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23rd British Cave Research Association

Cave Science Symposium

Saturday 10th March 2012

School of Earth and Environment,
University of Leeds

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The British Cave Research Association is pleased to announce that its next one-day annual Cave Science Symposium will be held at the School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds (www.see.leeds.ac.uk) on Saturday 10 March 2012. This will be a **joint meeting with the Yorkshire Geological Society** (www.yorksgeolsoc.org.uk) and will be hosted by Professor Simon Bottrell and Phil Murphy of the University of Leeds.

Presentations are invited on any cave science topic. Those that fall within one of the four BCRA cave science themes (speleogenesis, cave archaeology and palaeontology, cave biology and cave technology) will be especially welcome (see the cave science policy via www.bcra.org.uk/detail/cstri_info.html), as will those from undergraduates and other students. This year's special theme will be '**Cave science in the Yorkshire Dales**' and it is hoped to devote half the Symposium to this topic. Full papers are not required, but related submissions to *Cave and Karst Science* are also invited. To offer a verbal or poster presentation, please contact the lecture secretary, Dr. Trevor Faulkner, by email at: [t.faulkner \[at\] bcra.org.uk](mailto:t.faulkner@bcra.org.uk) or, for initial queries, by telephone at: +44 (0)1625 531558. Titles and abstracts of up to one side of A4 should be sent as Word files by email by **Friday 6 January 2012**. These should include full first names, contact details and affiliations of all authors, with presenters underlined, and may be 'extended' to include references. Talks will probably be allocated 15–20 minutes, and poster presentations 3–5 minutes.

Each year the Symposium covers a wide range of cave science topics, providing much of interest for academic and amateur scientists and for enquiring cavers. Registration will take place at the start of the meeting. A small admission charge will cover refreshments in the morning and afternoon. Further information, including directions to the venue and suggestions for lunch, will appear in later circulars and on the BCRA website www.bcra.org.uk as the Symposium approaches.