GEOCONSERVATION FOR SCIENCE AND SOCIETY: AN AGENDA FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

9 and 10 September 2011

University of Worcester,
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This meeting will examine the 21st Century challenges and opportunities for geoconservation and the partnerships required to ensure that our geological heritage continues to be valued and protected as part of the natural environment. It will also celebrate 60 years of successful geoconservation since the first SSSIs were designated.

Programme

The one day conference on 9 September will consist of invited lectures, poster sessions and debates exploring topics including the importance of local groups, funding opportunities, the benefits of raising public awareness and the future of the Geological Conservation Review. Registration from 9.30am, conference starts at 10am. Lunch and refreshments included. Confirmed speakers include: Professor Rory Mortimore (University of Brighton and ChalkRock Ltd), Dr Murray Gray (Queen Mary, University of London), Professor Jim Rose (Editor, Proceedings of the Geologists’ Association), Phil Harding (Wessex Archaeology and Channel 4’s Time Team), Tim Badman (World Heritage Programme, IUCN), Dr Colin Prosser (Natural England), Dr Jonathan Last (English Heritage) and Drew Bennellick (Heritage Lottery Fund).

The one day field trip on 10 September, will visit the Lickey Hills Champions Project, Dudley Museum and Art Gallery and the Wren’s Nest National Nature Reserve to examine geoconservation in action and the role of local groups and communities. Departure from the University of Worcester at 9am, returning by 5pm. Lunch, coach travel and field guide included. The field trip is supported and led by the Black Country Geological Society, Dudley Museum and Art Gallery, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust, the Ripples Through Time Project and the West Midlands Regional Group of the Geological Society.

Submission of Poster Abstracts

Offers of posters, including an abstract (max 300 words), should be submitted by email to Sarah Stafford at the Geologists’ Association by 1 July 2011. Those accepted will be notified by 15 July 2011. Max size A0. Portrait style preferred but not essential.

Registration Costs

One-day conference registration (9 September): students £15, members* £25; non-members £30
Field trip registration (10 September): students £5, members* £10; non-members £15

Overnight accommodation at the University of Worcester is available at £32 B&B (en-suite). Reservations can be made via the registration form.


Registration is essential. For further details and registration please visit:

www.geologistsassociation.org.uk/conferences.html

Student Funding

The Geologists’ Association is providing 5 funded places for students. Please see separate application form. The 5 best student poster abstracts submitted will be selected for the funding award.

For further information please contact Sarah Stafford at the Geologists’ Association

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