



BCRA



24th British Cave Research Association

Cave Science Symposium

Saturday 9th March 2013

Environmental Science Centre,
British Geological Survey, Keyworth, Notts.

Second Circular: 5 December 2012: Reminder

The British Cave Research Association is pleased to confirm that its next one-day annual Cave Science Symposium will be held at the Environmental Science Centre, British Geological Survey (BGS: www.bgs.ac.uk) on Saturday 9 March 2013. This will be a **joint meeting with the BGS and the East Midlands Geological Society** (www.emgs.org.uk). It will be hosted by **Dr. Andrew Farrant** of the BGS. During the Symposium, visits will also be arranged to the BGS Archives and the 3D Visualisation Suite. Cave Science Field Meetings to the Lincolnshire karst and to the sandstone caves of Nottingham are planned for Sunday 10 March, as well as an Open Day at the British Caving Library, as announced separately.

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 partial themes will be '**Cave science in Jurassic limestones**' and '**Caving archives**' and it is hoped to devote parts of the Symposium to these topics. Full papers are not required, but related submissions to *Cave and Karst Science* are also invited. To offer a verbal or poster presentation, a demonstration or an exhibit, 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 up to one side of A4 should be sent as Word files by email by **Friday 4 January 2013**. 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 in a friendly environment, 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 will appear in the third circular and on the BCRA website www.bcra.org.uk in February.