

Ussher Society

Geoscience in South-west England
47th Annual Conference
Paignton 6th - 9th January 2009

First Circular - Call for Papers

The Ussher Society is pleased to announce its **47th Annual Conference** at the **Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton, Devon**. This 4-day conference for earth and environmental scientists comprises **field trips** (to be held on Tuesday 6th and Friday 9th January) and **two days of presentations**, incorporating a joint session with the South West Regional Group of the Geological Society.

The main presentation days will be **Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th of January** - oral or poster contributions are welcomed in all areas of geology, geomorphology, engineering geology and environmental geology, related to the South West. The **Scott Simpson Lecture** will be presented by Dr Jean-Bernard Edel (Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg) on "*Structure and geodynamics of the Variscan belt of western and central Europe in the light of geophysical data (gravimetric, magnetic, seismic and palaeomagnetic).*"

Registration will commence during the early evening of Tuesday 6th January, when there will also be an icebreaker reception, kindly provided by IGI Ltd. The AGM will follow the conference proceedings on Wednesday 7th and will be followed by the Conference Dinner

A **field trip** has been organised for **Tuesday 6th January**, led by **Dr Elaine Burt** (BGS Cardiff) and **Dr Kevin Page** (University of Plymouth) to examine the Permian and Devonian rocks spectacularly exposed along the coast of Torbay. **Post-conference field trips** are being planned for **Friday 9th January** and might include one based on engineering geology and another to Kent's Cavern: details will be given in the second circular.

If you wish to make a contribution to the scientific programme, please send details of the paper/poster to the Conference Secretary by **Friday 7th November 2008**. Expressions of interest should include Title, Author(s) and an Abstract of no more than 200 words. You may choose to use the form below, or include the same information in your correspondence.

Papers in areas related to the two themes outlined above are particularly welcome, but we also look forward to receiving papers covering a wide range of topics related to geoscience in south-west England. **All presenting authors have the opportunity, and are encouraged, to submit their paper for publication**, subject to peer review, in the Society's journal, "Geoscience in south-west England".

Please note that a **bursary fund** is available to cover/contribute to the cost of **full-time students wishing to attend the Meeting to present a paper**. For details, please apply in the first instance to the Conference Secretary, Dr Peter Pay – conference09@ussher.org.uk or at the postal address given above.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION
The Ussher Society Annual Conference – Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton
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Please note that **it is your responsibility** to make arrangements for, and payment of, the accommodation that you require before, during and after the conference. You may also wish to arrange evening meals at the same time as booking accommodation (where applicable), **bearing in mind any booking you have made (above) to attend the Conference Dinner on Wednesday 7th January.**

Links to information about other accommodation options, may be found on the following website:

www.englishriviera.co.uk

Accommodation at the Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton – CONFERENCE VENUE

The hotel has kindly negotiated **special rates for Ussher Society Delegates** – please mention the Ussher Society when contacting the hotel to make your reservation.

- ▶ There is a flat rate of £40 per person per night B&B, with no single supplement

Contact: Redcliffe Hotel,
Marine Drive,
Paignton,
Devon, TQ3 2NL
Tel: 01803 526397

E-mail: redclfe@aol.com
Website: www.redcliffehotel.co.uk

Demand for rooms at the Redcliffe is likely to be high, so please book early to avoid disappointment. This is especially true for those wishing to arrive on the evening of Monday 5th January, when only a limited number of rooms will be available.

The Redcliffe Hotel offers a range of evening meals in the restaurant; bookings for meals may be made at the same time as your accommodation reservation. Please bear in mind that you may have made a reservation for the **Conference Dinner** above, to be held on the evening of Wednesday 7th January.

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Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to authors once the programme is finalised. Abstracts will be accepted for both short papers and posters and will be published in the conference programme.

NAME (CORRESPONDING AUTHOR):

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE / E-MAIL:

I /WE INTEND TO OFFER A SHORT PAPER/POSTER (DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

TITLE

AUTHOR(S)

ABSTRACT (MAX.200 WORDS)

CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM
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Please complete and **return this form with payment to Conference Secretary:**
 Dr Peter Pay, Hole Farm, Chulmleigh, EX18 7DS.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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PHONE:E-MAIL:

I wish to register for the Conference as follows (please tick where appropriate):
Note: All conference rates include tea/coffee and lunches at the conference venue

Standard delegate

Both conference days (7th & 8th January) @ **£42**

Wednesday 7th January only @ **£23** Thursday 8th January only @ **£23**

Full-time Student delegate

Both conference days (7th & 8th January) @ **£24**

Wednesday 7th January only @ **£12** Thursday 8th January only @ **£12**

Conference dinner - £19 for 3 courses and coffee, at the restaurant in the Redcliffe Hotel

I wish to attend the conference dinner on Wednesday 7th January

I prefer a vegetarian meal

I intend to join the following field excursion(s)

Geology of Torbay (Elaine Burt and Kevin Page) – Tuesday 6th January

Engineering geology or Kent's Cavern - Friday 9th January

(Please delete as applicable)

Field excursions must be pre-booked. Limited transport will be available and **no refreshments are included**. There is no charge for attending the excursion on 6th January, but there is likely to be a charge for visiting Kent's Cavern: details will be given in the second circular.

I enclose a cheque for £.....

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