

Department Newsletter
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STAFF AND STUDENTS

Scott Elias has recently become an associate editor of the journal, *Arctic , Antarctic, and Alpine Research*.

Ed Derbyshire served as a member of the United Kingdom Commission to UNESCO at the biennial General Conference of UNESCO in Paris on 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 October.

Tim Unwin undertook external examining duties at the University of Edinburgh on 6th and 7th October for the MSc in Environment and Development.

Felix Driver was external examiner for a PhD Thesis by Lawrence Dritsas on *The Zambesi Expedition, 1858-1864: African Nature in the British Metropolis*, University of Edinburgh, 28 October.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Clive Gamble introduced and chaired the Ninth British Academy lecture given by Lord Renfrew on the topic "Becoming human: the archaeological challenge", 26 October

Clive Gamble presented a seminar to the Department of Archaeology, University of Reading on October 27th entitled, "A Neolithic origin for the modern mind? Some Palaeolithic reasons why not".

Duncan McGregor participated in a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Overseas Development, dealing with land access for agriculture in developing areas, at the House of Commons, 25 October 2005.

Duncan McGregor attended a committee meeting of the RGS/IBG Climate Change Research Group, at Kings College on 25 October 2005.

Nick Branch and Gemma Swindle visited Clewer Green Primary School , Windsor on the 20th of October to give a lesson on environmental science as part of their 'Science Week'.

Nick Branch and Gemma Swindle attended a meeting at Mottisfont Abbey, Hampshire with the National Trust on 18th October to discuss future research initiatives.

Nick Branch and Lucy Farr gave a joint presentation at a Surrey Archaeological Society conference entitled 'Past and Present Environmental Archaeology Research in Surrey : An Agenda for the Future' on the 1st of October.

Peter French presented a talk entitled 'People & the coast: A sustainable relationship' to the RGS 'On course for success in Geography' event held in London on October 6th.

Nick Branch gave a presentation on 'Aspects of Environmental Archaeological Research in SE England: Case Studies from London and Surrey ' to Spelthorne Archaeology Group on 6th October.

Duncan McGregor attended the ESRC/DFID Research Grants seminar at Senate House on 5 October.

Mary Dengler was an invited speaker at the Club of Rome's Annual Meeting in Norfolk , Virginia, USA. She presented "Teaching sustainability through active-learning: enhancing the learning experience and student citizenship" and was a discussion panellist in a session called Education: how to respond to global challenges?

Jim Rose attended a meeting of the Council of the Geologists' Association, at Burlington House, London on Friday 7th October 2007.

Jim Rose gave a lecture entitled: Periglacial processes, landforms, sediments and soils to the Thames Valley Regional Group of the Geological Society, held in the Geology Department, RHUL on Tuesday 18th October 2005.

Jim Rose gave a lecture entitled: 'The first humans of Britain : the time of their appearance and the nature of the landscape in which they lived' to the Durham University Geographical Society on Thursday 27th October 2005.

Jim Rose gave a lecture entitled: 'The Quaternary Geology of Great Britain': a process based stratigraphy to the Department of Geography, University of Durham on Thursday 27th October 2005.

Ed Derbyshire attended a meeting of the external relations Committee of the Geological Society at Burlington House, London , on 27 October.

VISITORS-MEETINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT

Eoin Halpin, Beth Cassidy and Jo Kovacic, Directors of Archaeological Development Services Ltd, Dublin visited the Department on 10th/11th October to see Nick Branch, Gem Swindle and Ian Matthews to discuss current and future research and third-stream funding activities.

Eric Baber, Educational Development Centre presented the Departmental Seminar on the 13th of October. The Title of his presentation was 'Using electronic tools in your teaching'.

Martin Sharp from the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Alberta , Canada presented the QUISS Seminar on the 19th of October. The title of his presentation was 'Recent glacier and ice cap change in Arctic Canada - rates and processes'.

Beacon Mbiba from the Department of Geography, London School of Economics presented the CEDAR Seminar on the 24th of October. The title of his presentation was 'Development policy and the diaspora: reflections on DFID 'thinking' and impacts of the Commission for Africa '.

Tim Cresswell, University of Wales , Aberystwyth presented the Departmental Seminar on the 27th of October. The title of his presentation was 'The production of mobilities at Schiphol Airport , Amsterdam'.

Dr. J. Jouzel from the Lab. Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement, Gif-sur-Yvette, France (lecture entitled 'Water isotopes in deep ice cores - recent results from Dome F, EPICA, NGRIP') and Dr. J. P. Steffensen from Niels Bohr Institute, Glaciology, Copenhagen (lecture entitled 'New results from the NGRIP ice core & environmental implications') presented the London Quaternary Lectures on the 26th of October.

David Uzzell from Environmental Psychology, University of Surrey presented the CEDAR Seminar on the 31st of October. The title of his presentation was 'Environmental Psychology, sustainable development and place'.

PUBLICATIONS

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GRANTS AND AWARDS

Dr Klaus Dodds has been awarded a 2005 Philip Leverhulme Prize by the Leverhulme Trust in recognition of his outstanding research achievements in the field of political geography. The value of the prize is £50,000.

Nok Yi Yeung, now in the second year of undergraduate study, has been awarded the Lilian F Heather Prize in Science, one of three prizes awarded to students in the Science Faculty in recognition of excellent work in the first year of study.

CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

The ICT4D Collective collaborated with Wilton Park, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Global Knowledge Partnership and SPIDER to convene a conference on "Becoming an Information Society: the Role of New Information Technologies in Development" at Wilton Park from 17th-20th October 2005. Myles Wickstead and Tim Unwin gave a paper entitled Partnerships for Development, and Marije Geldof and Salma Abbasi also participated.

Gem Swindle and Kevin Williams conducted fieldwork at Parchment Street, Winchester, with Winchester Housing Group and Winchester City Council on 4th October.

David Simon was in Bonn from 7-11th October to attend the biennial conference of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change, participate in a training workshop on urbanization for young scientists, and participate in the first meeting of the Scientific Steering Committee of the IHDP programme on Urbanization and Global Environmental Change

Jim Rose, assisted by Elaine Turton, Mark Stephens and Pete Riches carried out the Quaternary Environmental Change Field Trip to East Anglia on September 14th and 15th 2005.

Jim Rose, Danielle Schreve, Barbara Silva, Mark Stephens and Pete Riches carried out fieldwork in East Anglia on Friday 21st October 2005 to investigate Early and Middle Pleistocene sediments in the region.

ANY OTHER NEWS

Refurbishment updates

A move to a second stage of the refurbishment of Bourne has meant a change of contractors, and hence the doubling of cabins in Car Park 5. We have been assured that the lower end will be cleared shortly, hence releasing the spaces which were originally taken up.

Please take care around the various building sites around campus.

For anyone who was concerned about the loss of habitat in the area of the new lecture theatre complex near founders, please consult the Intranet which has a message posted from the Estates Division commenting on this.