

The Ussher Society
Geoscience in south-west England
46th Annual Conference
St. Ives, Cornwall, 3rd - 5th January 2008

First Circular - Call for Papers

The Ussher Society is pleased to announce its **46th Annual Conference** at the **Tregenna Castle Hotel, St. Ives, Cornwall**. This 3-day conference for earth and environmental scientists working in south-west England and related areas comprises two days of presentations, incorporating a joint session with the South West Regional Group of the Geological Society, and a field excursion.

The presentation days will be **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th of January** – oral and/or poster presentations are welcomed in all areas of geology, geomorphology, engineering geology and environmental geology. The Scott Simpson Lecture will be presented by Dr Richard Scrivener, of the British Geological Survey, on Thursday 3rd January, and is entitled

“From Dines to the 21st Century: Past activity, research and prospects for metal mining in SW England”

A half-day joint session with the **South West Regional Group of the Geological Society** will take place on the afternoon of Friday 4th January, the session theme will be confirmed in the Second Circular.

Field excursion(s) will take place on **Saturday 5th January**. Great company, scenery and geology – a perfect start to the New Year. Please indicate your area(s) of interest on the attached sheet and we will try to provide full details in the Second Circular.

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".

If you wish to make a contribution to the scientific programme, please send details of the paper/poster to the Conference Secretary by **31st October**. Expressions of interest should include: Title, Author(s) and an Abstract of no more than 200 words. You may choose to use the form overleaf, or include the same information in your correspondence.

Please note that a bursary fund is available to contribute to the cost of **full-time students** wishing to attend the Meeting to present a paper or poster. For details, please apply in the first instance to the Conference Secretary, Peter Frost, via e-mail or post.

Conference Secretary
Peter Frost, Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter, Tremough Campus,
Penryn, Cornwall. TR10 9EZ
Telephone 01326 253748 E-mail: Peter.A.Frost@exeter.ac.uk

www.ussher.org.uk

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

The Ussher Society Annual Conference - Tregenna Castle Hotel, St. Ives
3rd – 5th January 2008

Please note that it is your responsibility to make arrangements/payment for accommodation that you require before, during and after the conference.

The Conference Venue is the Tregenna Castle Hotel. It occupies a hill-top location on the southern side of St Ives, approximately 600 m from the railway station, and has panoramic views across St Ives Bay. Full details are available at: www.tregenna-castle.co.uk

We have negotiated special rates, so please mention Ussher Society Conference 2008 when making your booking. The hotel can be contacted on: 01736 795254.

Ussher Society Conference 2008 rates

- Standard Non-seaview room @ £35.00 per person per night on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- Non-seaview room @ £40.00 per person per night on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- Seaview room @ £45.00 per person per night on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- West Wing Seaview room @ £50.00 per person per night on a Bed & Breakfast basis

Please note that there is no single occupancy supplement.

These are good rates, it's a great venue, and so demand for rooms is likely to be high. We strongly recommend that you book early to avoid disappointment.

The Tregenna Castle Hotel also offers a range of evening meals in the bar/restaurant; bookings for meals may be made at the same time as your accommodation reservation.

Alternative accommodation can be found via <http://www.stives-cornwall.co.uk/>

CHANNEL ISLANDS 2008

Arrangements for this Field Visit are now in hand and provisional dates for your diary are as follows:

Assemble Guernsey on Friday the 2nd May 2008
Transfer Guernsey to Jersey with free time Tuesday the 6th May
Disperse from Jersey on Saturday the 10th May.

More detail about the programme and the arrangements will be issued shortly. We expect to be joined for this event by Members of the Royal Geological Society of Cornwall and by Members of the Geologists' Association in their 150th Anniversary Year.

As part of the lead up, Stan Salmon will be giving a talk on ***The Geology of the Channel Islands*** on Thursday 27th March 2008 in the small lecture theatre, Opie Building room E23 at the Cornwall College campus, Pool, Camborne. **All will be welcome.**

CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The Ussher Society Annual Conference - Tregenna Castle Hotel, St. Ives
3rd – 5th January 2008

If you wish to make a contribution to the scientific programme, please either complete this form and post, or e-mail the same information as an attached MS Word compatible document, to the Conference Secretary by **31st October**. Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to authors once the programme is finalised. Abstracts for both oral presentations and posters will be published in the conference programme.

NAME (CORRESPONDING AUTHOR):

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE / E-MAIL:

I /WE INTEND TO OFFER AN: ORAL PRESENTATION **POSTER** **(tick)**

TITLE:

AUTHOR(S):

ABSTRACT (MAX.200 WORDS)

CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

The Ussher Society Annual Conference - Tregenna Castle Hotel, St. Ives
3rd – 5th January 2008

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Telephone:

Mobile:

E-mail:

I wish to register for the conference as follows (*please tick where appropriate*)

Standard conference delegate

Both conference days (3rd / 4th January) @ £35

Thursday 3rd January only @ £18 Friday 4th January only @ £18

Full-time student delegate

Both conference days (3rd / 4th January) @ £20

Thursday 3rd January only @ £10 Friday 4th January only @ £10

N.B. Registration includes morning/afternoon tea/coffee and buffet lunch at the conference venue

Conference Dinner on Thursday 3rd January – carvery @ £19.95 for 3 courses and coffee, at the restaurant in the Tregenna Castle Hotel.

I wish to attend the Conference Dinner

I prefer/require a vegetarian meal

I enclose a cheque for £_____made payable to Ussher Conference 2008

I am interested in participating in a field excursion on Saturday 5th January

Note that at this stage, we are interested in likely participants and areas of interest. Final excursion details will be released in the second circular – vote now !

- Devonian stratigraphy, sedimentology and Variscan structure
- Land's End Granite, margins and mineralization
- Penwith mining landscape and industrial archaeology
- Underground Mine Visit
- Quaternary stratigraphy, sedimentology and processes