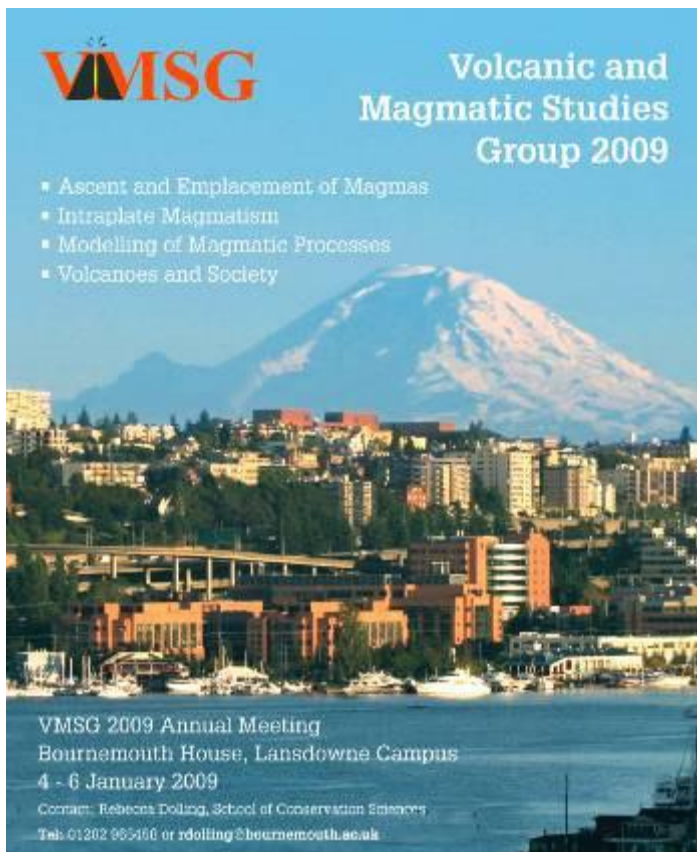




Annual Meeting: Bournemouth 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held in Bournemouth from the **4th to 6th January**. Registration is now live and available via our webpage (www.vmsg.org.uk) or directly at: <http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/conservation/conferences/vmsg/index.html>.



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- Ascent and Emplacement of Magmas
- Intraplate Magmatism
- Modelling of Magmatic Processes
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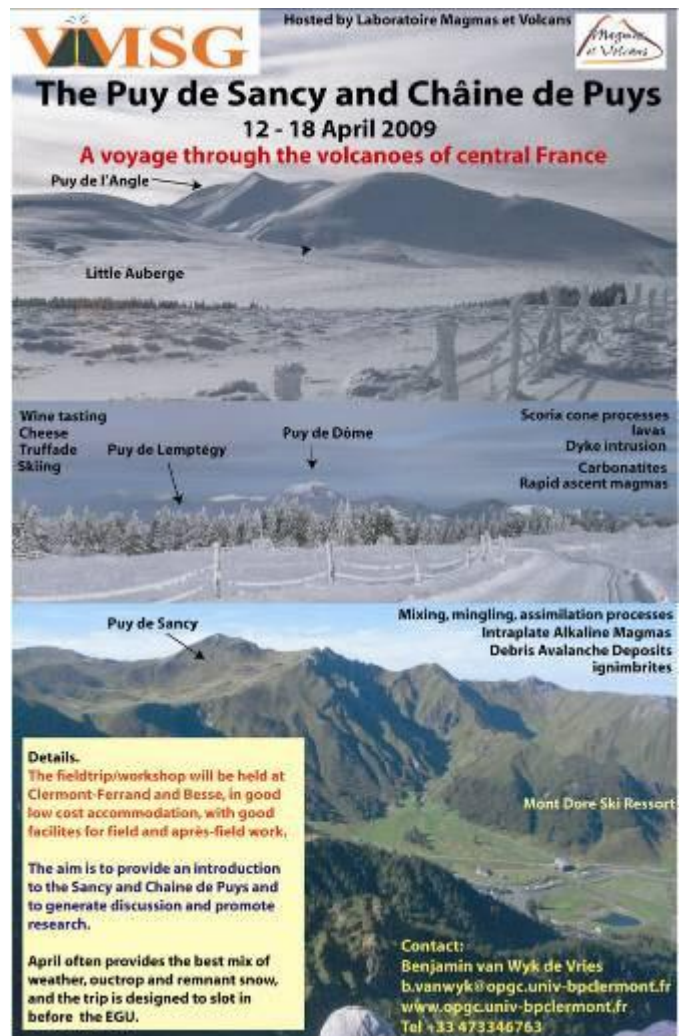
VMSG 2009 Annual Meeting
Bournemouth House, Lansdowne Campus
4 - 6 January 2009
Contact: Rebecca Dolling, School of Conservation Sciences
Tel: 01202 965466 or rdolling@bournemouth.ac.uk



The deadline for early bird registration is the **30th September 2008**. The deadline for final registration is the **31st October**. The meeting will comprise the usual mixture of talks and posters, with a particular emphasis on student presentations. Themed sessions include: Ascent and Emplacement of Magmas, Intraplate Magmatism, Modelling of Magmatic Processes, and Volcanoes and Society. A dedicated poster session, together with icebreaker drinks, will be held on the first evening, so please arrive in good time on the 4th! The meeting is being organised by Nick Thompson and Nick Petford (BU).

A voyage through the volcanoes of central France – VMSG Field Workshop 2009

Dates for next year's workshop to the Puy de Sancy and Chaîne du Puys volcanoes of central France, have been confirmed as the 12th-18th April. The workshop is being organised by Benjamin van Wyk de Vries of the Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans, University Blaise Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand (bvanwyk@opgc.univ-bpclermont.fr). Some highlights are detailed in the flyer below.



Hosted by Laboratoire Magmas et Volcans

VMSG The Puy de Sancy and Chaîne de Puys
12 - 18 April 2009
A voyage through the volcanoes of central France

Puy de l'Angle
Little Auberge
Wine tasting
Cheese
Truffade
Skiing
Puy de Lempégy
Puy de Dôme
Scoria cone processes
lavas
Dyke intrusion
Carbonatites
Rapid ascent magmas
Mixing, mingling, assimilation processes
Intraplate Alkaline Magmas
Debris Avalanche Deposits
ignimbrites
Mont Dore Ski Resort

Details.
The fieldtrip/workshop will be held at Clermont-Ferrand and Besse, in good low cost accommodation, with good facilities for field and après-field work.

The aim is to provide an introduction to the Sancy and Chaîne de Puys and to generate discussion and promote research.

April often provides the best mix of weather, outcrop and remnant snow, and the trip is designed to slot in before the EGU.

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Committee Positions

Nominations for Chair, Secretary and two Ordinary Members must be e-mailed to Kathryn Goodenough (kmgo@bgs.ac.uk), by the 30th September.



Ardnamurchan Field Workshop

This year's workshop was held from 5th – 10th September, and paid tribute to the life and works of James Richey, a British Survey Geologist, famous for his research on Ardnamurchan and other Palaeogene volcanic centres in Scotland and Ireland. The meeting attracted workers from the UK, Ireland, Russia, South Africa and Sweden, and we were blessed with glorious sunshine for most of the trip. The group visited key localities that Richey used to develop models of intrusion emplacement and cauldron subsidence, and considered how interpretations of these rocks have changed over subsequent years, with lively debate ensuing.



Typical Scottish weather in September! Photo: Graham Smith

The workshop was run by David Brown (Glasgow) and Brian O'Driscoll (Keele) with assistance from Brian Bell, Jeff Harris, Kate Dobson (all Glasgow) and Simon Drake (Birkbeck), and supported by the Mineralogical Society and the Geological Society. Look out for detailed reports on the workshop in future editions of *Elements* and *Geoscientist*.



The centre 3 gabbros of Ardnamurchan. Photo: Nick Schofield

Reminders

The deadline for applications for travel funding from postgraduates registered at UK universities who wish to present their work at a conference is 15th December 2008. See: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/d.a.jerram/VMSG/funding.html>

Mineralogical Society Annual Meeting 2009, 31st Aug - 2nd Sep, Uni. of Edinburgh. Includes VMSG session on "Frontiers in microanalysis and microtextures in magmatic rocks." See: <http://www.minersoc.org/pages/meetings/MAPT/MAPT.html>

VMSG Annual Meeting 2010: Uni. of Glasgow, early January.

Editorial

Thanks for your positive comments on the first newsletter. Deadline for material for next newsletter is 21st November.

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