



# British Society for Geomorphology Annual Conference, Edinburgh, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Circular

The British Society for Geomorphology annual conference will take place at the University of Edinburgh from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023. It will include a mix of oral and poster presentations delivered by geomorphologists from all career stages, who will share the latest exciting developments in geomorphological science and its application.

Registration costs have been kept to a minimum to promote participation, and thanks to the generous financial support of the BSG and its associated journal, *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*, edited by Wiley.

## Provisional programme

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September:**

- 10:00-12:00: Early Career workshops (including publication workshop).
- 12:00: Registration opens.
- 13:30-17:30: Cuchlaine King Symposium (see below) - keynote talks, posters and discussion.
- 18:00-20:00: Drinks reception and awards.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** 9:00-17:00: oral and poster sessions, including keynote talks.

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September:**

- 9:00-12:00: oral and poster sessions, including keynote talks.
- 12:30-14:30: AGM. Close at 14:30.

## Cuchlaine King Symposium

This year will see the launch of the **Cuchlaine King Symposium**, named after the first female UK professor of geomorphology: <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2020/feb/17/cuchlaine-king-obituary>. The half-day symposium focuses on a timely geomorphology-related topic, with keynote speakers and lively discussion on the Monday afternoon (4<sup>th</sup> September), that will lead to a special issue in *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*. The general theme this year is “**novel approaches to quantify landscape changes**” and our speakers are:

- **Alison Duvall**, University of Washington
- **Liran Goren**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- **Laure Guerit**, Geosciences Rennes
- **Shasta Marrero**, Cardiff University
- **Duna Roda-Boluda**, VU Amsterdam
- **Veerle Vanacker**, Universite Catholique de Louvain



## Where?

The conference will take place at the John McIntyre Conference Centre at the University of Edinburgh's Pollock Halls (<https://www.uoecollection.com/conferences-events/venue-hubs/pollock-estate/john-mcintyre-conference-centre/>), at the feet of Arthur's Seat (Edinburgh's extinct volcano). Attendees will have access to the University's accommodation with a 10-15% discount using the promo code EVENT (<https://www.uoecollection.com/hotels/>), but may also find suitable hotels and B&B in the nearby vibrant city centre.

## Registration and abstract submission now open!

Registration (including field trips): <https://www.efdelegates.ed.ac.uk/BSGregistration>

Abstract Submission: <https://tinyurl.com/y56jizbz>

Abstract submission deadline and field trip registration **14<sup>th</sup> July 2023** (may be extended).

Notification of acceptance early August.

Registration closes Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

## Costs and what is included

Registration fees include access to conference, buffet lunches, tea/coffee breaks and snacks, welcome reception on Monday night (no dinner), plus retrospective access to session recordings. Online attendance to the conference is free.

To become a member of the BSG and enjoy a multitude of benefits, including reduced registration fees, go to <https://www.geomorphology.org.uk/home/about-us/bsg-membership/>. The membership fee is £30 per year for full membership, £12 per year for students, and £40 for four years for students and early career academics and practitioners.

	Early bird (until 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023)		Late registration	
	Full conference	Daily rate	Full conference	Daily rate
Member	£100	£35	£130	£45
Student / PGR / Unwaged / Retired / early career professional	£75	n/a	£85	n/a
Non-member	£150	£55	£180	£65



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## **Field trips**

Based on the results of the survey (60 answers), we are offering three field trips. The 3-day trip option to NW Scotland was not viable, but if a small group is interested, please get in touch and we can facilitate the organisation of such a trip. Deadline to register for field trips is **14<sup>th</sup> July, via the conference registration website**. If you need special adjustments to attend a trip, please contact us (see contacts below).

- *1-day trip, East Lothian (cost £30 pp), Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

An East Lothian coastal field trip looking at markers of postglacial isostatic rebound (raised beaches, knickpoints) and Storegga tsunami deposits.

- *1-day trip, Eddleston Water (cost £30 pp), Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

Visit of the Eddleston Water which has just been designated a UNESCO global Ecohydrology demonstration site (<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/stories/environmental-project-gains-unesco-recognition>).

- *2-day trip, Glencoe / Cairngorms, with one overnight stay (cost £150 pp including transport and accommodation in double room; cost £200 pp for single room option), Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

Post-glacial geomorphology trip. The aim of the trip is to visit key locations that illustrate the glacial imprint on landscapes, and the processes involved in post-glacial readjustment. Provisional locations include Rannoch Mohr (where the ice cap was focused during the Loch Lommond / Younger Dryas readvance), Glen Coe, the parallel roads of Glen Roy (<https://www.scottishgeology.com/best-places/parallel-roads-glen-roy/>), and possibly the Cairngorms.

## **Postgraduate student grants**

The BSG will offer grants to support postgraduate student attendance to the annual meeting in Edinburgh. **Deadline for application is 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, with outcomes announced by the 26<sup>th</sup> July. Note that the abstract submission deadline is also the 14<sup>th</sup> July: if you are planning on attending but your attendance is dependent on securing the grant, we recommend that you submit an abstract before the deadline; you may withdraw the abstract afterwards if you are not able to attend.

Applicants **must be members of the BSG**. They should note that the BSG will normally restrict support to £500 for conferences within the applicant's continent, and to £750 for conferences outside of the applicant's continent. In exceptional circumstances, up to £1000 can be awarded.

Applicants should take care to outline the full costs of attending the meeting, taking care to fully justify (not merely list) any resources requested from the BSG, for instance by giving indicative travel or accommodation costs. The BSG is unlikely to support requests for subsistence expenses. Applicants should provide details of how any additional costs (i.e. those not requested from the BSG) will be met. If you are in receipt of a funded studentship, you must explain why these costs are not being met as part of this.

The BSG recognizes that the climate emergency is one of the greatest threats to the planet and to people, and that the geomorphological work we do creates GHG emissions. The BSG will continue to advance scientific knowledge and application of that knowledge while reducing our GHG emissions in a way that ensures fair and equitable treatment for all members. Our main sources of emissions are from flying or other travel (for data collection, fieldwork, meetings or collaboration). We therefore want to encourage BSG members to minimise the environmental impacts of their activities and/or maximise the scientific/professional benefits from any travel undertaken. As such we ask that in each grant application you consider how this can be done and include a statement on this in your application form.

In your application, you will be asked to outline your research, as well as how the attendance to the conference will support your research and career. We do this so we can evaluate the quality of the research, as well as overall value for money, when determining whether to offer funding. We are particularly interested to understand how attendance to the conference will help support the development of the grant-holders PhD and/or career. In general, preference will be given to attendance by postgraduates who are in a position to present substantive research findings; a core aim of this scheme is to enable postgraduates to disseminate their work. Preference may also be given to applicants who do not have access to funded studentships.

To apply, use the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/4572v4m8>. You will be asked to fill in a series of text boxes including: proposal to support your application (3000 characters maximum), statement on minimizing the environmental impact of your research activities (e.g., taking the train instead of flying – 500 characters maximum), breakdown of eligible costs and breakdown of additional costs. Our funds are limited and we will likely not be able to support all applicants. We wish you good luck with your application.

### **Any questions?**

For registration-related queries: [BSGregistration@ed.ac.uk](mailto:BSGregistration@ed.ac.uk)

For other matters, contact Mikael Attal or Simon Mudd: [mikael.attal@ed.ac.uk](mailto:mikael.attal@ed.ac.uk) or [simon.m.mudd@ed.ac.uk](mailto:simon.m.mudd@ed.ac.uk).

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