

Porcupine Marine Natural History Society



University of Bangor, 28th-30th March 2008
north Wales

Marine Biodiversity Hotspots (and coldspots!)

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PMNHS will be holding its annual meeting at the Main Arts Building, University of Bangor, north Wales this year. There will be two days of talks (Friday and Saturday) followed by a field trip on the Sunday. The theme of hotspots presents the species and habitats that, through their natural (or otherwise) diversity of wildlife, inspire biologists to investigate them; and in wishing to present a representative view of the environment, consideration of those areas known to be of low diversity are included (the Coldspots: get it!).

“On a neap tide?” I hear you ask! Due to the timing of Easter, we have moved to a neap tide, but rest assured, the Sunday excursion will be to a lagoonal system whose tidal cycle is inverted compared to the open coast. Laboratory space will be available at the School of Ocean Sciences, Menai Bridge and it is possible to arrange diving for the Sunday in the cool waters of the Menai Strait. North Wales boasts sea and mountains in most views, resulting in superb scenery and walks. So you may wish to extend your visit by a few days.

Venue: Main Arts Building, University of Bangor, College Road, Bangor, Gwynedd.

Costs: The conference fee, which includes tea and coffee, is £30 (£20 for students and unwaged). Non-Porcupine members may join the Society during the conference (by standing order only) for £5, a 50% reduction. If you wish to take advantage of this offer the total fee will be £35.

Porcupine dinner: A dinner has been arranged for the Friday night. The cost will be approximately £20, a £10 deposit is required with the booking, the balance to be paid later.

Call for papers: We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to present a paper at the conference. Speakers will not be charged the conference fee but will be asked to make a small contribution for refreshments. Please make offers of papers to Paul Brazier (p.brazier@ccw.gov.uk).

Posters: There will be space for posters in the lecture hall. Please make offers of posters to Paul Brazier (p.brazier@ccw.gov.uk).

Details including location map, accommodation list, provisional programme and membership form (where appropriate) will be sent on completion of the attached booking form.

Booking Enquiries: Paul Brazier – p.brazier@ccw.gov.uk or 01248 600963

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Conference Booking Form

If you would like to attend the conference please complete the following form:

Name	
Postal Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Please tick

I would like to offer a paper	
I would like to offer a poster	
I am a student (reduced fee of £20)	
I would like an accommodation list	
I would like to attend the conference dinner (please include £10 deposit)	
I intend to attend the field meeting on 30 th March	
I require a receipt	
Confirm you have no objection to publishing your details in the delegate pack	

*enter
amount (£)*

Full Conference fee @ £30	
Student/Unwaged conference fee @ £20	
Introductory membership @ £5	
Dinner deposit @ £10	
Total	

Payment

Cheques should be made payable to 'Porcupine Marine Natural History Society' (£30 (or £20) for the conference, £40 (or £30) for the conference plus dinner down-payment) and sent with the completed form to:

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