



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2020

1. Call for Nominations for Honorary Membership

The QRA Executive Committee will consider nominations for Honorary Membership at its next meeting in May 2020. Nominations for Honorary Members are welcome from any QRA member, though we ask that the nominees are NOT informed that their names have been put forward: we would like the awards to be a pleasant surprise! Please make suggestions to the President, Simon Lewis (president@qra.org.uk), the Secretary, Helen Roe (secretary@qra.org.uk) or the Awards Officer, Kathryn Adamson (awards@qra.org.uk) by **30 April 2020**. A current list of Honorary Members can be downloaded from the members' area of the QRA website.

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. The main criteria for Honorary Membership are: (i) scientific contributions to Quaternary science; (ii) promotion of Quaternary science through outreach activities; (iii) significant contributions to QRA meetings and publications; (iii) contributions to the QRA Executive Committee.

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

The next deadline for standard QRA Awards applications is **15 May 2020**. In this round we welcome applications for the following schemes: **New Research Workers Award** (NRWA), **Quaternary Conference Fund / Postgraduate Conference Fund** (QCF/PQCF), **Quaternary Research Fund** (QRF) and the **QRA-14CHRONO Centre Radiocarbon Dating Award**. Eligibility criteria and application procedures are detailed on the 'Grants, Awards and Prizes' webpage. For further details, please contact the Awards Officer, Kathryn Adamson (awards@qra.org.uk).

3. QRA Outreach: www.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 of this, we operate an **Outreach Fund** from which grants of up to £1000 are awarded. Larger requests will also be considered. Please contact the Outreach Officer, Kim Davies (outreach@qra.org.uk) for more details. The next deadline is **1 March 2020**.

4. QRA Geoconservation Award: www.qra.org.uk/special-grants/

QRA Members and organisations who deliver and promote the conservation of our Quaternary geoheritage are invited to apply for the **Geoconservation Award**. Awards of up to £1000 are awarded annually. Larger requests will also be considered. Please contact the Conservation Officer, Eleanor Brown (conservation@qra.org.uk) for more details. The next deadline is **1 March 2020**.

5. Calendar of QRA Meetings: www.qra.org.uk/meetings

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

Aug 2020 **QRA Postgraduate Symposium**
Venue: University of Chester
Contact: Dale Tromans (d.tromans@chester.ac.uk)
Details: 26-28 August 2020

Sept 2020 **Nature and Timing of the Deglaciation of the Scottish Highlands**
Venue: Fortwilliam
Contact: Adrian Palmer (a.palmer@rhul.ac.uk)
Details: 16–20 September 2020

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome.

The QRA also co-sponsors meetings. Awards, usually up to £500, can be used for venue costs, to sponsor keynote speakers, to subsidise registration costs for groups of delegates and to promote the role of the QRA to new audiences. The next deadline for co-sponsorship requests is **1 March 2020**. Please contact the Meetings Officer, Becky Briant (meetings@qra.org.uk) for further information.

6. Outreach Talks and Events: www.qra.org.uk/outreach-talks-and-events/

Forthcoming events that may be of interest to members:

May 2020 ***Kent - People and Beasts of the Ice Age***
Venue: The Seaside Museum, Herne Bay, Kent
Details: Pop-up exhibition for people of all ages.
Contact: seasidemuseumevent@gmail.com
Date: 23 May 2020

Sept/Oct 2020 ***The Scottish Geology Festival***
Details: Geology-themed events across Scotland organised by the *Scottish Geology Trust*. If you have any ideas for running a Quaternary-themed event (talk, walk, exhibition, family activity etc) check out the Festival website (below) and contact the QRA Outreach Officer Kim Davies (outreach@qra.org.uk) or Meetings Officer, Becky Briant (meetings@qra.org.uk) to discuss QRA support.
Contact: www.scottishgeologytrust.org/festival
Date: 20 September - 1st October 2020

7. QRA Online Bookstore: www.qra.org.uk/field-guides/

There are a large number of QRA field guides currently available for purchase via the website, covering locations ranging from the Shetland Isles to Jersey, Cumbria and East Anglia. We now offer a price that includes postage and packing (except for orders from outside of the UK) with a 20% discount for QRA members. Please see the website for further details.

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.