



VMSG AGM Meeting minutes

Date: 7-01-15

Location: Open Venue, Norwich

1. Secretary's Business

Minutes of last AGM: passed without comment.

The new committee members were introduced to delegates.

2. Treasurer's Report (MW)

A plea was made to delegates to seek funding for meetings and fieldtrips, due to large size of VMSG annual meetings and rising costs. Students were encouraged to apply for the VMSG bursaries. VMSG is funding the Jóannes Rasmussen Conference on the Faroe Islands in May 2015.

MW thanked ADS for his leadership and sagacity as Chair. A small gift was offered to ADS to thank him for his work.

3. VMSG 2016

Teresa Ubide (TCD) Announced that VMSG 2016 would be jointly organised by Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin from the 6-8th Jan (Weds-Fri). There would be a fieldtrip on Saturday to the Giant's Causeway and a workshop on LA-ICPMS mapping designed for post-grads and post-docs.

4. Chair's Report

ADS thanked the LOC at UEA for a fantastic job and gifts were offered. Special mention was made of sponsors and they were thanked for coming. ADS reiterated that they are an important aspect of the annual meeting and suggested that a target of £10-15 k in support from industry would be ideal. Delegates were reminded to think about ways to secure support to help keep the costs down for student delegates.

5. Student awards 2015

Best student Talk

Michael Stock (Oxford) "A temporal record of magmatic volatile evolution through texturally constrained apatite analysis"

Honourable mention: Jacqueline Ratner “Terrain mapping using structure-from-motion photogrammetry and crowd-sourced data”.

Best Student Poster

Anna Barth (Cambridge) “Gas migration through crystal piles”

Honourable mention: Jodie Dyble(Hull) “Micro kinematic indicators in the Green Tuff ignimbrite: can they tell us about caldera collapse”. Jodie is a 6th Form Student.

Honourable mention: Emma Liu (Bristol) “The influence of near-surface magma-water interaction on magma fragmentation and degassing during the 2500BC Hverfjall fires, Iceland”

Best student presentation (talk or poster) in a session

Session 1: Rebecca Astbury (Edinburgh) “A petrographical and geochemical study of Mount Sorik Merapi, Sumatra, Indonesia”

Session 2: Tom Pering (Sheffield) “Developing a low cost method for measuring volcanic water vapour emissions at high resolution”

Session 3: Robert Jones (Leeds) “Developing a probabilistic method for rain-triggered lahar forecasting at Tungurahua Volcano”

Session 4: Danielle Charlton (UCL) “The importance of effective hazard communication and data sensitivity: hazard mapping of Campi Flegrei”

Session 5: Anna Barth (Cambridge) “Gas migration through crystal piles”

6. Local Organising Committee business (Ricky Herd)

Ricky Herd of the LOC thanked delegates for coming to Norwich and remarked on the high quality of the talks and poster and the very stimulating panel discussion. Session conveners are thanked for their hard work in putting the sessions together. Special thanks were given to Jenni Barclay, Anna Hicks, Amanda Harmer and Charlotte Montell of the LOC for their hard work and great help in organising VMSG2015.

7. Student meeting (Tom Pering)

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Student delegates were reminded to apply for the student bursaries and that PhD projects and other VMSG business was regularly added to the VMSG Facebook page

A vote was taken on whether the student bursaries should be (1) of lower value and given to more applicants, or (2) of higher value and given to fewer applicants. The vote was passed by 2/3 for higher value to fewer applicants.