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Mineralogical Society Winter Meeting and Volcanic Studies Group Research in Progress

6-9th January 1997

at Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge

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Registration information: Please Read!

Deadline for abstracts, reduced-rate registration and accommodation bookings is **1st November 1996**. Registrations received after 1st November will be subject to a surcharge.

Following the "tradition" of the last two years, the Mineralogical Society's 1996/97 Winter Meeting will once again be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Volcanic Studies Group (Geol. Soc.). This has helped to keep costs low. We invite you to attend and submit contributions for the research in progress, general and thematic sessions outlined below, which will encompass a broad span of frontier geoscience.

The **VSG** thematic sessions and **research in progress** sessions will be held on 6th and 7th January. Invited speakers including , P. Kokelaar (Pyroclastic deposits), M. Wilson (Continental intraplate magmatism) and G. Pearson (Isotope geology of the crust and mantle) will give talks introducing broad themes for which related papers are sought.

The **Mineral Society Winter Meeting** Symposia on 7th, 8th and 9th January will encompass the following themes under the heading of '**Equilibrium and kinetic behaviour of minerals**'**:** Structural stability of silicates, High-pressure stability/instability, Surfaces: equilibrium and non-equilibrium phenomena, Rock and mineral deformation, Low-T stability of clays, General mineralogy. The Hallimond lecture of the Mineralogical Society will be given by Prof B. Wood (University of Bristol) on 8th January.

Contributions to the research in progress and thematic sessions from postgraduate students are particularly encouraged.

REGISTRATION

Sponsorship of the meeting has enabled us to keep the registration fee low. The registration fee includes entrance to the lecture theatres and poster displays, tea and coffee, lunches at the department of Earth Sciences, refreshments in the poster sessions, wine reception, and the conference dinner.

By holding the wine reception and conference dinner on Tuesday evening between the VSG and Mineralogical Society sessions, and the evening before the Hallimond lecture, it is hoped that everyone attending the meeting will be able to attend the dinner. At the dinner, the Mineralogical Society will present its annual awards, and the VSG will present the Geoff Brown Prize for the best poster presented in the VSG sessions of the meeting.

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ACCOMMODATION

Bed and Breakfast accommodation at St. Catharine's College must be pre-booked using the registration form. Accommodation bookings received after 1st November cannot be guaranteed and will be subject to a 10% late booking fee. We have not made any provision for booking evening meals. Inexpensive meals can be obtained at the many restaurants in Cambridge city centre. St. Catharine's College is situated in the town centre about 5 minutes walk from the Department of Earth Sciences. If anyone has any special needs, such as easy access accommodation and assistance with travel between the College and the Department, please notify the convenors.

PAYMENT

We would prefer payment by Cheque, payable to 'University of Cambridge'. Use the Credit Card facility only if it is absolutely necessary. If you need to pay by bank transfer you will need to add any bank charges to the amount due (please contact Paula Aarons if you want to pay by this method). Other forms of payment such as Travellers Cheques are not acceptable. Please note that all payment should be made in advance and accompany your registration form. Refunds will be subject to a 10% administration charge. Receipts will be issued on arrival in Cambridge.

TRAVEL TO CAMBRIDGE AND PARKING

Cambridge is best reached by public transport, with frequent coaches from major cities and rail links direct to London, and to the Midlands and North via Peterborough. There are also links to Heathrow, Gatwick, Stanstead and Luton airports. We regret that there is no car parking at St. Catharine's College and very little available in Cambridge City Centre. Vicious traffic wardens implement a tow away scheme with glee (£125.00 minimum fine). There is, however, a pay car park opposite the Department on Downing Street which charges £14.50 a day (although if you leave after 20.30 hrs that day's charge is only £1.50!). Groups arriving by minibus can be accommodated at the Department by arrangement – please contact the convenors. Further details of how to get to Cambridge will be sent out after the registration deadline.

ABSTRACTS

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **1st November 1996**. The abstracts for the meeting will be published in the Journal of Conference Abstracts. These should be not exceed 300 words of text, and should follow the format on the abstract form enclosed. Please complete one abstract form for each abstract submitted. Electronic submission of abstracts is preferred, submitted on Macintosh or PC disks or by email (vsg-minsoc@esc.ac.uk), but please send paper copies as well. Text can be submitted in MS Word, Wordperfect, MS Works, MS Write, WriteNow or TeX (authors submitting text using word processors other than MS-Word or Wordperfect should also submit an ASCII copy on disk); graphics as EPS, JPEG, or TIFF files (please include the files from which these were produced (CorelDraw, Canvas, Excel etc)). Abstracts which include graphics should not exceed the size limit. Please complete the attached abstract form, indicating whether you would prefer poster or oral presentation, and in which session you would like it included.

Great emphasis will be placed on posters sessions. VSG awards the Geoff Brown Prize for the best poster presented by a postgraduate student in their sessions. Presenters of posters will be allotted times at which they should be at their posters and may be invited to give a short oral introduction to their poster (further details will be sent out after the registration deadline). Photographs of the presenters should be attached to each poster. Poster boards are 90 cm high and 120 cm wide and have Velcro surfaces for attachment of posters. The boards will be standing on laboratory benches and will be linked together, so posters should not be larger than the poster boards. If you need a larger space or special facilities (computer displays etc.) please contact the convenors.

Slide projectors and overhead projectors projecting onto 2 screens will be available for oral presentations. Oral presentations, other than those invited, will be 20 minutes including time for questions.

CONTACT ADDRESSES

Send registration forms, registration fees, abstract forms and disks, to arrive no later than 1st November 1996, to:

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If you need further information and cannot find what you need to know after reading all the details above please contact:

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Further general information can be found at
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