

THE USSHER SOCIETY

Geoscience in South-West England

44th Annual Conference
Bideford, Devon (3rd - 6th January 2006)



First Circular – Call for Papers

The Ussher Society is pleased to announce that its 44th Annual Conference will be held at **Tantons Hotel**, (Tel 01237 473317, www.tantonshotel.co.uk) **Bideford, Devon (3rd-6th January 2006)**. Please book your accommodation (£20 B&B) directly with Tantons Hotel and quote Ussher. The 4-day event will cover earth and environmental sciences in the South-West of England, and will comprise field trips (Tuesday 3rd and Friday 6th January) and two days of presentations (talks and posters). For the latest news see the Ussher website, www.ussher.org.uk.

The main presentation days will be Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th of January - oral or poster presentations are welcomed in all areas of geology, geomorphology, engineering geology and environmental geology, typically relating in some way to South West England. The Scott Simpson lecture will be given by **Prof Wolfgang Franke** on the subject of 'The Variscan' and the joint half-day session with the SW Regional Group of the Geological Society will take place on Thursday afternoon, based around the theme of 'Case Histories in Earth Investigations'.

The field trip on Tuesday 3rd January will visit the periglacial **Quaternary deposits of Bideford Bay** from Saunton to Westward Ho! The post-conference field trip on Friday 6th January will follow the Sticklepath Fault and pick up on the "Variscan" theme. In the morning we plan to visit the Oligocene Ballclay pits of the wrench-related **Petrockstow Basin** and in the afternoon view the nearby **Portledge/Peppercombe section** of Permian redbeds overlying the Carboniferous Culm (i.e. the Variscan unconformity) where Sticklepath-associated faults cut the coastal section.

If you wish to make a contribution to the scientific programme, please send details of your talk or poster to the Conference Secretary (sal@igilt.com) by **Friday 25th November**. Electronic submission is encouraged. Details should include the Title, Author(s) and an Abstract of about 200 words for inclusion in programme using the form provided below if appropriate.

Papers related to the 'Earth Investigation' and field trip themes are particularly welcome, but we also look forward to receiving contributions covering a wide range of topics related to any aspect of geoscience. Both oral and poster authors are encouraged to submit their paper for publication, subject to peer review, in the Society's journal, "Geoscience in South West England".

A bursary fund is available to cover or contribute to the cost of full-time students wishing to attend the meeting to present a paper or a poster. For details, please apply in the first instance to the Conference Secretary.

Conference Secretary:

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Contribution to the Scientific Programme
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Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to authors once the programme is finalised. Abstracts will be accepted both for papers and posters, and will be reproduced in the conference programme.

Name (Corresponding Author):

Address:

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Telephone:

e-mail:

I/we intend to present a paper as a talk/poster (delete as appropriate)

Title:

Author(s):

Conference Booking Form
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Please complete and return this form with payment to the Conference Secretary:

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Please book your accommodation (£20 B&B single en-suite) directly with Tantons Hotel (Tel 01237 473317, www.tantonshotel.co.uk) and quote 'The Ussher Society'.

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

Ussher Society Member delegate (available only to paid-up members)

Both conference days (4th & 5th January) @ £22

Wednesday 4th January only @ £12

Thursday 5th January only @ £12

Non-Ussher delegate (NB: Membership - Ordinary=£25, Retired=£18; Student=£10)

Both conference days (4th & 5th January) @ £30

Wednesday 4th January only @ £16

Thursday 5th January only @ £16

Full-time Student delegate (NB: First 3 student registrations FREE !)

Both conference days (4th & 5th January) @ £14

Wednesday 4th January only @ £8

Thursday 5th January only @ £8

Note: All conference rates include tea/coffee and buffet lunches at the conference venue

Conference dinner - £12.50 for 3 courses and coffee at Tantons Hotel restaurant

I wish to attend the conference dinner on Wednesday 4th January

I prefer a vegetarian meal

I intend to join the following field excursion(s):

Quaternary deposits of Bideford Bay on Tuesday 3rd January

Petrockstow Basin & Portledge/Peppercombe Variscan unconformity on Friday 6th January

Note: There is no charge for attending either excursion: pub at lunchtime to buy own sustenance.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to E.S. Cornford