

Hello all,

You are invited to the following event:

WEATHER BEATEN ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE

Event to be held at the following time, date and location:



Saturday, 7 March 2015 at 09:00

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Sunday, 8 March 2015 at 15:30 (GMT)

IT Sligo

Ash Lane
Ballinode
Ireland

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A variety of archaeological sites across Ireland and the UK were impacted by the winter storms of 2013-14. Stone forts fell into the sea, castles crumbled to the ground, shipwrecks, middens, timber trackways and ancient drowned forests were revealed for the first time in centuries, heritage venues were flooded and a large number of archaeological sites were washed away entirely.

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We hope you will join us at the Weather Beaten Archaeology Conference - see below for a full list of our speakers.

With best wishes,

Dr. James Bonsall, Institute of Technology Sligo

Saturday March 7th - Conference: Day 1

Session 1

“Inundated with Data: Current & Future Policy Decisions”

Dr. Kieran Hickey (University College Cork)
The Storminess Record of Ireland from AD 1500-2014 and Future Vulnerability

Pauline Gleeson (National Monuments Service)

Recent evidence of extreme weather impact on our archaeological heritage

Beatrice Kelly (The Heritage Council)

Weather or not: threats and opportunities for Ireland's maritime heritage

Dr. Kieran Westley (University of Ulster)

Assessing the impact of coastal erosion on archaeological sites: current research from Northern Ireland

Session 2

“Citizen Science & Community Engagement Schemes”

Dr. Pau Olmos Benlloch¹, Dr. Elias López-Romero² & Dr. Marie-Yvane Daire¹ (¹Project ALeRT, Université de Rennes, ²Durham University)

Coastal erosion and Public Archaeology in Western France: recent experiences from the 'Alert' Project

Tom Dawson, Joanna Hambly & Ellie Graham (The SCAPE Trust, University of St Andrews)

Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project, a citizen science approach to a national heritage issue

Dr. Scott Timpany (ORCA Marine & Archaeology Institute, University of the Highlands and Islands)

From coast to coast: investigating submerged forests in Orkney and the Pett Level, Sussex

Poster: Byron Jones (Glascarraig Research Project)

Glascarraig Motte and Bailey Survey

Session 3

“Heritage Under the Sea”

Keynote Address

Prof. Vince Gaffney (University of Bradford)

North Sea Palaeolandscapes: Mapping Doggerland

Prof. Aidan O'Sullivan, Dr. Rob Sands, Mary Dillon (University College Dublin)

Don't mind the weather: Canute was right – it's the tides that you have to worry about, ...and you can't stop them

Fionnbarr Moore (Underwater Archaeology Unit, National Monuments Service)

Battening down the hatches: challenges faced by the Underwater Archaeology Unit (UAU) in dealing with impacts and threats to underwater cultural heritage from recent weather events

Session 4

“Mitigation: Monument Monitoring and Protection Methods”

Dr. Fiona Beglane¹ & Jerry O’Sullivan² (¹Institute of Technology Sligo, ²Galway County Council)
A shore chapel at Staad, County Sligo

Michael Lobb, Prof. Anthony G. Brown & Dr. Julian Leyland (University of Southampton)
Developing Terrestrial Laser Scanning for Coastal Archaeological Sites and Site Condition

Dr. Matt Pope¹ & Dr. Martin Bates² (¹Institute of Archaeology, University College London, ²University of Wales Trinity St. David)
Storm Damage to the Neanderthal Site of La Cotte de St Brelade, Jersey: NERC-Funded urgency fieldwork in 2011 and on-going site protection works

Dr. Stephen McCabe^{1 2}, Dr. Patricia Warke², Daniel McAllister² & Dr. Donal Mullan² (¹Northern Ireland Environment Link, ²Queen’s University Belfast)
Climate change and stone heritage: ‘deep wetting’ and decay processes

Poster: Maria L. Cullen¹ & Howard F. Fox² (¹AlphaTaxa, Dublin City University Innovation Centre, ²National Botanic Gardens)
Reading the “ruin” stones

Conference Dinner, Canis Major, Clarion Hotel

Sunday March 8th - Conference: Day 2

Session 5

“Remedial & Conservation Works”

Peter Brown (Durham University)
Aeolian sand as a hazard in medieval Britain

Gary Dempsey (RealSim)
What lies beneath - revealing the cross inscribed stones and cross slabs of Co. Roscommon using Structure From Motion (SFM) photogrammetry

Lilja Björk Pálsdóttir (Institute of Archaeology, Iceland)
“The sea gives and the sea takes: An eroding fishing station”

Poster: Muireann Ní Cheallacháin (University College Cork)
Climate change and Coastal Heritage: An assessment of the impact of sea erosion on Coastal Promontory Forts in Ireland

Session 6

“New Discoveries & Future Challenges”

Poster: Robert Henshall (Institute of Technology Sligo)

A Game of Bones Down the Rabbit Hole: Rapid Storm Erosion of an Early Christian Cemetery

Dr. Cathy Daly (Heritage Management and Conservation Specialist)

The prospects for Ireland’s World Heritage in a changed climate

Michael Gibbons (Independent Archaeologist)

Revealing A Connemara Doggerland? Winter Storms of 2014

Dr. Thomas P. Nelligan (The Standing Stone)

Coolbanagher Castle and Social Media Outrage

Marc Storey (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

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Fieldtrip

If you’re staying in Sligo on Sunday afternoon, why not join us on unofficial fieldtrip (car sharing) to Strandhill, Co. Sligo, where a variety of weather-beaten archaeological sites will be explored. A number of food outlets are available at Strandhill for those of you wishing to purchase lunch.

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