

Amphibian and Reptile Conservation & British Herpetological Society
Joint Scientific Meeting 2009

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AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE
BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

Sunday 6th December 2009, 0930-1700

*Lecture Hall, Bournemouth Natural Science Society,
39 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 3NS.*

Provisional Programme

- 0930-1000** **Arrival, registration and coffee**
- 1000-1005** *Welcome & Dedication*
- 1005-1030** **Chris Reading** - *Is cattle grazing harmful to smooth snakes on lowland dry heath?*
- 1030-1055** **Luca Luiselli** - *Comparative conservation ecology of Vipera ursinii populations in Italy*
- 1055-1120** **Nina Cornish** - *The wall lizards of Jersey*
- 1120-1200** **Coffee**
- 1205-1230** **Rachel Grant** - *Timing is everything: the role of the lunar cycle in amphibian reproduction.*
- 1230-1255** **Gillian Murray-Dickson** - *Diversity and mate choice in the palmate newt.*
- 1300-1430** **Lunch**
- 1435-1500** **Ben Baker** - *Project Tylotriton: amphibian research and conservation by accident.*
- 1500-1525** **Michelle Brown** - *Wet and dry heath habitat selection in smooth snakes.*
- 1525-1550** **Robert Jehle** - *Insights into genetic mating systems of amphibians: examples from a toad, a newt and a caecilian*
- 1550-1620** **Steve Green** - *Dating the origins of dwarfism in the Hog Island boa: long-term isolation or rapid evolution?*
- 1620-1700** **Coffee and departure**

Please see next page for Registration details...

Registration

Registration, including lunch and refreshments, is now open! **The cost for 2009 is £18 to BHS & ARG members, ARC Frog Friends, students and concessions; £35 to all others (payment is non-refundable after 13th November).**

There will also be a Social Evening on Saturday 5th December (7pm) consisting of the traditional **curry (£16 per person** for poppadoms, meat or veggie starter and selection of mains [**drinks at your own cost**] at the Momtaz restaurant) followed by drinks at a pub near the BNSS venue/hotels. Full details will be sent to confirmed registrants. **Space at the curry will be limited to 30 people so, if you'd like to join us, please E-MAIL JOHN WILKINSON johnw.wilkinson@arc-trust.org TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THE CURRY BEFORE SENDING PAYMENT.** All welcome at the pub following the meal!

Early booking for both the meeting and curry is advised. We look forward to seeing old and new faces at what promises to be an interesting and enjoyable weekend!

BOOKING FORM (print out or copy this form and send with full payment please)

Meeting attendance for _____ persons (ARG/BHS/Frog Friend, student etc.)
@ £18 per person: _____

Meeting attendance for _____ persons (all others) @ £35 per person: _____

Curry meal for _____ persons (CHECK AVAILABILITY FIRST) @ £16 per person: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (cheque, postal order): _____

Names and e-mail addresses for ALL persons registering via this form _____

Main postal address/es _____

Send to "Amphibian and Reptile Conservation", 655a Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH1 4AP, UK - *BEFORE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH* PLEASE

The Bournemouth Natural Science Society venue (www.bnss.org.uk) is on a major bus route, and most places are within 20 minutes' walk anyway. There is limited parking at the venue and free parking on neighbouring streets. The cliff top is 5-10 minutes' walk away, from where zigzag paths lead down to the beach. To present a poster or display, book a place for curry, or any other queries, contact John Wilkinson on 01202 – 391319 or e-mail as above.

Hotel list for HCT & BHS Scientific Meeting

B&B's and hotels within 5-10 minutes' walk from the BNSS venue

Travelodge, 43 Christchurch Road, 0870 191 1758, from £39 *per room*
Abbotcliff House Bed & Breakfast, 14 St Swithun's Road, 01202 556074, from £20 per person
Rosscourt Hotel, 6 St John's Road, 01202 397537, from £35 per person
The Carrington House Hotel, 31 Knyveton Road, 01202 369988, from £55
Abbey Court Hotel, 28 Knole Road, 01202 300883, from £36.50
The Park Hotel. 14 Knole Road, 01202 467903, from £27.50

East Cliff seafront hotels, 10-20 minutes' walk from the BNSS venue

Marsham Court Hotel, Russell Cotes Road, 01202 552111, from £53 per person
Suncliff hotel, 29 East Overcliff Drive, 01202 291711, from £45 per person
Cumberland Hotel, East Overcliff Drive, 01202 290722, from £45 per person
Carlton Hotel, East Overcliff Drive, 01202 552011, from £55 per person
Hotel Miramar, East Overcliff Drive, 01202 556581, from £50 per person

If you want to consider a wider selection of accommodation across the whole of Bournemouth, please phone **Bournemouth Tourism on 08450 511700**. They can book accommodation for you.

**ARC & BHS websites: The HCT: www.arc-trust.org The BHS: www.thebhs.org
(Other ARC websites: www.narrs.org.uk, www.adder.org.uk, www.alienencounters.org.uk)**