Dear HGRG members,

Beyond being a statutory obligation, our Annual General Meeting is a vital way in which the committee of the HGRG can directly engage with, and benefit from the expertise, of you, our members. In this regard, our recent AGM was of particular import. During the meeting, and in consultation before it, thanks to your input our new constitution has been honed and found its final form. Both an exercise in housekeeping and democratic renewal, the constitution underwrites our obligations, responsibilities and ambitions, and gives you a clear guide as to what to expect of us. The final draft has just been approved by the Research Committee of the RGS-IBG and is included in this newsletter. One of the most important changes it enshrines is a revised, simpler membership structure for those joining the group. New members can now: i) either join us through the RGS-IBG and receive both this newsletter and be added to the e-circulation list; or, ii) for an annual fee (currently £12 for ordinary members and £6 for postgraduates) join us directly as a Category A member and receive copies of our research series and be able to apply for conference support funds, postgraduate conference attendance bursaries and postgraduate research support grants. If you are currently a Category B member your rights are not affected, but we would encourage you to consider upgrading your membership to Category A to benefit from all that HGRG offers.

As in recent times, the AGM was held during the annual conference of the RGS-IBG. This year's conference offered a particularly rich and varied diet of historical geography, including three fabulous sessions of ‘New and Emerging’ postgraduate research. With a record number of sponsored sessions, there were, inevitably, some clashes in the timetable. To reduce such clashes in the future, it may be necessary to reduce the number of sessions we sponsor, working closely with other research groups to consolidate proposed sessions. A call for session sponsorship for the 2015 annual conference will be issued soon. More immediately, I also remind members that our scheme to offer bursaries to support postgraduate speakers at the forthcoming 2015 International Conference of Historical Geographers remains open to 31 January 2015. Also, our 20th Practising Historical Geography conference will be held at the University of Bristol on 5 November. To register your intention to attend please e-mail Lucy Veale at: Lucy.Veale@nottingham.ac.uk.

I would also like to use this opportunity to welcome Kim Ross (University of Glasgow) back to the committee as newsletter editor, Kim having previously served as one of our postgraduate representatives (2010-13). Hannah Neate has now assumed the new combined role of web editor and e-circulation officer, taking over the former responsibility from Innes Keighren who is now our Hon. Secretary. Oliver Dunnett has finished his term as newsletter editor and has stepped down from the committee. I’m sure you will all join me in thanking Oliver for his efforts in producing such high quality communications. Nicola Thomas has likewise stood down from the committee after many years of service, including as my predecessor as chair of the group and more latterly in the ex-officio role of learning and teaching officer. The ongoing vitality of the group is testament to her commitment, energy, and vision. Thank-you Nicola.

With best wishes,
Carl Griffin, chair HGRG
Undergraduate Dissertation Prize

The vibrancy of undergraduate teaching and research in historical geography has again been demonstrated by the submissions received for the 2014 HGRG Undergraduate Dissertation Prize (awarded in association with Ashgate). From among an impressive and high-calibre field, the judges awarded the prize to Charles Hiscock (University of Nottingham) for his dissertation entitled ‘Oysteropolis: Whitstable, oysters and the shaping of a heritage foodscape’. His dissertation was judged to be a well-written thesis on a fascinating topic, combining a range of methods, from the archival to the participatory. Charles clearly conveyed his enthusiasm for and knowledge of the subject matter. His focus on oysters as a heritage foodscape contributes to recent work on heritage as process rather than static asset. The judges also conferred a Highly Commended award on Iara Calton (King’s College London) for her dissertation entitled ‘Let’s all go down The Strand: the geography of the music hall in London 1850-1899’. Iara’s dissertation involved an interesting use of GIS to spatially represent music hall geographies of the mid- to late-19th century. The judges especially liked the attempt to map the daily working lives of the performers. Hiscock will receive £200-worth of books published by Ashgate. Hiscock and Calton will both receive membership to the HGRG. Special thanks are due to Dr Lucy Veale (University of Nottingham) and Dr David C. Harvey (University of Exeter), who acted as this year’s prize adjudicators, and to Ashgate for their continued sponsorship of the prize.

Introducing: AHRC International Research Network on the Global City, Past and Present

This new AHRC network has been created to foster a better understanding of the early modern imperial city and its place in the long history of globalization. As well as creating a unique forum for scholars working on the widest possible variety of imperial cities, the network will focus on improving our understanding of the relationship of these historic cities to the modern “global city” and the associated process of globalization. Its international participants come from a wide variety of fields, including history, anthropology, geography, sociology, and art history. Running from January 2015 for two years, the network’s activities include three themed workshops focusing on “Space”, “Political Economy”, and “Peoples.” A final workshop will clarify the main findings of the network, which will then be published in an edited volume of essays. The third workshop in London will be accompanied by a public lecture on the idea of the global city, past, present, and future. The website (see here) will be updated regularly with news of events and participants, as well as calls for papers for the workshops.

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Seminar Programme, Autumn Term 2014

SCARCITY AND PLENTY

14th October 2014: Helen Anne Curry (University of Cambridge)
*Hybrid corn and endangered maize: agricultural modernization and the conservation of genetic diversity in crop plants, 1935–1970*

28th October 2014: Sunil Amrith (Birkbeck, University of London)
The South Asian monsoon: a history for the Anthropocene

11th November 2014: Robert Mayhew (University of Bristol)
The publication bomb: publishing Malthus and the birth of modern environmentalism

25th November 2014 †: David Nally (University of Cambridge)
Philanthropic power: lessons from the agricultural strategies of the Rockefeller Foundation [NOTE: different venue]

9th December 2014: Georgina Endfield and Lucy Veale (University of Nottingham)
*“By the bye, is it summer? It is raining as hard as it can pour”: historical geographies and cultural memories of deluge, dearth and extraordinary weather in the UK*

These seminars are held on Tuesdays at 5.15pm in the Large Conference Room, Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, University of London. For further details, or to have your name added to our e-mail list, please contact one of the convenors. For supporting this seminar series, we are grateful to Royal Holloway, Queen Mary, Kings, Birkbeck, UCL, LSE, University of Sussex, Open University, and the IHR. Convenors: Ruth Craggs (Kings), Felix Driver (Royal Holloway), Innes Keighren (Royal Holloway), and Miles Ogborn (Queen Mary).

† This seminar will be held in the Gordon Room (G34) on the ground floor, South Block, Senate House.
PRACTISING HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY
20TH ANNUAL POSTGRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2014
UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL, 09:30-17:00

PROGRAMME

09:30 Conference registration

09:55 Welcome by Carl Griffin (Chair, HGRG)

10:00 Keynote lecture: ‘Historical GIS and the Holocaust’
Tim Cole (University of Bristol)

10:50 Coffee

11:15 ‘Postgraduate voices’ (University of Bristol) and HGRG dissertation prize winner

12:00 Historical geography workshops

I. ‘Adventures in the Map Room: archives, landscape and deep history’
Briony McDonagh (University of Hull)

II. 'Breaking out of the cage: from animal entertainment to animal agency in the captive wild', Andrew Flack (University of Bristol)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Historical geography workshops

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15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Keynote lecture: 'Precarious Memory: on Language and the Archive'
Jessica Dubow (University of Sheffield)

16:30 Closing comments
This event is open to all. Please note that there will be a small charge of £10, payable on arrival at the conference. To register please return the attached form (by email) to Lucy Veale, the HGRG Conference Officer (lucy.veale@nottingham.ac.uk).

Please complete this form, save it with your name as the file name (eg. LucyVeale.doc) and return by email to lucy.veale@nottingham.ac.uk

Name:
Institution:
Email address:
Mobile phone number:

I am an undergraduate / masters / PhD student / member of staff / other (please delete as appropriate).

My research interests include (please write a sentence or bullet points outlining your research interests or PhD/Masters topic):

Dietary requirements:

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Abstracts from Recently Completed PhDs in Historical Geography

Mapping Spaces: Towards a quantitative methodology for exploring maps and early mapping in early modern Ireland, c.1530-1610.

Catherine Porter, Lancaster University (formerly Queen’s University Belfast) (c.porter2@lancaster.ac.uk (01524)592769))

This thesis assesses the evolution of historic maps of Ireland using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and various quantitative approaches. A number of early modern maps dating to the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries (c.1530 – 1610), a formative period of Irish cartographic history, was analysed to statistically assess the relative positional accuracy of places included on the cartography. Building upon previous studies of analysing cartographic veracity using quantitative approaches, notably Tobler's (1994) bidimensional regression technique, it is the first of its kind to apply these techniques to a large series of historic maps.

The aim is to test these approaches systematically and critically, compare the statistical techniques, and offer insights into their analytical potential in the history of cartography and historical geography. The thesis also aims to enhance our understanding of the evolution and development of maps and map-making during an age often regarded as revolutionary in scientific cartography in Europe.
The study highlighted two main historical and cartographic groups; (I) earlier maps of Ireland created prior to Lythe’s survey cartography in which mapmakers appeared to take a more artistic rather than a ‘measured’ approach to mapping and; (II) maps created subsequent to Lythe’s and of generally higher cartographic precision in illustrating the island’s geography. Enduring map ‘errors’ that survived through to the seventeenth century are discussed, and illustrate that the development of maps of Ireland did not progress in a linear fashion. Map lineage was complex, and plagiarism between mapmakers was rife with one map, by Robert Lythe (PHA 9581, c.1571), shown to form the basis for many subsequent maps. The methodology developed in this thesis is a fundamental addition to early map research, by adding to key debates in the history of cartography concerned with how early maps developed and evolved, and providing new insights on Ireland’s early cartography.

The thesis was supervised by Dr Keith Lilley (Queen’s University Belfast), Dr Paul Ell (Queen’s University Belfast) and examined by Professor Humphrey Southall (University of Portsmouth) and Professor Steve Royle (Queen’s University Belfast). The PhD was awarded in July 2014.

‘British Small Craft’: the cultural geographies of mid-twentieth century technology and display

James Fenner, University of Nottingham
http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/geography/research/currentresearchstudents/jamesfenner.aspx

A 1960s photograph of the Hastings Diorama showing the Bog, Punt and Lugger models before the display’s installation in the gallery (© Science Museum / SSPL)

The British Small Craft display, installed in 1963 as part of the Science Museum’s new Sailing Ships Gallery, comprised of a sequence of twenty showcases containing models of British boats—including fishing boats such as luggers, coracles, and cobles—arranged primarily by geographical region. The brainchild of the Keeper William Thomas O’Dea, the nautical themed gallery was complete with an ocean liner deck and bridge mezzanine central display area. It contained marine engines and navigational equipment in addition to the numerous varieties of international historical ship and boat models. Many of the British Small Craft displays included accessory models and landscape settings, with human figures and painted backdrops.
The majority of the models were acquired by the museum during the interwar period, with staff actively pursuing model makers and local experts on information, plans and the miniature recreation of numerous regional boat types. Under the curatorship supervision of Geoffrey Swinford Laird Clowes this culminated in the temporary ‘British Fishing Boats’ Exhibition in the summer of 1936. However the earliest models dated back even further with several originating from the Victorian South Kensington Museum collections, appearing in the International Fisheries Exhibition of 1883.

With the closure and removal of the Shipping Gallery in late 2012, the aim of this project is to produce a reflective historical and cultural geographical account of these British Small Craft displays held within the Science Museum. In this process it reveals the hidden stories behind the collection and individual boat models. The research therefore considers the former British Small Craft display in terms of its geographical visual and textual presentation of national and local identity, the cultural transference of knowledge from local regional areas to a national/international stage, its evocation of coastal and river landscapes, and its techniques of landscape/seascape miniaturisation in mid twentieth century Britain.

This doctoral research was an AHRC funded Collaborative Doctoral Award shared between the School of Geography at Nottingham and the Science Museum London. James was supervised by Prof David Matless & Prof Mike Heffernan (Nottingham) and David Rooney & Dr Tim Boon (Science Museum). The PhD was awarded in July 2014.

Unearthing the ‘Clinical Encounter’: Gartnavel Mental Hospital, 1921-1932. Exploring the intersection of scientific and social discourses which negotiated the boundaries of psychiatric diagnoses.

Hazel Morrison, University of Glasgow

Charting the trans-Atlantic movement of ‘dynamic’ psychiatry from The Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, Baltimore, to Gartnavel Mental Hospital, Glasgow, my thesis throws light upon the resultant ‘dynamic’ case note records, produced in Gartnavel during the 1920s. By undertaking an in-depth, qualitative analysis of Gartnavel’s case note records and corresponding archival materials, I explore the polemical question, posed, amongst others, by Foucault, of how psychiatry achieves its distinct status as a science of the individual. Foucault, most notably in Discipline and Power, ascribes to the psychiatric profession the power to fashion individual patient histories into cases, cases which simultaneously emphasise the individuality of a patient, while condensing, i.e. ‘fixing’ their identities that they may be constituted ‘an object for a branch of knowledge and a hold for a branch of power’. This thesis, while recognising the validity of this argument, explores how the clinical practices and philosophical outlook of dynamic psychiatry in the early twentieth century enabled both patient and psychiatrist to negotiate the construction of the psychiatric case note record, and consequently of patients’ individual identities.

D. K. Henderson, physician superintendent of Gartnavel between 1921 and 1932, was one of the first, if not the first psychiatrist fully to incorporate dynamic principles into the working practices of a British mental hospital. Initiating methods of case note taking and staff meeting consultation (now integral components of modern day psychiatric practice) he transported the teachings of his mentor, the Swiss émigré psychiatrist Adolf Meyer, to the everyday clinical practices of Gartnavel. The dissemination of dynamic psychiatry through Henderson’s published works and medical teachings is recognised as having integrally shaped the practices of Scottish psychiatry in the twentieth century. However, the significance of the unpublished case note records, produced under his superintendence of Gartnavel during the 1920s, as sources of historical enquiry has gone largely unrecognised. A near-unique archive of ‘dynamic’ case note records is used in my thesis to reveal, what Roy Porter termed, a ‘history from below’ of clinical practices and examinatory processes. For as Henderson employed stenographers and clinical clerks to record verbatim and semi verbatim the dialogues that passed
between patients and psychiatrists within staff meetings and mental examinations, I, as Porter himself aspired to, take as the focus of my research a history of the ‘two-way encounters between doctors and patients’.

By employing an interdisciplinary research method, one that incorporates Foucauldian, literary, critical medical humanities, as well as more traditional forms of medical history scholarship, I establish a history of dynamic psychiatry set within clinical encounters. Engaging with current debate, evolving primarily within the interdisciplinary sphere of the medical humanities, I argue these records reveal a history of medical humanism, one in which both patients and psychiatrists actively shaped the history of twentieth century Scottish psychiatry.

This thesis was supervised by Professor Malcolm Nicolson (History of Medicine, University of Glasgow), Professor Chris Philo (University of Glasgow) and Dr Cheryl McGeachan (University of Glasgow), and was examined by Dr Felicity Callard (University of Durham) and Dr Iain Smith (Gartnavel Royal Hospital). It was awarded in September 2014.

"Maps and Society' Lectures: The Twenty-Fourth Series

Lectures in the history of cartography convened by Catherine Delano-Smith (Institute of Historical Research, University of London), Tony Campbell (formerly Map Library, British Library), and Alessandro Scafi (Warburg Institute). Meetings are held at the Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Study, University of London, Woburn Square, London WC1H OAB, at 5.00 pm on selected Thursdays. Admission is free and each meeting is followed by refreshments. All are most welcome.

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For the location, see the online map provided by Streetmap (the Warburg Institute is by the S of 'Square')

2014:

November 20th, Barbara Bond (Pro-Chancellor, Plymouth University). 'Cartographic Intrigue and Curiosity: The Story of MI9's Escape and Evasion Mapping Programme on Silk in World War II'.

2015:

January 15th, Dr Yossef Rapoport (Queen Mary, University of London). 'The World Map in the Fatimid Book of Curiosities (c.1050): Mathematical Geography between Late Antiquity and Islam'.

February 5th, Dr Robert Batchelor (Department of History, Georgia Southern University). 'Pacific Frontiers: The Selden Map and the Redefinition of East Asia in the Seventeenth Century'.

February 26th, Captain Richard Campbell RN (Hakluyt Society Volume Editor) and Peter Barber (British Library). 'An account so just and exact: Captain Narborough's voyage to South America 1669-71 and its cartographical significance'. (MEETING SPONSORED BY THE HAKLUYT SOCIETY)

March 12th, Katherine Parker (Department of History, University of Pittsburgh). 'A Tricky Passage: Navigating, Mapping, and Publishing Representations of Tierra del Fuego in the Long Eighteenth Century'.

April 30th, Professor Stephen Daniels (School of Geography, University of Nottingham). 'Reforming Cartography: John Britton and The Topographical Survey of the Borough of St Marylebone (1834)'.

May 14th, Richard Smith, M.A. (Retired businessman and IMCoS member). 'Getting Lost and Finding the Way. The Use,
May 28th, Dr Diana Lange (Institute for Indology and Central Asian Studies, University of Leipzig). 'Putting Tibet on the Map: A 19th Century Cartographic Depiction by a Local Artist'.

This programme has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of The Antiquarian Booksellers' Association, The International Map Collectors' Society, and Jonathan Potter of Jonathan Potter Ltd.

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Agenda of Annual General Meeting @RGS August 2014

1. Minutes from last meeting

   No queries

2. Matters arising from minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

   No matters rising

3. Chair – Report – Carl Griffin

   Another busy year. This time last year we were celebrating our 40th anniversary with a party at the RGS. Practicing conference- Preston went well, thanks to Lucy Veale for all her work on this. We have also been working on a new constitution that went out for consultation earlier this summer. Thanks to all who commented on the draft. Archiving project is now well underway. Last AGM agreed the new conference support program, and also to revive the role of international relations officer and we are exploring both of these initiatives, including through a possible reciprocal relationship with the Historical Geography Speciality Group of the AAG. Report back RHED subcommittee meeting:

4. Secretary – Report – Harriet Hawkins

   HGRG are sponsoring/ co-sponsoring a total of 22 sessions at the RGS-IBG this year- http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Programme/Programme+search+-+sessions.htm

   We have sponsored six day passes this year for Ellie Miles (British Museum), Alison Hess, Dimitrios G.Ierapetritis, Steve Bond, Zeynep Akture, Matthew Harrison

5. Treasurer Report – Briony McDonagh

   Attached

   Finances in robust health, the balance has increased, but there has been an over-payment of standing orders,

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some small amounts, one is substantial, this has been sorted out.

6. Research Series Editor – Report

Two monographs published in 2013 one on collaborative doctoral awards and one on the history of the research group, well received, selling pretty well.

Publication of a further volume in the series out early next year
Had to consolidate our stocks of the research series for storage reasons.
The price of the early issues has been reduced, and are available on line.
Volumes have been digitized to make available online.

7. Dissertation Prize Secretary – report Hilary Geoghegan

Reduced number of submissions for dissertation prize, not indicative of anything
Greater temporal breadth is nice to see.

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Continue widespread circulation of dissertation prize in advance of the deadline. HG has signed up to a variety of historical geography list-servs.
Interestingly in 2013/14 we had a number of dissertations involving GIS and mapping of historical data, as well as a physical geography entry. This is to be encouraged. The physical geography dissertation combined analysis of pollen records with an interest in historical documentary analysis – however this wasn’t particularly well executed. This offers an interesting point for discussion around the interdisciplinary nature of historical geography and how its approach travels. We might want to explore this further. I could imagine a fascinating workshop combining physical and historical geography.
It might also be useful to gather data on ALL historical geography (broadly defined) dissertations conducted within our departments. A short survey might shed some light on the types of dissertation being undertaken and who is supervising them.

8. Conference Secretary – Report Lucy Veale

Successful event University of central Lancashire,
Preparation of this year well underway
Wed 5th November, University of Bristol
Can we encourage 3rd year UGs to register
Merle Patchett (University of Bristol) is providing support with the rooms, catering, and volunteers
We will invite the dissertation prize- winner to give a presentation

9. Membership Secretary – Report- Ruth Craggs
On-going efforts to sort through the finances will continue, will eventually shift this to computerized accounts.

10. Web editor – Report Innes Keighren

It is almost two years since the "new" HGRG website was launched and in that time we have attracted more than 4,000 unique visitors, averaging about 20 unique visitors per day.

Our site's visitors are drawn primarily from the UK and USA, but we have had visitors from 100 countries.

The majority of site's traffic is to the pages on the Research Series, the Practising Historical Geography conference, and the Undergraduate Dissertation Prize.

I would like to thank Committee members for supplying me with up-to-date copy. When compared to other research group websites, ours is by far the most current and regularly updated -- a fact which reflects the overall vibrancy and commitment of the Group.

11. E-circulation officer: Hannah Neate

Instigated new email to use for this to make it more organized and easier to manage and pass over.

12. Newsletter editor – Report Oliver Dunnett

NA

14. PG members – Report Alice Insley, Natalie Cox and Julian Baker

New Emerging Historical Geography, going wonderfully well, overwhelming response to the call.

15. Items for discussion

a) HGRG Constitution

Pete notes the possibility of rewording in parts to include “endeavor to”

Passed with 29 yes, no votes against and one abstention

b) ICHG postgraduate bursaries

Funded 10 such bursaries for the last ICHG
Would hope to fund more this time around.

NT- please note the deadline

SL- notes that is there a limit to the number of sessions
NT notes that it is in the footprint of the building

AGM thanks Nicola Thomas, Felix and Charlie for work on ICHG

c) Maintaining HGRG archives – update
Edwin Aiken has hitherto acted as the HGRG archivist gratis
£400 has been spent on materials needed to sort, catalogue and conserve the archive
This will be deposited with the RGS and some of it will be digitized
Policy for digital material archiving will under-writing the RGS policy, as they work out what this is

  d) Teaching Historical Geographies- update

NT- and IK are meeting to develop this, to develop the project, there will be a job advert for somewhere to support HGRG looking after the teaching the resources.

13. Research Group Committee Succession

The room was polled for anyone else who wanted to stand for the roles. There were not any volunteers.

Innes Keighren Hon Sect. nominated by Carl and seconded by BM
Edwin Atkin, HGRG Archivist, nominated by NT seconded by CG
Kim Ross, Newsletter Editor, nominated CG seconded NT
Hannah Neate, BM nominated CG seconded

14. AOB

Peter Merriman:
Raises issue regarding the large balance, Carl: note not been asked to spend down,
NT notes always gone up and down

Stephen Legg, noted the 22 sessions – issues around clashing etc.
HH raises fact that we have 12 sessions we can sponsor with HGRG label, and there are 12 sessions total in the conference, therefore when people ask for more, ask for special favours for extra sessions this is the knock on effect. Suggests next committee might want to review the process for session allocation and keep it to 12.

AGM attendees:

Briony McDonagh
Harriet Hawkins
Carl Griffin
Peter Merriman
Hannah Neate
Benjamin Vid
Jane Wess
Alison Hess
James Wallis
Mark Lambert
Steve Legg
Hayden Lorimer
Ruth Craggs
James Kneale
David Beckingham
Constitution of the Historical Geography Research Group

1. The name of this Research Group is the Historical Geography Research Group [herein HGRG]

2. The HGRG aims to foster and support research in the field of Historical Geography; to promote discussion by means of workshops and conferences; to further co-operation between cognate disciplines and organisations; to disseminate information about conferences, funding, job and research opportunities, and publications to members; and to effect the publication of scholarly monographs, collected papers, and educational materials. The HGRG will provide financial, administrative and marketing support for conferences co-sponsored by the HGRG and for attendance of postgraduate and non-waged postdoctoral members at both HGRG co-sponsored conferences and other such gatherings. It will do so through direct grant-in-aid paid to conference organisers as well as bursaries for postgraduates and non-waged postdoctoral members to attend other conferences. In exceptional circumstances, the HGRG will provide loans to support the organisation of HGRG co-sponsored conferences. The HGRG will also organise conferences and other gatherings to support postgraduate members of the group and provide small grants to support postgraduate field research.

3. Organisational status - The HGRG is a ‘branch’ of the Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers) and must satisfy the aims and policies of the Society, including Equal Opportunity policy, and the legal and Charity Commissioner requirements. The HGRG must deliver an Annual Report and statement of accounts to the Society by the 31 January of each calendar year at the very latest demonstrating that these aims and policies are being adhered to.

4. Statement of membership - Membership of the HGRG shall be open to all members (including postgraduate members) of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) who elect to join the Research Group, but shall never be less than 40. Membership of the HGRG through this route is free and will

See below for the constitution:
entitle members to join the ‘e-circulation list’ but not apply for conference support funds, postgraduate bursaries and postgraduate grants, nor to receive copies of the HGRG research series. Members of the RGS-IBG who wish to apply for conference support funds, postgraduate bursaries and postgraduate grants, and to receive copies of the HGRG research series can also become Category A members (see s. 5).

5. In addition to members of the RGS-IBG, others who are not members of the RGS-IBG may join the HGRG for an annual fee, subject to approval of the Research Group. Membership of the HGRG through this route is as follows: Category A (ordinary members and postgraduate members). Category A members will receive the HGRG Research Series, the HGRG Newsletter, will be added to the e-circulation list, and will be able to apply for conference support funds, postgraduate bursaries and postgraduate grants. The HGRG will determine the fee to be charged for Category A membership and any change of fee will need to be approved by a majority of two to one at the Annual General Meeting. The HGRG will maintain their own records of these members but must also use the RGS-IBG membership lists when undertaking a mailing to members.

6. The business of the HGRG shall be conducted by a Committee of no fewer than 3 members. Specified roles within the Committee include the following: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. Each of these roles shall be undertaken by members of the RGS-IBG elected by the Group. The Committee will have the power to co-opt up to two additional members (to include an international officer). In addition, the HGRG Committee will comprise the following Ordinary positions: Research Series Editor; Membership Secretary; Conference and Events Officer; Archivist; Website and E-circulation Officer; Dissertation Prize Coordinator; Newsletter Editor; and, Postgraduate Representative (up to three positions). In addition, for reasons of continuity of practice and policy the outgoing Chair will be an ex-officio member of the Committee for a period of no more than three years. The majority of the Committee must be members of the RGS-IBG.

7. Terms of office - The offices of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and other committee members shall be for a period of three years. Honorary officers may stand for a second term of three years, but must relinquish their post after the sixth year of office. Retiring honorary officers shall not be eligible for re-election as an Ordinary Member of the Committee if they have served for 6 years, without first having a one-year break from the Committee.

Ordinary Committee members shall be elected for a period of not more than three years. Ordinary Committee members may stand for a second term of three years, but must relinquish their post after the sixth year of office.

Postgraduate members shall be elected for a period of one year and shall not normally be eligible for re-election to the Committee for more than three terms of office.

8. Elections to the Committee will be held at the Annual General Meeting. Members will be informed in writing (email is acceptable) 30 days prior to the AGM of all vacancies to be filled. Nominations for Committee membership will be accepted up to the beginning of the AGM. Nominations must be in writing and include the names of the proposer and seconder.

9. The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held at the RGS-IBG Annual International Conference in late August/September. The HGRG must present an Annual Report and Statement of Accounts to the RGS-IBG as requested, and normally by 31st January each year. This is to comply with Charity
Commissioners guidelines. The HGRG will manage its funds with due care and for the benefit of the membership of the Research Group.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by either the Chair and four members of the Committee, or by any 20 ordinary members of the HGRG. The Secretary must give at least 30 days’ notice of an EGM in writing to all members of the HGRG.

10. Changes to the Constitution - The constitution can be changed only by two-thirds majority vote of those present at an Annual General Meeting, provided that the membership has been individually notified of the proposed changes in writing or by email at least 30 days in advance. If altered by the AGM of the Research Group, the revised Constitution should then be submitted for approval by the Research and Higher Education Committee of the RGS-IBG at its next meeting.

11. The activities of the Research Groups should not contravene the aims of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG). The HGRG may be dissolved only in accordance with the rules of the RGS-IBG.

Appendix

**Summary of HGRG activities**

- Provide financial, administrative and marketing support for the HGRG co-sponsored conferences. Support will be dependent on the conference organisers supporting assisted postgraduate attendance and matched funding. If necessary, the HGRG will provide loans (against guarantees of match funding or attendance fees) to assist in organisation. It is intended that one such conference will be supported up to the amount of £1,000 every two years.
- Provide bursaries for postgraduate conference attendance.
- Provide small grants to support postgraduate field research.
- Organise an annual conference for postgraduate members (currently ‘Practising Historical Geography’). Depending on funding and disciplinary requirements, further events may be organised.
- Commission and publish scholarly monographs and edited collections. The HGRG will endeavour to publish one such volume each year, though this may vary. Category A members of the HGRG will receive volumes of the HGRG Research Series as part of their membership. Category B members will be able to purchase volumes at a reduced price. All other members and non-members will be able to purchase volumes at full price.
- Encourage excellence in undergraduate historical geography by offering an annual prize for the best dissertation in the UK (as decided by a small judging panel)
- Edit three newsletters per year to be provided electronically to members.
- Publish and maintain a website to detail the operations of the group and to disseminate information.
- Share information regarding conferences and events, funding, publications and RGS-IBG policy through an ‘e-circulation’ list.
- Maintain and make accessible (where possible) an archive of the group’s papers and digital materials.