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**Earth Science Teachers' Association 43rd Annual Course and Conference
'Geology and Society'
Friday 17th to Sunday 19th September 2010
Hosted by the Department of Geology, University of Leicester**

JOINING INFORMATION

Welcome to Leicester – a city, university and Geology Department where you can be guaranteed a friendly welcome! We have put together what we hope will be a packed programme of interesting activities for you that showcase all that is new in the teaching of Earth Science. I look forward to meeting you in Leicester and if anything falls short of being perfect, please do let me know!

Gawen Jenkin, Conference Organiser.

You should have already received confirmation of your booking. The information below will assist in your preparation for arrival.

Course and Conference Venue

The main course and conference activities will be held at the Department of Geology, University of Leicester. The full address is:- Department of Geology, Bennett Building, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH, UK

Tel: +44 (0)116 252 3933, Email: geology@le.ac.uk

Registration

Registration will take place at the Department of Geology from 08.30 on Friday and Saturday mornings. Please note that we will not be providing conference bags this year, so please bring one from a previous event.

Maps and directions for the main campus are available at <http://www2.le.ac.uk/maps/campus-map> (look for the list by tab under the map. If you list by building click on Bennett Building to highlight it – or list by Core Dept and click on Geology – in either case a close up of the entrance will be shown in the adjacent box)

Parking

If you are staying at the Halls of Residence, you will be able to park there and leave your car during the course and conference as we will provide a coach shuttle service between the accommodation and the main campus. If you are driving to the main campus please note that there is no parking available on campus on Friday, we suggest you use the Victoria Park car park see <http://www2.le.ac.uk/maps/parking> but parking is available on Saturday on campus near to the Geology Department – enter campus at Entrance 1 (the Entrance 3 car park closest to Geology is closed for building work). Following the one-way system you will find spaces around the Charles Wilson Building or in the large car park between the Attenborough and Fielding Johnson buildings see the University of Leicester map at <http://www2.le.ac.uk/maps/campusaccess.pdf>

Residential Arrival and Departure

If you have booked ensuite accommodation it will be John Foster Hall, if you have booked standard accommodation it will be in Gilbert Murray Hall – your booking confirmation will confirm which you have booked.

Accommodation Location Map and Addresses

Please follow the links below for directions and a site plan of the Oadby Campus:

http://www.le.ac.uk/conference/pdfs/directions_oadby.pdf

http://www.le.ac.uk/conference/pdfs/map_oadby.pdf

- ***If driving do NOT follow the signs for the University of Leicester as this would lead you to the city campus 3 miles away***

The key addresses for accommodation are

Standard Accommodation Check in (14.00 – 17.00 daily)

Gilbert Murray Hall
Manor Road
Oadby
Leicester
LE2 2LH

Ensuite Accommodation check in from 14.00 daily and Night Porter location

John Foster Hall
Manor Road
Oadby
Leicester
LE2 2LG

Night Porter number at John Foster Hall - 0116 221 2035

Check In

En suite accommodation – John Foster Hall

Check in is from 14.00 at John Foster Hall. Should you arrive earlier, there is no guarantee that bedrooms will be available. A facility to store your luggage at reception is available until check in time. The bar at John Foster Hall can be used as a waiting area. If you are late arriving, the night porter will be able to issue your bedroom key throughout the night as there will always be a member of staff on duty 24 hours.

Standard accommodation – shared bathroom facilities* – Gilbert Murray Hall

Check in is between 14.00 and 17.00 at Gilbert Murray Hall.

If you arrive earlier than this, there is a facility to store your luggage at reception until check in time. The Junior Common Room at Gilbert Murray Hall can be used as a waiting area.

Arrivals after 17.00

Keys are available to collect from John Foster Hall across the road from Gilbert Murray Hall. *Please note you will be allocated a bedroom with shared facilities on a corridor with other residents of the same gender as you.

Check Out – all accommodation types

Check out time is 09.30 on the day of departure. Please ensure you return your bedroom key to the appropriate reception either John Foster Hall or Gilbert Murray Hall.

Wireless Internet Access

A wireless internet facility is available within both John Foster Hall and Gilbert Murray Hall main buildings via your own laptop. This service is free of charge.

Accommodation

Bedrooms are for single occupancy only and are provided with:

- Bath and hand towel
- Toiletries pack
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Welcome information pack
- Card operated direct dial telephone (internal calls can be made free of charge). A telephone card can be purchased at reception. The internet is accessible within your bedroom providing you bring your own laptop and data cable. If you do not have a data cable, these can be hired for a small returnable deposit from the reception.
- Hair dryers can be hired for a small returnable deposit from the reception.

Catering

Any dietary requirements specified on your booking form will be catered for but please ensure you make yourself known to the catering staff in the dining areas. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to cater for your special diet if you have not pre advised us of this.

Pre booking of all meals in advance is essential as there is no facility to pay on the day.

Meal/Social event times

Breakfast will be served from 07.45 – 08.30 each day in the John Foster Dining Hall.

Tea and coffee and buffet lunch will be available at the course and conference venue – see programme for timings.

Thursday 16th September

For those arriving on Thursday evening there will not be meals available in the halls. However we recommend that the best place to rendezvous and eat is at the Cow and Plough Inn, Gartree Road, LE2 2FB (http://www.steamin-billy.co.uk/cow_plough.php). This serves a range of real ale and has an evening meal menu with 2 courses for £12.95. **NB booking is essential 0116 272 0852.** This is 1 mile from the halls of residence (15 minutes walk/a few minutes drive).

Friday 17th September

18.00 - Drinks reception in the Quenby Suite, John Foster Hall – this is available to everyone attending the conference.

19.00 - Dinner in the John Foster Hall, this is on a pre-booked basis only.
20.00 – Evening Lecture in the Tilton & Swithland Suite, John Foster Hall – available to everyone

Saturday 18th September – Conference Dinner at the National Space Centre

19.00 – Drinks reception
19.30 – Chance to view the galleries
20.15 – Dinner
22.00 – Theatre Show and more time to view the galleries
23.15 – Coaches depart to return to Accommodation.

Travel Information Links

The following links and telephone numbers may be useful when planning your travel arrangements:

www.skylink.co.uk This website gives details regarding bus services link from Nottingham East Midlands Airport to Leicester St Margaret's Bus station.

www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk This website gives details regarding trains to Leicester train station , which is about 10 minutes walk from the course and conference venue at Leicester University Main campus.

www.arrivabus.co.uk gives details of the bus service from Leicester train station to Oadby. The number bus to catch is 31 or 31a outside the train station or from Charles Street in the city centre. Please note the bus does not drop immediately outside the campus at Oadby. The nearest bus stop to dismount is at Leicester Racecourse and then there would be a ten minute walk up Stoughton Drive South to the Manor Road cross roads.

Taxis are available from a taxi rank within Leicester train station or if you prefer you can choose one of the following taxi companies* to book for private hire:

ABC 0116 2555 111

City Taxi 0116 2555 222

West End taxi 0116 270 9922

*These are not University recommended, just a list for your information

Transport from the Halls of Residence to the main conference venue*

Friday 17th September

08.30 – depart John Foster Hall for Conference Venue
17.15 – depart from Charles Wilson Building for John Foster Hall

Saturday 18th September

08.30 – depart from John Foster Hall for Conference venue
17.30 – depart from Charles Wilson Building for John Foster Hall
18.30 – depart from John Foster Hall for National Space Centre
23.15 – depart from National Space Centre for John Foster Hall

*Subject to change, please check final timings on arrival at Leicester.

Field trips**

**Currently, all field visits are running as planned, if there are any changes we will notify you by email before the event.

All visits will depart from John Foster Hall at 09.15 and return between 14.00 and 14.30 (sculpture tour will complete ~12 noon). You will be able to leave luggage in your car at John Foster Hall, or at the Porters' Lodge. We will ask the coaches to drop off at the railway station on return to the Halls of Residence, so you could take your luggage on the coach.

Finally....

Please keep your property safe at all times, neither ESTA nor the University of Leicester can be held responsible for the loss or damage of personal items.

The above information should have provided you with everything you need to attend the above event. However should we have omitted anything please contact the Conference Administrator, Linda Marshall on 01297 551077 or Linmarshall@btinternet.com

We hope you enjoy your visit to the University of Leicester.