

THE USSHER SOCIETY

Geoscience in South-West England

45th Annual Conference

Weymouth, Dorset

3rd to 6th January 2007

First Circular- Call for Papers



W.A.E. Ussher (1849-1920),

The Ussher Society is pleased to announce that the 45th Annual Conference will be held at the **Hotel Rembrandt, Dorchester Road, Weymouth, Dorset** from the 3rd to the 6th of January 2007.

The Conference

The four day event will cover earth and environmental sciences in the South West of England and will comprise field trips on Wednesday 3rd and Saturday 6th January and two days of presentations (talks and posters). It is also hoped that local fossil collectors will display their recent finds of scientific importance. For the latest news visit www.ussher.org.uk

The main presentation days will be Thursday 4th and Friday 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 Richard Fortey**, president of the Geological Society and the joint half day session with the SW Regional Group of the Geological Society will take place on the Friday afternoon, based on the theme of 'Geo-Tourism'.

It is planned that the fieldtrip on Wednesday 3rd will be to the Weymouth area led by **Prof John Cope**. On Saturday 6th the field trip will be to the Charmouth/ Lyme Regis area and will include the themes of geo-tourism/fossil collecting and coastal engineering (leaders to be confirmed).

Contributions

If you wish to make a contribution to the scientific programme, please send details of your talk or poster to the Conference Secretary chris.pamplin@novahomes.co.uk by Friday 24th November. Electronic submission is encouraged. Details should include the title, Author(s) and an abstract of about 200 words for inclusion in the programme. Papers relating to geo-tourism and the fieldtrip 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 requested to submit their papers for publication**, subject to peer review, in the Societies journal, "Geosciences in South West England"

Accommodation

Please book your accommodation directly with the hotel, Tel: 01305 764000 or e-mail reservations@hotelrembrandt.co.uk. The rate for bed & breakfast is £39.50 per person sharing with a supplement of £10 for single room basis. Alternative accommodation is available on a first come first served basis at The Brunswick Guest House, 9 Brunswick Terrace, Weymouth Tel 01305 785408 at approximately £25 per night. For further information, contact Weymouth Tourist Information Office 01305 785747. **Travel:** Weymouth is accessible by road and rail with rail links to Bristol, Southampton and London.

Attendance

Attendance is open to members of the Ussher Society and non-members. The two days of presentations with lunch and coffee cost £25 for members and £30 for non-members. Payments please by cheque made out to Christopher M. Pamplin at the address below. Fieldtrip places are free and on a first come basis, with numbers limited to 40 max for each trip. Please register your field trip requirements with the **Conference Secretary**.

Student Bursary

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 with the intention of submitting a paper for inclusion in the Society's journal. For details, please apply in the first instance to the Conference Secretary.

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