

COGER 2017

at the Royal Maritime Club, Portsmouth, Hampshire, UK
10th-12th April 2017

Dear Addressee

The 2017 Open Meeting of COGER will take place at the Royal Maritime Club, Portsmouth. The meeting will start at midday on Monday 10th April and finish at midday on Wednesday 12th April 2017. Professor Jim Smith from University of Portsmouth will be the local organiser.

The main purpose of the COGER Open Meeting is informal discussion of active and proposed research concerning all aspects of environmental radioactivity. *Presentations or posters that might help the COGER community engage with the 'impact' agenda are particularly welcome, especially from non-academic stakeholders.* Arrangements will be similar to those of previous meetings but we've increased the range of presentation types. As previously, research presentations are invited (15-20 minutes plus five minutes for discussion), as are short presentations from first year PhD students describing their planned research (up to 10 mins) but we'd also welcome any [PechaKucha](#) style presentations (20 slides, 20 secs each) from anyone and 3 Minute Thesis style presentations from PhD students (a chance to practice – most Unis will hold their rounds of the [UK 3MT competition](#) in May/June 2017!). Posters are also welcomed and there will be a formal poster session. In addition, there is a section for news items and brief announcements in the programme.

The COGER invited lecture will be presented on the evening of Tuesday 11th April 2017. The conference dinner will follow the COGER lecture.

Conference registrations should be submitted (i.e. are you coming, which dates, are you planning to present) by **Friday Feb 17th 2017**. We may not be able to provide accommodation at the RMC to those registering after this date. Please send your registration forms to cogersecretary@gmail.com.

All participants who wish to make a formal presentation are required to produce an abstract (up to one page of A4), which should be submitted electronically to the cogersecretary@gmail.com by **Friday 3rd March 2017**. The abstracts will be made available online on the COGER website in due course.

Cheques should be made payable to COGER and a receipt will be available at the meeting. Please note that it is now possible to pay the registration fee by electronic bank transfer but we cannot accept credit cards. Further details on payment options are available from David Copplestone. Full-time students eligible for financial support do not need to send in a deposit (see below for further details). The conference fee payment should be made by **Friday 3rd March 2017**. Cheques should be sent to:
Prof. David Copplestone, Biological and Environmental Sciences,
School of Natural Sciences, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA.

The financial arrangements are as follows:

Band	Band description	Details

A	Students who present either a talk or a poster	A deposit is not required as all accommodation and subsistence will be supported. Limited travel support is available and needs to be arranged with David Copplestone IN ADVANCE of the meeting. Any costs reimbursed will be for travel by the cheapest means possible. Mileage will not be paid. Any queries relating to travel costs should be raised with David Copplestone before the meeting. Please note that Band A is now only available if at least one academic from the same organisation as the student is in attendance otherwise Band B will apply
B	Participants presenting a talk or a poster or students not presenting	A registration fee of £165 is payable. No support for travel will be available. Please note that this band is only available for the lead author of a presentation or poster. Co-authors who are not presenting in their own right will be charged the Band C fee.
C	Participants not presenting results	A registration fee of £250 is payable. No support for travel will be available.

The remaining cost of meals and accommodation will be covered by COGER funds. COGER is usually able to offer financial support to all participants but we reserve the right to apply this to a limited number of participants should our budget be exceeded. Participants are therefore encouraged to apply early to ensure that support is available.

Please indicate which band you fall into on the registration form. The Committee ask those presenters who can support their participation at the meeting from other sources to select the Band C payment so that we can maximise the participation of students and researchers at an early stage of their career. Students who are members of the Royal Society of Chemistry are asked to identify themselves on the registration form as we have secured sponsorship from the RSC specifically to cover your costs.

Any news items that you would wish to have announced should be submitted to the COGERsecretary@gmail.com account for inclusion on the website and presentation at the meeting.

Please bring this notice to the attention of your colleagues and encourage them to attend if they have a research interest in the field of environmental radioactivity.

On behalf of the COGER Steering Committee, I hope that you will be able to attend this year's meeting and we look forward to an interesting scientific programme and the opportunity of meeting you in Keyworth.

Yours sincerely

Dr Charles Gowing

[Due to a small issue with attachments, all the forms are below. Please copy and paste into Word for completing and returning the forms.]

COGER 2017 Registration Form

PART A

Please note there are 7 questions to answer on this page, please complete the boxes or enter an x inside the [].

1. Please provide the following contact information:

Title	
First Name	
Last Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Address (cont)	
City	
County	
Post Code	
Work Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	
Web Address	
Current position	
If you are a student please tick the box if you are a member of the Radiochemistry Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research Interests	

2. Would you like to register for COGER 2017?
 Yes
 No
3. Would you like to give a presentation or a poster? If YES, please see Part B.
 Presentation (usually about 15-20 mins). PechaKucha (20 slides x 20secs)
 First year PhD presentation (10 mins). 3 Minute Thesis (1 slide, 3 mins!)
 Poster
4. Please select any of the following options that apply:
 Lunch on Monday 10 April
 Dinner on Monday 10 April
 B&B on Monday 10 April
 Lunch on Tuesday 11 April
 COGER Dinner on Tuesday 11 April
 B&B on Tuesday 11 April
 Lunch on Wednesday 12 April
5. Please indicate the registration fee applicable
 Band A £0 (eligible students giving a presentation providing there is a corresponding paying academic)
 Band B £165 (Participants presenting results or students not presenting. Note

this option is only available to the lead author on a presentation or poster)
[] Band C £250 (Participants not presenting results)

6. Enter any special dietary requirements in the space provided below.

7. Enter any special mobility requirements in the space provided below.

Thanks for completing your registration.

Please return the form to cogersecreary@gmail.com.

All registration forms should be received by Friday 17th February 2017.

Conference fees should be sent to David Coplestone by Friday 3 March 2017.

Address for payment (please make cheques payable to COGER):

Dr David Coplestone, Biological and Environmental Sciences,
School of Natural Sciences, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA

PART B

For anyone wishing to present their work orally or through a poster.

Abstracts should be sent to cogersecreary@gmail.com.

All abstracts should be received by Friday 3 March 2017.

Abstracts should adopt the following format, and should take no more than one A4 page.
They should be saved as a Word document.

1. Title of your presentation *[in Verdana 14 pt bold]*
2. Authors (using the format Wood M.D., Smith J. and Jones F.) *[in Verdana 14 pt bold]*
3. Author affiliations *[in Verdana 10 pt bold]*
4. Abstract *[in Verdana 10 pt]*

An email acknowledgement will be sent out within 7 days of receipt of your completed form, abstract and payment. If you do not hear from COGER please contact cogersecreary@gmail.com.