

The Ussher Society
Geoscience in south-west England
48th Annual Conference
Plymouth, Devon, 3rd - 5th January 2010

First Circular - Call for Papers

The Ussher Society is pleased to announce its **48th Annual Conference** at the **New Continental Hotel, Plymouth, Devon**. 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 **Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th 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 Professor Jim Griffiths, of the University of Plymouth, on Monday 4th January, and is entitled

“Investigating the role of landscape evolution in determining ground conditions for engineering: examples from South-west England”

A half-day joint session with the **South West Regional Group of the Geological Society** will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 5th January, the session theme will be confirmed in the Second Circular.

Field excursion(s) will take place on **Sunday 3rd 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 **23rd November**. 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, Gregory Price, via e-mail or post.

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ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

**The Ussher Society Annual Conference – New Continental Hotel, Plymouth
3rd – 5th January 2010**

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 New Continental Hotel. Located in the centre of Plymouth and close to the Hoe seafront, the hotel is less than a mile from the train station and has its own parking. Full details are available at: <http://www.newcontinental.co.uk>

We have negotiated special rates, so please mention Ussher Society Conference 2010 when making your booking. The hotel can be contacted on: 01752 220782.

Ussher Society Conference 2010 rates

- £45 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 New Continental Hotel also offers a range of evening meals in the restaurant; bookings for meals may be made at the same time as your accommodation reservation.

Alternative accommodation can be found via:

http://www.iknow-devon.co.uk/south_devon/plymouth/

CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

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If you wish to make a contribution to the scientific programme, please send your abstract to the Conference Secretary (gprice@plymouth.ac.uk) preferably as an electronic attachment. Alternatively, complete this form and post to the Conference Secretary by **23rd November 2009**. 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

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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 (4th / 5th January) @ £45

Monday 4th January only @ £23 Tuesday 3rd January only @ £23

Full-time student delegate

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

Monday 4th January only @ £15 Tuesday 3rd January only @ £15

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

Conference Dinner on Monday 4th January @ £25 for 3 courses and coffee, at the restaurant in the New Continental Hotel.

I wish to attend the Conference Dinner

I prefer/require a vegetarian meal

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to Geoconference Account

I am interested in participating in a field excursion on Sunday 3rd 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 !

- Dartmoor Granite
- West Devon mining and minerals
- Cattedown caves
- Kingsand e-learning
- Rame Head