.50 per night

Single occupancy (single room), no ensuite. £28.50 per night

Twin occupancy, with ensuite. £70 per night (based on 2 sharing)

Twin occupancy, no ensuite. £51 per night (based on 2 sharing)

Please note that the above costs include breakfast.

There are also many alternative accommodation options in Durham city, within walking distance of the University (please make your own accommodation arrangements if you would prefer to stay in one of these hotels):

### **Three Tuns Hotel (Swallow hotels)**

<http://www.swallow-hotels.com/hotels/three-tuns-hotel.aspx>

### **Royal County Hotel (Marriott)**

<http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/xvudm-durham-marriott-hotel-royal-county/>



**Quaternary Research Association Annual Discussion Meeting**

***Sea-level Changes: the Science of a Changing World***

Tuesday, January 5th to Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010  
Hosted by: The Department of Geography, Durham University, Durham City, UK

**Please note: Registration Deadline – Friday 13th November 2009**

**A. Personal Details**

Family Name .....

First Name .....

Short first name for badge: .....

Affiliation: .....

Professional Address: .....  
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e-mail: .....

Special dietary requirements .....

Special disabled access requirements: .....

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**B. Presentation**

I would like to give  oral presentation  poster presentation – please indicate  
*Please do not forget to submit your abstract by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009***

Title of abstract  
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Category  
.....

Please indicate which category you feel best describes your presentation/poster.

- 1. Modelling sea-level change: global to local scales
- 2. Quaternary sea-level change, past people and their environments
- 3. Resolving ice-sheet and sea-level interactions
- 4. Sea-level change 2000 BP to 2100 AD

I do not want to give a presentation

**C. Accommodation Choice**

Please note that accommodation is on a first-come, first-served basis. If your choice is no longer available, you will be contacted by the organizers with a suggested alternative.

Please indicate your choice of accommodation and registration payment as follows:

	Tues 5th	Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 8th	Total
<a href="#">Hatfield College</a> - <b>single occupancy (single room)</b> , with ensuite	£39.50	£39.50	£39.50	-	
<a href="#">Hatfield College</a> – <b>single occupancy (single room)</b> , no ensuite	£28.50	£28.50	£28.50	-	
<a href="#">Hatfield College</a> - <b>twin occupancy</b> , with ensuite (based on 2 sharing)	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	-	
<a href="#">Hatfield College</a> - <b>twin occupancy</b> , no ensuite (based on 2 sharing)	£51.00	£51.00	£51.00	-	
Conference fee (2 ½ days including lunches and refreshments)	£85	-	-	-	
Postgraduate/Unwaged conference fee (2 ½ days including lunches and refreshments)	£42.50	-	-	-	
Day delegate – includes lunch and refreshments	-	£35	£35	£17.50	
Conference dinner, Thursday 7th January 2010	-	-	£40.00	-	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					

**D. Payment**

Payment should be made in the form of cheque made payable to *Durham University*, or with a major credit card:

Name: .....

Address for credit card billing:

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Credit Card type (Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover)

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Card Number: .....

Expiration Date: .....

Signature: .....

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Please return this form with your payment to Kathy Wood, Department of Geography, Durham University, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE. Registration deadline – **13th November 2009**.

[kathy.wood@durham.ac.uk](mailto:kathy.wood@durham.ac.uk) Tel. 0191 334 1926, Fax No. 0191 334 1801

**Durham Radisson SAS Hotel**

<http://www.durham.radissonsas.com/>

**Travelodge**

[http://www.travelodge.co.uk/search\\_and\\_book/hotel\\_overview.php?hotel\\_id=204](http://www.travelodge.co.uk/search_and_book/hotel_overview.php?hotel_id=204)

**Premier Travel Inn**

<http://www.premierinn.com/pti/hotelInformation.do?hotelId=26617>

**Travelling to Durham University****By road**

Durham city centre is only two miles from the A1(M). Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 Durham - Sunderland road and follow signs to Durham City Centre. Durham is 264 miles from London, 187 miles from Birmingham, 125 miles from Edinburgh and 67 miles from York. There are several express coach services daily from most major cities. Durham is well served by both regional express services and the local bus network. From the city bus station - a short walk from the railway station - a bus service runs every 15 minutes past the Colleges on South Road.

**By rail**

60 InterCity trains from most major centres in the country call at Durham daily including 14 trains from London. The National Express high speed service takes under 3 hours from London King's Cross on the main East Coast line. Links to train timetables and ticketing arrangements can be found by visiting:

[www.nationalexpress.com/](http://www.nationalexpress.com/)

**By air**

Durham is 30 minutes drive from Newcastle Airport and about 40 minutes from Durham Tees Valley airport. Both have regular domestic and international flights. Durham is linked to Newcastle Airport by rail and metro. Travellers into Durham Tees Valley can take advantage of the free Sky Express bus service that links the airport to Darlington railway station, with regular connections to Durham.

**6. QRA FIELD MEETING: FAR NORTHWEST SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS: APRIL 2010****QRA FIELD MEETING****The Quaternary of the far NW Scottish Highlands****28<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010**

Organisers: Sven Lukas (Queen Mary, University of London), Tom Bradwell (BGS, Edinburgh)

**Background**

The western part of this remote area of Britain was last visited by the QRA in 1995; the area inland of Assynt (i.e. the interior of Sutherland) has received little research attention until recently. Since the last meeting, a large amount of recent research has led to considerable advances in our understanding of the chronology and dynamics of Late Quaternary ice masses and palaeoecology (see below) that have implications for other areas of the British mainland and offshore. It is thus timely to revisit this spectacular area.

### **Preliminary programme**

The meeting will focus on the late Quaternary of the far NW Highlands and adjacent (offshore) areas. Three and a half field days are planned, and the provisional programme will contain:

#### **Day 1:**

The influence of bedrock lithology and structure on Quaternary landform formation; subglacial sediments related to ice-streaming (Allt an Strathan); P-forms, outwash terraces and sea-level evidence (Keanchulish, Strathkanaird); megagrooves (Rhidorroch, Elphin); ice-sheet thickness (Quinag).

#### **Day 2:**

Cosmogenic isotope dating of Late Devensian deglaciation (Loanan Valley); speleothems, <sup>14</sup>C and U-Th dates from the Assynt Bone Caves (Allt nan Uamh); karst and post-glacial weathering (Inchdamph); Holocene peat profiles and environmental change (Inchnadamph).

#### **Day 3:**

Rogen moraines and pre-Younger Dryas readvance limits (Loch Shin); Geomorphological evidence of extensive Younger Dryas glaciation, glacier reconstruction and palaeoclimatic significance (Loch Shin, Loch a'Ghriama, Loch More); Younger Dryas "hummocky" moraine sedimentology and glaciodynamic significance (Bealach nam Meirleach).

#### **Day 4:**

Large-scale rock-slope failure (Bealach nam Meirleach, Ben Hee); <sup>14</sup>C-chronology (Loch Stack).

### **Accommodation**

The meeting will be based at the Inchnadamph Hotel and Inchnadamph Lodge, Inchnadamph. The venues are both well equipped to cater for the group in all aspects (food, well-stocked bar); a large meeting room for evening presentations and a range of accommodation are also available.

Indicative costs per night per person are c. £17 for bunkhouse accommodation, £25-35 per single or shared twin/triple room, bed and breakfast included and c. £45-50 for a single room including dinner, bed and breakfast. Both en-suites and shared facilities are available. Registration costs will be around £80 (standard) and £40 (students/unwaged members).

### **Access**

It should be noted that, due to the widespread absence of roads and usable tracks, all days of this field meeting will involve long walks across mountainous, partly difficult and possibly water-logged ground. Inchnadamph does not have any alternative facilities, and although we will pass local shops on some days, we would encourage participants planning not to have dinner at the hotel to bring provisions for the whole meeting based on previous experience.

### **Travel**

Transport during the meeting will be in University minibuses, BGS and private vehicles, and we will aim at keeping the number of vehicles to a necessary minimum due to available parking space. The majority of roads in this area of the Highlands are single-track, so that larger buses for group transport are not a feasible option due to road widths.

The closest railway station to the area is Lairg, about an hour's drive south of the proposed meeting place, and pick-up from the station can be arranged if required. For everyone's convenience, we would offer to organise lifts for participants who do not travel to the venue as part of a group.

Further details on the field trip can be obtained by contacting either

Sven Lukas (email: [S.Lukas@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:S.Lukas@qmul.ac.uk); Tel.: 020 7882 8417) or Tom Bradwell (email: [tbrad@bgs.ac.uk](mailto:tbrad@bgs.ac.uk); Tel.: 0131 650 0284).

## 7. QRA RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE GRANTS

**Please note: Full details of all QRA grants and application forms are available on the website ([www.qra.org.uk](http://www.qra.org.uk)). Applicants for awards should read the details carefully before submitting an application.**

If you require a hard copy, please contact Dr Mick Frogley at:  
Department of Geography, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9QJ  
email: M.R.Frogley@sussex.ac.uk  
tel: 01273 873237

### **Quaternary Research Fund**

**Purpose:** To foster research in any area of Quaternary studies  
**Eligibility:** Members of the QRA of at least one years standing (NB postgraduates should apply to the New Research Workers' Awards)  
**Deadlines:** 15<sup>th</sup> January, 15<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> September  
**Awards:** £50-500

### **New Research Workers' Awards**

**Purpose:** To foster research in any area of Quaternary studies by postgraduate students  
**Eligibility:** Postgraduate student members of the QRA of at least 6 months standing  
**Deadlines:** 15<sup>th</sup> January, 15<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> September  
**Awards:** Up to £500

### **Quaternary Conference Fund**

**Purpose:** To assist attendance at Quaternary science conferences and field meetings.  
**Eligibility:** Members of the QRA of at least one years standing  
**Deadlines:** 15<sup>th</sup> January, 15<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> September  
**Awards:** Normally up to £250

### **The Bill Bishop Award**

**Purpose:** To provide support for field-based research in the subject of geology and related sciences in the fields of (i) Cenozoic stratigraphy, palaeoenvironments and chronology in relation to hominid evolution and (ii) British Quaternary stratigraphy, palaeoenvironments and geomorphology  
**Eligibility:** Full and part time PhD and MPhil students  
**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> January annually  
**Award:** £800 (maximum)

### **Lewis Penny Medal**

**Purpose:** Awarded to a young or new research worker, and who has made a significant contribution to the Quaternary Stratigraphy of the British Isles and its maritime environment.  
**Deadline:** Nominations should be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> September annually.

### **QRA-RLAHA Luminescence Dating Award**

**Purpose:** Set up in collaboration with the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art at Oxford University, up to six optically-stimulated luminescence dates (from Pleistocene or Holocene sediments) will be awarded.  
**Eligibility:** PhD students  
**Deadline:** January 15<sup>th</sup> annually.

### Postgraduate QRA Meetings Awards

- Purpose:** To enable a greater number of postgraduates to attend QRA meetings.
- Eligibility:** Any registered postgraduate who has been a QRA member for more than **6 months**
- Deadlines:** For Easter Annual Field Meeting or May Short Field Meeting: **January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
For September Short Field Meeting: **May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
For January Annual Discussion Meeting: **September 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Awards:** 50% of the costs of the meeting (excluding travel to the venue); six awards for the Annual Field Meeting, six awards for the Annual Discussion Meeting and three awards for the Short Field Meeting

### Radiocarbon Dating Short Course Bursaries

- Purpose:** To enable members to participate in the annual two-day radiocarbon dating short course run jointly by NERC, AHRC and the University of Oxford.
- Eligibility:** The scheme is open to any QRA member (except undergraduates) regardless of length of membership, though preference will initially be given to first year PhD students who are not funded by either NERC or AHRC.
- Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> January annually
- Awards:** Up to three bursaries will be awarded annually and will cover course fees only. Any other attendant expenses must be met by the applicant. Further details about the short course can be found at [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses).

## 8. QRA-RGS UNDERGRADUATE DISSERTATION PRIZE

Entries for the 2009 **QRA-RGS Undergraduate Dissertation Prize** are now being accepted.

Entries are limited to one per department in the current academic year and may be on any Quaternary theme. Entries must be submitted by the department and not by individual undergraduates. The winner will be announced at the QRA Annual General Meeting (held annually each January) and the abstract of their dissertation published in an issue of Quaternary Newsletter.

Submitted dissertations (one copy only) should be posted to Dr Catherine Souch, RGS-IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

The closing date for submissions is **5<sup>th</sup> September 2009**.

The prize winner will be announced at the AGM in January 2010.

#### Past winners

- Hannah Milne** 2008  
University of Aberdeen  
*Climate of the Loch Lomond Stadial in Perthshire and the Cairngorms*
- Heather Houghton** 2007  
University of Nottingham  
*Evaluation of the evidence for glaciomarine deposition at Aber Mawr and Aber Bach, northern Pembrokeshire. (Joint winner)*
- Matthew Riding** 2007  
Lancaster University  
*Are the till fabric indicators of the Late Devensian diamictons in south-west Cumbria consistent with ice flow indicators of glaciotectonic deformation? (Joint winner)*
- Mathew Bullen** 2005  
Royal Holloway University of London  
*The sedimentology of the West Runton Freshwater Bed (Cromerian sensu stricto type site)*
- Virginia Panizzo** 2004  
University College London  
*A 150 year palaeolimnological investigation of a remote, tropical, alpine lake*

## 9. JOURNAL OF QUATERNARY SCIENCE

The *Journal of Quaternary Science* is the Association's journal, founded in 1986 and published on behalf of the QRA by Wiley-Blackwell. JQS currently publishes eight issues per year, including two special issues. In 2008 the Impact Factor for JQS increased to 2.5, placing it among the top multidisciplinary geoscience journals. The journal continues to develop in the Americas, Asia and Australasia, while continuing to represent the wide range of Quaternary science research in Europe. JQS publishes original papers on any field of Quaternary research and aims to promote a wider appreciation and deeper understanding of the earth's history during the last two million years. Papers of international interest from a wide range of disciplines appear in JQS including archaeology, botany, climatology, geochemistry, geochronology, geology, geomorphology, geophysics, glaciology, limnology, oceanography, palaeoceanography, palaeoclimatology, palaeoecology, palaeontology, soil science and zoology.



The QRA benefits directly from the success of JQS through the annual royalty it receives from Wiley-Blackwell. This income has allowed the Association to expand its range of grants schemes, in particular to support postgraduate researchers, to fund over thirty scientists to participate in the recent INQUA Congress in Cairns, Australia and undertake development of its web site to enhance the on-line presence of the QRA.

With the continued development of on-line publishing, the income to the journal is increasingly determined by the subscription packages purchased by institutional libraries in the UK and elsewhere. It is therefore important that:

- Academic and related organisations continue to include JQS in their library's subscription packages,
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#### **10. QUATERNARY NEWSLETTER**

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If you would like to discuss submission of a short research paper for publication in *QN* please contact the Editor, Dr Mark Bateman ([M.D.Bateman@Sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:M.D.Bateman@Sheffield.ac.uk)).



## 11. CALENDAR OF QRA MEETINGS

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome. Please contact the Meetings Officer: Dr David Roberts ([d.h.roberts@durham.ac.uk](mailto:d.h.roberts@durham.ac.uk)) to discuss your proposal.

### 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009

#### **QRA Postgraduate Symposium**

Venue: University of Manchester

Organisers: Deborah McCormack, Rose Wilkinson

Contact: Rose Wilkinson ([deborah.mccormack@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:deborah.mccormack@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk))

### 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010

#### **Annual Discussion Meeting: “Sea Level Changes: Science of a Changing World”**

Venue: Durham University

Organisers: Ian Shennan, Prof Antony Long, Dr Sarah Woodroffe, Dr Dave Roberts

Contact: Ian Shennan: [Ian.Shennan@durham.ac.uk](mailto:Ian.Shennan@durham.ac.uk)

See details and registration form in this circular and on the QRA website

### 28<sup>th</sup> April - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010

#### **QRA Field Meeting**

##### **Far North West Scottish Highlands**

Organisers: Sven Lukas, Tom Bradwell

Contact: Sven Lukas ([s.lukas@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.lukas@qmul.ac.uk))

See details in this circular

### September 2010

#### **Field Meeting: Solway Firth**

Venue: Solway Firth

Organiser: Dave Evans, Colm O’Cofaigh, Antony Long, Stephen Livingstone

Contact: Dave Evans: [d.j.a.evans@durham.ac.uk](mailto:d.j.a.evans@durham.ac.uk)

Details of all QRA meetings are also available on the website: [www.qra.org.uk](http://www.qra.org.uk)

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