

CROSSING THE PALAEOONTOLOGICAL – ECOLOGICAL GAP

30-31 August 2018

School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Leeds for the British Ecological Society and The Palaeontological Association-sponsored *Crossing the Palaeontological – Ecological Gap* (CPEG) meeting.

VENUE

CPEG will take place in the School of Earth and Environment at the University of Leeds; see map at end of document for directions. Further details of the venue and transport advice are provided on the CPEG website (www.cpeg.org.uk). There will be CPEG signs directing you across campus.

LOGO

The CPEG logo was designed by University of Leeds postgraduate researcher Jed Atkinson and depicts a Coelacanth that is half fossil, half living. The Coelacanth is an iconic “living fossil” and provides a metaphorical link between ecologies of the present and the distant past.



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Conveners

Alexander Dunhill (University of Leeds)
Emily Mitchell (University of Cambridge)
Erin Saupe (University of Oxford)

BES Macroecology SIG representative

Natalie Cooper (Natural History Museum)

Administrative Support

Jenny Dunhill (University of Leeds)

Student Volunteers

Bethany Allen (University of Leeds)
Jed Atkinson (University of Leeds)
Adam Woodhouse (University of Leeds)

INVITED PLENARY SPEAKERS

Andrew Beckerman (University of Sheffield)
Andrew Clarke (British Antarctic Survey)

Jennifer Dunne (Santa Fe Institute)
Thomas Halliday (University of Birmingham)

REGISTRATION

Registration will be open 1500-1700 on Wednesday 29 August in the School of Earth and Environment foyer. Registration will then reopen at 0800 on Thursday 30 August in the School of Earth and Environment foyer. The registration desk will remain in place throughout the conference for late arrivals. Please find a member of the organizing committee if the desk is not occupied.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

All oral presentations will take place in the School of Earth and Environment seminar room (8.119 1-3). The seminar room will have a single A/V projector linked to a large screen as well as 6 side monitors on the ceiling along the length of the room. For plenary and standard 15 minute talks, we request you send us your PowerPoint or PDF slides to CPEG2018@gmail.com by 29th August. If there are problems with this (i.e. file size too large), then please contact us via CPEG2018@gmail.com. The University of Leeds is PC based, so Mac-based presentations may cause problems, particularly if animations are included. If you are using a Mac please make sure your presentation is PC compatible before you leave your institution. For 5 minute lightning talks, we

request that you use PowerPoint and send your slides to CPEG2018@gmail.com by 28th August so the talks can be combined into a single PowerPoint file per session. This will allow a seamless transition from presenter to presenter, which will save valuable time.

Plenary talks – have 45 minutes slots. Please keep your talks to less than 35 minutes to allow ample time for questions.

15 minute standard talks – have 15 minute slots. Please keep your talks to 12 minutes to allow time for questions.

Lightning talks – have 5 minute slots. Please keep your talks to 4 minutes to allow time for a quick question.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Individual posters will be on display for the whole two days of the conference. You will be allocated a poster board number at registration. Poster boards will accommodate an A0-sized poster presented in **portrait** format. The boards will not be suitable for posters of this size in landscape format. Materials to fix the poster to the boards will be available at the meeting. Posters will be displayed in the School of Earth and Environment foyer.

STUDENT PRIZES

All presenters that registered as students will be eligible for a Student Prize. There will be three prizes awarded; Best Student Talk, Best Student Lightning Talk, and Best Student Poster.

WI-FI ACCESS

WI-FI will be available across campus via EDUROAM. If you do not have access to EDUROAM, please contact the organizing committee who will provide you with temporary WI-FI access.

DEBATE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PROTOCOL

We wish to maintain a friendly and engaging atmosphere at CPEG. We request that all debates and questions be courteous and respectful. We encourage delegates to cover the conference via social media but do not photograph or video record a talk or poster without the authors' permission. The default position is NOT to post image or videos of talks and presentations UNLESS the author explicitly gives permission at the beginning of their talk. The default position is to allow open discussion of talks and posters on social media UNLESS the author explicitly states otherwise. Official photography will take place throughout the conference, please let the organizing committee know if you do not wish to be photographed.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a British Ecological Society meeting, we request that all delegates adhere to the BES code of conduct.

We want to ensure that everyone who attends any event hosted by or on behalf of the BES and its special interest groups feels welcome, safe and comfortable. We also seek to ensure that everyone feels they are able to report any incidences of discrimination, harassment or abuse of any kind.

Everyone can face discrimination or harassment and all reported incidents will be treated with respect and managed appropriately. The BES has a full safeguarding policy that covers all our activities and you are welcome to ask the main office for a copy. Part of our policy is to share our code of conduct with you.

We ask all organisers of and participants in our events to read and abide by the following code of conduct, so that everyone is able to enjoy, learn and share their research in a safe and welcoming environment.

Everyone is encouraged to demonstrate exemplary behaviour to promote the welfare of all participants and reduce the likelihood of any allegations of misconduct being made. This includes:

- Working in an open environment where ever possible
- Treating everyone equally, with respect and dignity at all times
- Always putting the welfare of individuals first
- Maintaining a safe and appropriate physical and emotional distance in all interactions
- Maintaining a professional and friendly but non-personal, non-sexual dialogue at all times with all participants
- Any manual or physical contact should be avoided wherever possible and when required seeks permission, is openly provided and reported where necessary

If you feel you would like to make a complaint or report any negative behaviour you have experienced or witnessed please speak to Natalie Cooper (natalie.cooper@nhm.ac.uk). All our staff have been provided with training and will be able to offer support.

If you do not wish or feel you cannot report to staff at the event, you can send a confidential email to Karen Devine (Karen@britishecologicalsociety.org) our safeguarding lead. All emails will be responded to as a matter of priority.

REFRESHMENTS

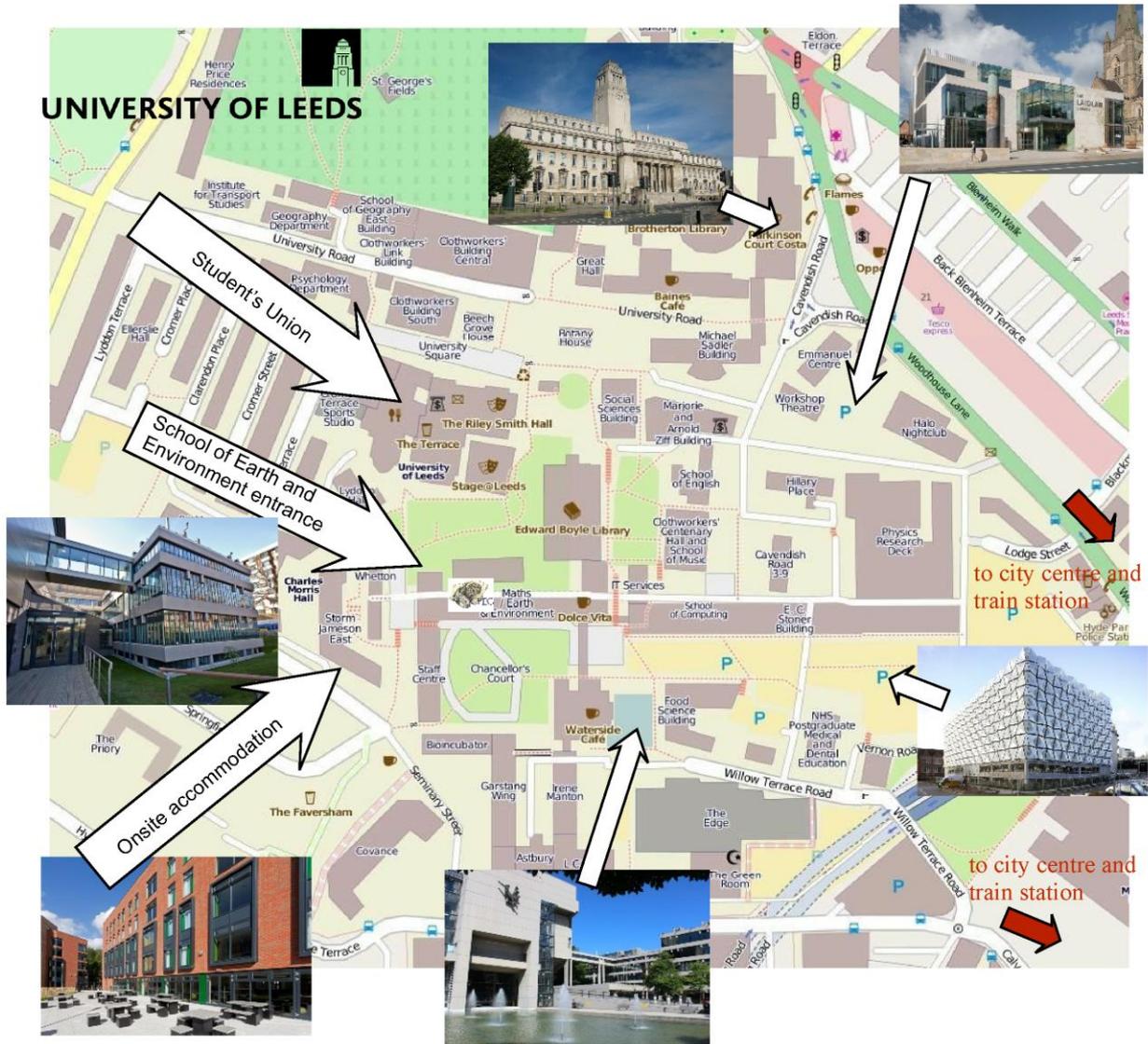
Tea and coffee will be provided each morning before the sessions begin and at each morning and afternoon break along with biscuits. Lunch is NOT provided as part of the conference package as we wished to keep the price of registration as low as possible. However, there are a wide range of affordable eateries in the Student's Union building opposite the School of Earth and Environment. There will be a drinks reception with wine and soft drinks provided for the evening poster session at 1700 on Thursday 30 August. Coffee breaks and the wine reception will take place in the School of Earth and Environment foyer.

EVENING

There is no official conference meal on the evening of Thursday 30 August but Leeds offers an endless variety of eateries to suit all tastes and budgets. We propose the Headrow House (<https://headrowhouse.com/>) as a post-dinner meeting point for anyone who wishes to indulge in a few beverages before bed. The Headrow House also does food for those who wish to permanent ensconce themselves for the evening. See below for a non-exhaustive list of recommended eateries.

- Akbar's (££) Famous Yorkshire curry house (<http://www.akbars.co.uk/leeds-eastgate>)
- Nation of Shopkeepers (££) Excellent burgers and great selection of good beer (<https://www.anationofshopkeepers.com/>)
- Veritas (££) Good British food and beer (<http://www.markettowntaverns.co.uk/pub-and-bar-finder/yorkshire/veritas/>)
- Red Chilli (£££) Highly commended Sichuan food (<https://redchillirestaurant.co.uk/leeds/>)
- Sukhothai (£££) Award winning Thai restaurant (<https://sukhothai.co.uk/>)
- Trinity Kitchen (£) Assorted street food outlets (<https://trinityleeds.com/shops/trinity-kitchen>)

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