

Cave Science Symposium, 2015



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**26th British Cave Research Association
Cave Science Symposium**

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**Symposium - Saturday 31st October, 2015
Field-trip - Sunday 1st November, 2015
The Manchester Museum, University of Manchester**

SECOND CIRCULAR & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Special Session

This year's symposium will feature a special session on maze caves and hypogene speleogenesis. Maze caves in Scotland, the Northern Dales, the Forest of Dean, and Ethiopia will be discussed as well as hypogene development in the south of England.

Call for Abstracts

The response to the first call for abstracts has been very positive and it already looks like we will have a fascinating collection of talks on our special "maze cave" theme, archaeology, and hydrology. We would especially like to invite further presentations (oral or poster) on speleogenesis, palaeoclimate, and biospeleology, though all submissions related to caves and karst will be considered.

Abstracts should be submitted by 31st August, 2015, by email to the lecture secretary, Gina Moseley (gina.moseley@uibk.ac.at). Please include all authors with their affiliations, an email address for the primary author, and an abstract no longer than one page of A4 at single spacing, arial, font size 11.

Registration

Registration will take place on the day. A small fee will be requested to cover refreshments.

Lunch

There are many options for places to eat along Oxford Road, however, a cold sandwich lunch can also be provided by the Manchester Museum at a cost of £3 per head. Please email Gina Moseley (gina.moseley@uibk.ac.at) by 10th October, 2015 if you would like a lunch.

Other lunch options include:

- Two pubs within 5 minutes walk (The Grafton and The Salutation), both do food.
- Spar shop, one minute, sells sandwiches etc.
- Cafe Muse, within the Museum, sells meals and sandwiches, expensive
- University Union, one minute, sells sandwiches
- Possibly University Place, one minute, sells sandwiches

Evening Meal – Saturday 31st October, 2015

Following the symposium, we will head for an informal evening meal on the famous Manchester curry mile. The exact restaurant has yet to be decided. If you would like to join us for the meal, please confirm your attendance by 10th October, 2015 with Gina Moseley (gina.moseley@uibk.ac.at) so plans may be finalised with the restaurant.

Venue

The Manchester Museum, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL

The best way to visit is by public transport or by bike. You can also come by car and park in the multi-storey pay and display car park on Booth Street West, just around the corner from the museum.

Information on how to get to the venue can be found at:

<http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/yourvisit/travel/fileuploadmax10mb,155295,en.pdf>

Accommodation

Accommodation options are available from the Visit Manchester website: <http://www.visitmanchester.com/#/stay>

Field trip to Alderley Edge Copper Mines, Sunday 1st November, 2015

Spaces are still available for the field trip to the Alderley Edge copper mines.

This event will be hosted by Nigel Dibben and the Derbyshire Caving Club. Full protective caving clothing including helmet, boots and lights will be required for trips into the mines but normal clothes, with walking boots, will be fine for exploring the surface. A maximum of 14 people can attend the field trip (although DCC can make arrangements if more than 14 want to attend) so if you are interested please contact Graham Proudlove (g.proudlove@manchester.ac.uk) so that we can manage the numbers. Information about the Alderley Edge copper mines is available from: http://derbyscc.org.uk/alderley/mines_list.php

Important Dates

31 st August, 2015	Abstract deadline. Send to Gina Moseley
10 th October, 2015	Confirm lunch order with Gina Moseley
10 th October, 2015	Confirm evening meal attendance with Gina Moseley
10 th October, 2015	Confirm field trip attendance with Graham Proudlove
31 st October, 2015	Cave science symposium
1 st November, 2015	Field-trip to Alderley Edge Copper Mines.

Meeting Organisers

Andrew Chamberlain: andrew.chamberlain@manchester.ac.uk

Graham Proudlove: g.proudlove@manchester.ac.uk

Gina Moseley (BCRA lecture secretary): gina.moseley@uibk.ac.at

Please contact Graham Proudlove for general enquiries and for details of the venue and local facilities in Manchester. Contact Gina Moseley for details of the programme and for enquiries concerning oral or poster presentations. Please note, Gina will be out-of-office until 15th August.

All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at the Symposium.



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