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British Cave Research Association

25th Cave Science Symposium

Saturday 25th October 2014

School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences,
University of Birmingham

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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 Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham (<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/les/gees/index.aspx>) on Saturday 25 October 2014. **Please note the revised date, one week later than previously indicated.** The meeting will be hosted by **Professor Ian Fairchild** (GEES) and will also incorporate the BCRA 2014 AGM. A local field meeting is planned for 26 October 2014, to be 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 theme will be '**Speleothem studies**' and it is hoped to devote one session of 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 or a demonstration, 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 15 August 2014**. 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 will appear in later circulars and on the BCRA website www.bcra.org.uk as the Symposium approaches.