

Programme for William Smith Conference
23-24 April, 2015

Thursday 23 April 2015

09:30 Registration

10.10 John Henry Welcome Chair HOGG

Keynote lecture

10.15 Hugh Torrens William Smith's search for a money-earning career. Professor Emeritus, Keele University

11.15 Comfort break

William Smith's career

11:30 Owen Green William Smith's visits to East Anglia: the legacy of a sea defence and drainage engineer. Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford.

12.00 Peter Riches A breach too far? East Norfolk's place in Smith's search for success. Independent Scholar

12.30 John Mather William Smith, the principles of stratigraphy and their impact on the search for underground water supplies. Independent Scholar

Lunch 13.00-14.30

William Smith's career continued

14.30 Richard Irving William Smith and Combe Down: the story of a geologist and his 'cherished' home. Kwansai Gakuin University, Japan

15.00 Cherry Lewis David Mushet, John Farey and William Smith – geologising in the Forest of Dean. Honorary Research Fellow, University of Bristol

15.45 Tea Break

Practical aspects of William Smith's maps

16.15 Tom Sharpe William Smith's 1815 map: its production, distribution and survival. Lyme Regis Museum

16.45 Karen Cook Cartographic innovation and tradition in William Smith's geological maps. University of Kansas

17.15 John Henry William Smith, the maps supporting his published maps. Independent scholar

17.45 Exhibition in Upper Library

18.00 Wine Reception

19.00 Dinner in Lower Library

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William Smith's contemporaries in Europe

09.30	Pierre Savaton	The first detailed geological maps of France	Associate Professor, Université de Caen, France
10:00	Ezio Vaccari	The 'practical' roots of stratigraphy and geological mapping in Italy during the early decades of the 19th century.	Professor, Università dell'Insubria, Italy
10.30	Peter Schimkat	William Smith's contemporaries in Europe: geological(?) maps in Germany 1778-1854	Independent Scholar, Germany

11:00 Coffee Break

Revealing William Smith's Maps

11:30	Patrick Wyse Jackson	William Smith and Ireland: sources of Irish geological information on his geological maps.	Associate Professor, Trinity College, Dublin
12.00	Martyn Pedley	New light on the 1824 William Smith Northumberland County map.	Professor Emeritus, University of Hull
12:30	Duncan Hawley	William Smith's error in South Wales.	Independent Scholar

Lunch 13:00 – 14:30

William Smith today

14:30	Kate Santry	William Smith online: the impact of re-curating the William Smith Archive.	Oxford University Museum of Natural History
15:00	Peter Wigley	William Smith: from Fuller's Earth to Google Earth.	Independent Scholar

15.30 Tea Break

Keynote lecture

16.00	Simon Knell	William Smith: the coming of the Father.	Professor of Museum Studies, University of Leicester
17.00	Panel discussion		
17.30	Close		