

## **UK Co-ordinating Group for Environmental Radioactivity (COGER) 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

***At University of Bristol with the South West Nuclear Hub  
24th-26th April 2019***

Dear Addressee

The 2019 Open Meeting of COGER will take place at the **School of Geographical Sciences, the University of Bristol**. The meeting will start at midday on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April and finish on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Neil Willey from the University of the West of England and David Richards from the University of Bristol will be the local organisers.

The main purpose of the COGER Open Meeting is informal discussion of active and proposed research concerning all aspects of environmental radioactivity. The meeting is at the University of Bristol in order that we can link with the **South West Nuclear Hub** – a major initiative for stakeholders of all the nuclear industries. We are organising for key regulators to run, as part of the meeting, a session on emergency preparedness for radioactive contamination in the UK.

Arrangements will be similar to those of previous meetings - 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) and 3 Minute Thesis style presentations. Posters are also welcome 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 lecture will be presented on the evening of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The conference dinner will follow the COGER lecture.

We have organised accommodation in Bristol and will give priority for this to those conference registrations submitted by **Monday 25th Feb 2019**. The registration fee includes accommodation, all refreshments and dinner on Thursday evening. Those registering after 25<sup>th</sup> Feb may have to organise their own accommodation. Registration is quick, just use the following link - <https://uwe.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/coger19>.

The registration fee is payable by **Friday 15th March 2019**, by bank transfer if possible, using the details on the attached info. We can accept cheques which should be made payable to COGER and sent to Dr David Copplestone, Biological and Environmental Sciences, School of Natural Sciences, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA. A receipt will be available at the meeting. Full-time students in Band A Registration fees do not need to pay anything but must still register. We are offering a day rate to those from members/partners of South West Nuclear Hub organisations - please contact us at [cogersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cogersecretary@gmail.com) to confirm attendance and arrange payment at the day rate.

All participants who wish to make a poster or give a presentation are required to produce an abstract (up to one page of A4), which should be submitted electronically to the [cogersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cogersecretary@gmail.com) by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**. A complete set of abstracts will be made available at the meeting.

The financial arrangements are as follows:

<b>Band</b>	<b>Band description</b>	<b>Details</b>
A	Students who present either a talk or a poster	Payment is not required and all accommodation and subsistence will be supported. Limited travel support is available and needs to be arranged with David Copplestone <b>IN ADVANCE</b> 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.  <b>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>
B	Participants presenting a talk or a poster or students not presenting	A registration fee of <b>£165</b> is payable to include all accommodation, refreshments and the dinner. 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 <b>£250</b> is payable to include all accommodation, refreshments and the dinner. No support for travel.
D	Day Rate, Weds 24th	<b><i>For those from member organisations of the South West Nuclear Hub.</i></b> A fee of £40 to include refreshments and lunch. No support for travel.
E	Day rate, Thurs 25th/Fri 26th	<b><i>For those from member organisations of the South West Nuclear Hub</i></b> A fee of £50 to include refreshments and lunch. No support for travel.

The remaining cost of meals and accommodation are covered by COGER funds. COGER offers this financial support to as many participants as possible but we reserve the right to apply this to a maximum 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](mailto:COGERsecretary@gmail.com) account for inclusion on the website and presentation at the meeting.

## **PART B**

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

Abstracts should be sent to [cogersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cogersecretary@gmail.com).

**All abstracts should be received by Friday 22nd March 2019.**

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 [cogersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cogersecretary@gmail.com).

**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 Bristol.

Yours sincerely

Dr Charles Gowing