



Quaternary Research Association

CIRCULAR HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2021

1. Membership details - update <https://qra.org.uk/membership/>

To ensure that our membership database is fully up-to-date, please make sure that you notify the QRA Administrative Officer, Val Siviter (admin@qra.org.uk) if you have moved address recently or changed your membership category (for example, from ordinary member to retired member, or from student member to ordinary member). Val will be in touch if there are any queries in relation to subscription payments. Please check your inbox for emails from the 'admin@qra.org.uk' address and respond to Val directly.

2. Call for Nominations for Honorary Membership

The QRA Executive Committee will consider nominations for Honorary Membership at its next meeting in April 2021. 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: the awards should 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 **31 March 2021**. 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.

3. QRA Awards: <https://qra.org.uk/grants-prizes/>

The next deadline for standard QRA Awards applications is **15 May 2021**. 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).

4. QRA Outreach: <https://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, James Lea (outreach@qra.org.uk) for more details. The next deadline is **1 March 2021**.

5. QRA Geoconservation Award: <https://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**.

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

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

Mar 2021

Co-Sponsored Meeting - *CryoMars*

Venue: Online (hosts: University of Sheffield)
Contact: Frances Butcher (f.butcher@sheffield.ac.uk)
Date: 1 March 2021

Apr 2021

Co-Sponsored Meeting - '*James Croll - from Janitor to Genius*'

Venue: A whole-day Zoom-based meeting (part-morning and part-afternoon sessions)
Contacts: Kevin Edwards (kevin.edwards@abdn.ac.uk) - for academic content
James Cave (james.cave@rsgs.org) - for technical support
Date: 16 April 2021

Aug 2021

Co-sponsored session - *Society for Africanist Archaeologists, Oxford*

Venue: University of Oxford
Contact: Emma Loftus (el485@cam.ac.uk)
Dates: 15-20 August 2021

Aug 2021

QRA Postgraduate Symposium

Venue: University of St Andrews
Organiser: Willem Koster (wwk1@st-andrews.ac.uk)
Dates: tbc

Sept 2021

Nature and Timing of the Deglaciation of the Scottish Highlands

Venue: Fort William
Contact: Adrian Palmer (a.palmer@rhul.ac.uk)
Dates: tbc

Offers to arrange meetings are always welcome.

The QRA offer co-sponsorship awards to promote the role of the organisation to new audiences. These awards are usually up to £500 and can be used towards venue costs, to sponsor keynote speakers or to subsidise registration costs for groups of delegates (e.g. early career researchers). The next deadline for co-sponsorship requests is **1 March 2021**. Please contact the Meetings Officer, Emrys Phillips (meetings@qra.org.uk) for further information.

7. QRA Online Bookstore: <https://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 Northern Ireland, 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.