

Joint BPS / Quekett field meeting, Windermere, 15-17 September 2017

A joint meeting of the Quekett Microscopical Club and the British Phycological Society will take place in Windermere and Far Sawrey, Cumbria on the weekend of 15-17 September. The meeting will combine field visits, laboratory time and talks. We plan to focus our attention on desmid-rich "Important Plant Areas" (IPAs) in the Lake District, but will be watching out for interesting specimens from all algal groups.

The daytime sessions will all take place at the Freshwater Biological Association, on the west side of Windermere; however, as there is a greater range of accommodation, restaurants and pubs in Windermere and Bowness all of the evening activities will take place on the east side. The two sides of the lake are linked by a ferry which is a short walk from the centre of Bowness. There is ample car parking at the FBA for those who wish to bring a car across.

We have access to the facilities of the Freshwater Biological Association, including a laboratory with good quality microscopes (although participants are also welcome to bring their own equipment), the library and the Fritsch collection of algal illustrations. There will be two sessions for talks and there is plenty of space for posters and other exhibits.

The price of £70 includes use of facilities, tea and coffee, a buffet supper on Friday and lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Accommodation is not included in the price but there is a wide range of accommodation in the Windermere and Bowness area and a list is attached. Student members of the BPS are encouraged to apply to the Society for a bursary.

Places are limited to just 20 people, so early sign-up is recommended. Partners are welcome and can be accommodated at evening activities.

Provisional itinerary

Friday afternoon	Optional field visit for early arrivals
Friday evening	Buffet, and drinks reception (funded by the British Phycological Society) at the Marchesi Centre, Windermere. Introductory talks)
Saturday morning	Field visit (optional) or Laboratory session (Freshwater Biological Association)
	Lunch
Saturday afternoon	Laboratory session (Freshwater Biological Association) Introduction to the Fritsch collection Talks
Saturday evening	Dinner at a local pub or restaurant (not included in price)
Sunday morning	Laboratory session Talks
	Lunch
Sunday afternoon	Pack up and depart

Accommodation

As evening activities will take place on the east side of the lake, we suggest the Angel Inn (www.angelinnbowness.com) or Rosemount B&B (www.lakedistrictguesthouse.com) so that we are not too dispersed. Other accommodation is available and, for those on a tight budget, there is a youth hostel at Troutbeck, just outside Windermere (however, this is not a good option for those without their own transport). A list of accommodation can be provided and a wide range of options are also available via www.booking.com and www.airbnb.co.uk. When booking, check the time of breakfast, as many local B&Bs do not serve this until 8:30. If we stay at the places above, we can gang up and argue for an earlier breakfast in order to give us more time at the microscope. It is also worth checking that there is space for parking.

Registration Form: BPS / Quekett field weekend, 15-17 September 2017

Name	
Address	
Telephone number	
Email address	
I would like to give a talk (15 mins + 5 mins for questions)	
Title	
I would like to bring a poster or exhibit	
Title	
I will bring my own microscope	Yes / No
Dietary requirements	

Please pay either by cheque or online. Cheques should be made payable to "Bowburn Consultancy" and sent to 11 Montaigne Drive, Bowburn, Durham DH6 5QB; online payments can be made to Bowburn Consultancy at Lloyds Bank (Sort code: 30-92-79 Account number: 1360212) and give "BPS/QMC weekend" as the reference. Please add £15 for partners who wish to join us for supper on Friday evening