

**CHUGD: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

## **Geological Society Higher Education Network**

### **Higher Education Network Annual Meeting:**

- *Geospatial Technologies in Higher Education: Saviour or Sideshow?* 19 January 2012 at the Open University. Convener Tom Argles.
- Considering the broad interface between geospatial technologies and teaching practice in the Geographical, Earth and Environmental Sciences. This meeting aims to provoke a lively, informed debate between teachers, students, practitioners, employers and other stakeholders on the merits or otherwise of geospatial technologies in the GEES disciplines. Should they be used in education at all? Are there effective strategies to introduce them, perhaps in particular situations such as fieldwork? Does the answer lie in a blend of the traditional and the technological? Or should we embrace these high-tech tools unreservedly, to ensure our students don't lag behind modern professional practices?
- We also encourage papers on other aspects of teaching and learning in the geosciences.
- Deadline for abstract submission is 25th November 2011
- Further details at <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/page10510.html>

### **New HEA Posts**

- The new head of STEM is Dr Janet De Wilde (Edinburgh). Janet is the Executive Manager of the SINAPSE (Scottish Imaging Network). This is a pan-Scotland initiative bringing together academic and clinical experts from a wide range of disciplines to develop skills in medical imaging.
- The new GEES Subject Lead is Dr Helen Walkington (Geography, Oxford Brookes) ([http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/contacts/detail/ntfs/2009/Walkington\\_Helen\\_2009](http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/contacts/detail/ntfs/2009/Walkington_Helen_2009)).

### **JISC discussion list**

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