



Volcanic and Magmatic Studies Group

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Hello!

This is an interim newsletter covering some important committee news. Please read on for information including upcoming committee positions, a call for nominations for the VMSG Award, student bursaries, and an update on the 2015 Annual Meeting.

VMSG Needs You!

In January our Chair (Andy Saunders), Treasurer (Mike Widdowson) and Secretary (Kate Dobson) all reach the end of our terms on the VMSG committee. Madeleine Humphreys, Rebecca Williams, Adrian Jones and Jen Truby also step down. We are therefore seeking several new members for the committee. Specifically a treasurer (max 5 year term), two ordinary members (3 year term), and a student representative (1 year term). Mike Widdowson has agreed to take over as Chair, and Richy Brown has volunteered to take over as Secretary. The specific committee roles we need to fill include promotion of VMSG field trips and production the VMSG newsletter, but being a member of the committee does not take a lot of time, and is a fantastic way to support the VMSG community. We are one of the largest and most vibrant of the Special Interest Groups and we are keen to maintain the enthusiasm and collegiate spirit of this research community. If you are interested in standing for any of these positions please contact [Kate Dobson](mailto:kate.dobson@vmsg.org.uk) or any of the other members of the committee for more information about what the different roles entail.

The deadline for nominations is **31st October 2014**, and if posts are contested electronic elections will take place during November.

Call for nominations for the VMSG Award

The VMSG award is bestowed annually on an individual who is deemed to have made a significant contribution to our current understanding of volcanic and magmatic processes. Such a contribution will most likely be in the form of a paper or series of papers, although other forms of evidence (e.g. convening paradigm-changing workshops and conferences) will also be considered. There is no age or nationality limit and researchers at any stage of their career will be considered. The

nominee should ideally be a part of the VMSG Community, through participation in VMSG meetings and activities and/or interaction with other VMSG scientists.

The awardee will be invited to deliver the VMSG keynote lecture that year (VMSG meetings are typically held in early January), for which expenses will be provided.

Nominations (there are no restrictions on nominators, except that they must not be members of the standing VMSG committee) should be sent to [Kate Dobson](mailto:kate.dobson@vmsg.org.uk) by the **31st October** and should consist of:

- Letter of nomination, articulating the how the award criteria are met, and for which contribution(s) the nominee is to be considered
- Curriculum vitae
- Up to three additional letters of support

Nominations will be considered by the VMSG committee. The VMSG award will be bestowed at the VMSG Annual Meeting in January.

Previous winners

- 2007 Dr Marian Holness, University of Cambridge
- 2008 Dr. Ken Thomson, University of Birmingham
- 2009 Dr Steve Blake, The Open University
- 2010 Prof. Valentin Troll, University of Uppsala
- 2011 Prof. John Gamble, University College Cork
- 2012 Prof. Mike Branney, University of Leicester
- 2013 Prof. Jon Davidson, Durham University

Student Bursaries

We have now set up [electronic submission](http://www.vmsg.org.uk/electronic-submission) for our student bursary applications. From now on applications will be entirely online. There are two types of student bursary available, and financial awards are made up to £300. One is to support a student to present their research at a conference. The second is to support attendance on a field course or workshop. There are two rounds each year, one awarded at the January AGM and one awarded at the June committee meeting. ***The deadline for the next round of applications is the 1st Dec 2014.***



Norwich, UK - OPEN Venue - 5th-7th January 2015

The Volcano and Magmatic Studies Group welcomes you to the 2015 annual conference!

Sessions

- (1) Geophysical, geochemical and petrological monitoring
- (2) Tephra and ash dispersal and impact on the environment: Lessons learned from Tambora and recent eruptions
- (3) Important problems in applied volcanology. Including our panel session: "Scientific knowledge, expert advice under conditions of uncertainty and volcanic risk management pre, during and post eruption"
- (4) Reconstructing volcanic and magmatic histories
- (5) Research in Progress

Key Dates

Early Bird Registration Ends: 3rd October 2014

Standard Registration and Abstract Submission Ends: 31st October 2014

Notification of oral/poster presentations: By 28th November 2014

Conference: 5th-7th January 2015

Find out more at www.vmsg.org.uk/vmsg-norwich/ or email us at vmsg.2015@uea.ac.uk

VMSG 2015 – Norwich

Early bird registration for VMSG 2015 Norwich closes this Friday 3rd October. Standard registration will end on the 31st October. Visit the conference website (<http://www.vmsg.org.uk/vmsg-norwich/>) for more details. This year there will be a special panel session on "*Scientific knowledge, expert advice under conditions of uncertainty and volcanic risk management pre, during and post eruption*". This promises to be an interesting, insightful discussion, especially in light of recent events.

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Editorial

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