



VMSG Annual Meeting – Glasgow 2010

Registration and abstract submission have now closed for this year's VMSG Annual Meeting (Glasgow, 4th - 6th January). We have 140 delegates from throughout the UK, and also many representatives from Europe and America. An exciting programme awaits us with 48 oral presentations and 50 posters across a range of topics. The e-mail accompanying this newsletter contains a pdf of the abstract volume, so you can peruse the presentations. The abstract volume also contains a wealth of information on Glasgow and the conference venue. Please remember that the conference is being held in the Glasgow University Union (GUU) and not the Earth Science department buildings! For info on getting from the airports or train stations to the conference venue please use the Travel page on the web site: <http://web2.ges.gla.ac.uk/VMSG/travel.html>



The GUU

A few important reminders. The conference starts on the afternoon of Monday 4th, with registration opening at 3pm. The poster session begins at 4 pm and then we'll break out the icebreaker drinks (in the poster venue) at 5.30 pm. Please come and view the posters as soon as possible, before getting distracted by the wine – posters take a lot of time and effort to produce, so please respect the presenters and make the most of this extended opportunity to view their work. Posters must be A0 portrait.

For those giving talks, please ensure that your presentation works on a PC and on Power Point 2003. We will **NOT** be swapping laptops about. It is also useful to save a back-up copy of your presentation as a pdf. We have a very

tight schedule so please ensure your talk is only 12 minutes long (with 2-3 minutes for questions). Overrunning eats into the poster sessions and refreshment breaks – if you go on too long, we will stop your presentation. Simple!

Committee

We are delighted to welcome Rebecca (Becky) Williams (University of Leicester) to the VMSG committee. The VMSG is committed to representing and encouraging students and so we felt it important to have student representation on the Committee, which is currently populated by academics. To reflect this commitment, we have co-opted Becky as a student rep for a 1 year period. In the future we will invite students to volunteer for this post. We are also currently electing two new Ordinary members to the Committee. If you have not yet done, so please vote for two of either Rob Ellam (SUERC), Nick Schofield (Aberdeen) or Charlotte Vye (BGS), at the following web page: <http://web2.ges.gla.ac.uk/VMSG/vote.html>. Voting closes on Friday 18th December. The results will be announced at the annual meeting.



Becky Williams on the VMSG Auvergne trip (May '09)



Slieve Gullion

Forthcoming Events

Tectonic Studies Group – Annual Meeting

If you are not planning to go to VMSG and have an interest in tectonic or structural related research, there is still time to register, (if you are really quick!) for the Tectonic Studies group meeting on 6th – 8th January at the University of Birmingham. Even if you are going to VMSG, you can register for individual days and buy a dinner ticket. See: <http://www.gees.bham.ac.uk/tsg2010.shtml>

The deadline is Monday 14th December at 1pm, so be quick! There are also a few places left on the post meeting workshop – Move2010 for teaching and research (Saturday 9th). Contact Carl Stevenson for details (£7.50 on arrival).



Carl Stevenson and friend – antics on the last VMSG trip

Earth Sciences in the 21st Century – a forward look

A workshop to investigate the role of earth sciences in UK science strategies, to be held at the Geological Society in London, 18th – 19th January 2010. The event will involve around 100 members of the community (selected from the academic community, NERC, ERC Fellows and industry) who will be tasked with discussing and making recommendations on a series of themes relevant to Earth Sciences in the 21st century. Participants will be selected by application. Deadline for applications is 24th December. See: <http://www.ukgeoscience.org.uk>

VMSG Field Trip

Next year's VMSG field trip will be to the Palaeogene igneous centres of Northern Ireland, from 30th August to 4th September 2010. The trip will look at parts of the Slieve Gullion and Mourne centres, faults, volcanic vents and the Giant's Causeway. The trip is being organised by Carl Stevenson (University of Birmingham).

Stress controls on faulting, fracturing and igneous intrusion in the Earth's crust

A meeting to commemorate the work of Ernest Masson Anderson on the 50th anniversary of his death, from 6th - 8th September 2010 at the University of Glasgow. The meeting is organised by Zoe Shipton and others. See: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/events/andersonconference/>

LASI IV (Physical Geology of Subvolcanic Systems)

From 22nd – 26th September 2010, LASI IV will be held in Moab & Mount Hillers, Utah. The conference will include two days of field trips to the classic laccoliths and sills of the nearby Henry Mountains. See: <http://lasi.lmtg.obs-mip.fr>

Editorial

Deadline for next newsletter: 29th January '10.

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