

# GEOCONSERVATION FOR SCIENCE AND SOCIETY: AN AGENDA FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

9 and 10 September 2011, University of Worcester, St John's Campus

## Friday 9 September - Conference (Provisional Programme)

09.30 – 10.00	Registration and coffee (Main Reception)
10.00 – 10.10	<b>Welcome.</b> Professor David Green, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, University of Worcester <b>Introduction.</b> Dr David Bridgland, Durham University and President of the Geologists' Association
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Geoconservation - Achievements in the 20th Century</b> Chair: Dr Paul Olver, Member of Council, the Geologists' Association, Committee Member Hereford and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust
10.10 – 10.35	<b>Our geoconservation portfolio and its value to society.</b> Dr Colin Prosser, Principal Geologist Natural England and Vice President, Geologists' Association
10.35 – 11.00	<b>The importance of geoconservation to the advancement of geosciences: lessons from the chalk.</b> Professor Rory Mortimore, University of Brighton and Senior Vice President, Geologists' Association
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Geoconservation in the 21st Century, Challenges and Opportunities</b> Chair: Professor Danielle Schreve, Royal Holloway University of London and past President of the Geologists' Association
11.00 – 11.25	<b>BSG Keynote Lecture. Geomorphology, conservation and the future management of the earth's surface.</b> Professor Jim Rose, Editor Proceedings of the Geologists' Association, Royal Holloway University of London and British Geological Survey.
11.25 – 11.55	<b>Why geoconservation is important to delivering climate change adaptation and ecosystem services.</b> Dr Murray Gray, Queen Mary University of London, Dr John Gordon, Scottish Natural Heritage and Dr Eleanor Brown, Natural England.
11.55 – 12.25	<b>QRA Keynote Lecture. Linking archaeology and geoconservation.</b> Dr Jonathan Last, English Heritage and Phil Harding, Wessex Archaeology and Channel 4's Time Team.
12.25 – 12.30	<b>Questions</b>
12.30 – 13.30	<b>LUNCH</b> and poster presentations in the Cotswold Suite
13.00	<b>Introduction to the posters</b> (Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust)
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Geoconservation and Society</b> Chair: Professor Malcolm Hart, Chair, Geoconservation Commission of the Geological Society and University of Plymouth

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13.30 – 13.50	<b>Future funding for geoconservation – a Heritage Lottery Fund view.</b> Drew Bennellick, Head of Landscape and Natural Heritage, Heritage Lottery Fund.
13.50 – 14.10	<b>Going Local? A National Trust perspective on future opportunities and challenges for geoconservation.</b> Dr David Bullock, Head of Nature Conservation, National Trust, Lucy Cordrey and Dr Jonathan Larwood, Natural England and National Trust Nature Conservation Panel.
14.10 – 14.30	<b>Local geoconservation groups - past achievements and future challenges.</b> Martin Whiteley, The Geology Trusts and Mike Browne, GeoConservationUK
14.30 – 14.50	<b>The role of local communities, volunteers and the museum in sustaining the future of geoconservation.</b> Graham Worton, Keeper of Geology & Manager, Dudley Museum & Art Gallery
14.50 – 15.15	<b>Geoconservation on International Agendas.</b> Tim Badman, Director World Heritage Programme, IUCN
15.15 – 15.40	<b>Raising awareness of geology and the need for geoconservation.</b> Professor Stuart Monro, Scientific Director, Our Dynamic Earth
15.40 – 16.10	Tea and poster presentations in the Cotswold Suite
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>21st Century Priorities for Geoconservation</b>
16.10 – 17.00	<b>Discussion - 21st Century priorities for geoconservation.</b> Chair: Dr John Powell, British Geological Survey. Panel Members: Dr David Bridgland, President of the Geologists' Association, Durham University; Professor Cynthia Burek, Centre for Science Communication, University of Chester; Dr Colin Prosser, Principal Geologist Natural England and Vice President of the Geologists' Association
17.00 – 17.10	<b>Closing remarks. Looking forwards: the next steps for geoconservation in the 21st Century.</b> Dr John Gordon, Scottish Natural Heritage and Dr Eleanor Brown, Natural England
17.10 – 18.00	Geological Conservation Review Elsevier Reception and Poster Presentations in the Cotswold Suite
19:30	Conference Dinner at the Old Rectifying House, Worcester (places must be reserved via the conference registration form)

## Saturday 10 September - Fieldtrip to North Worcestershire and Dudley

08.45	Assemble at meeting point, adjacent to H&WEHT Offices, University of Worcester
09.00	Coach departs
17:00	Coach returns to the University of Worcester