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The Ivan D Margary Memorial Conferences 2016 **Roman Roads: Past, Present & Future Research**

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September 2016, University of Portsmouth
(also Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November 2016, Burn Hall Hotel, York)

Margary's name is synonymous with the study of Roman roads, indeed he has had more influence over our understanding of the Roman road network in Britain than any other individual researcher. His gazetteer, "Roman Roads in Britain", remains the most comprehensive and detailed work ever written, over 60 years since it was first published. Margary numbers, the system he devised for numbering and classifying Roman roads are still used by archaeologists today. Ivan Donald Margary died on the 18th February 1976 and to mark the 40th anniversary, the Roman Roads Research Association is hosting two conferences in Portsmouth and in York.



The conferences will examine just how much our knowledge of the Roman road network in Britain has developed since his death in 1976. Nationally renowned Roman archaeologists, researchers, and academics will describe some of their recent work and discoveries in this field and will demonstrate how new technologies and approaches have moved and will continue to move forward our understanding in the years to come. Speakers will show how Roman Roads research has delivered a great number of new discoveries, both roads and associated sites. The range of speakers and discussion groups will provide a stimulating and rewarding programme.

The Portsmouth conference comprises one and a half days in which five key themes are explored and a multiple choice discussion group.

What's Included?

Access to all conference sessions, discussion groups, stalls and displays. A two course lunch is provided free of charge on both Saturday and Sunday and tea, coffee and biscuits at breaks throughout the conference programme. The cost is £65.00 per person. In addition there is an optional visit to the Roman Palace at Fishbourne with guided tour and finds handling session, and the optional Margary Memorial conference dinner on Saturday evening. Bookings can be made online <http://www.romanroads.org/conferences> or complete the form on the flyer.

En-suite accommodation can be booked through RRRRA at Rees Hall, University of Portsmouth.

Displays/Stalls/Book Sales

There will be space in the Eldon Building for displays, stalls and posters for delegates to view during breaks. If any delegate, on behalf of their organisation, wishes to set up a stall, please let us know well in advance by email and we will contact you to discuss. There will be no charge for this facility, within certain guidelines.

Contact Details

If you have any queries, please contact Mike Haken, Chairman RRRRA, mike@romanroads.org or telephone 01457 872281

See page 2 for outline programme for Portsmouth

Ivan D Margary Memorial Conference, University of Portsmouth

Programme: Saturday 3rd September 2016

- 8.30 **Enrolment, networking & coffee**
- 9.00 **SESSION 1 – Margary and his legacy**
Prof. Anthony King, University of Winchester - *'The importance of enhancing our knowledge of the Roman road network'*
'The Life and work of Ivan D Margary'
David Staveley – *'Revisiting Margary's network in Sussex'*
- 10.35 **QUESTIONS & COFFEE**
- 11.00 **SESSION 2 – Recent Research in Southern England**
Prof. Mike Fulford, University of Reading – *'Silchester and the development of the early Roman road network'*
David Millum & Rob Wallace from the Culver Project - an update on their recent work in Sussex
- 12.40 **LUNCH provided free to all delegates**
- 13.30 **SESSION 3 – New Technology, New Approaches**
Graeme Erskine *'GIS as a Predictive Tool in Roads Research'*
David Staveley – *'Geophysics in Roads Research'*
Bryn Gethin, Warwickshire Archaeology – *'LiDAR – The game changer'*
- 15.15 **QUESTIONS & COFFEE**
- 15.40 **SESSION 4 – New Thinking on Roman Roads**
Dr. M.C. Bishop, University of St. Andrews - *'Medieval Progresses, Military Campaigns, and the Roman Road Network'*
Mike Haken, RRRRA – *'Margary Numbers – Fit for Purpose?'*
- 16.40 **QUESTIONS & Coffee, leading on to DISCUSSION GROUPS**
Group 1. What questions remain to be answered by researchers in the field of Roman roads?
Group 2. What contribution can volunteers make to ongoing work on Roman roads?
- 17.45 **Main Hall, Discussion Group Leaders report back to Conference**
- 18.00 Close of Day One
- 19.30 **MARGARY MEMORIAL DINNER.** An optional two-course dinner with guest speaker

Programme: Sunday 4th September 2016

- 8.45 **Coffee and welcome**
- 9.00 **SESSION 5– Roman Roads Planning and Surveying**
Rob Entwistle – *'Could Roman road alignments sometimes be boundaries?'*
Dr. John Peterson, University of East Anglia – *'How was the course of a Roman road in Essex predicted by a land survey hypothesis?'*
John Poulter – *'The use of long-distance alignments in Roman planning'*
- 10.35 **QUESTIONS & COFFEE**
- 10.50 **SESSION 6 – The Road Forward – creating a co-ordinated approach and honouring the work of Ivan D Margary**
Mike Turpin, Roman Roads Research Association, *The RRRRA Online Database and Archive – A Critical Resource for research*
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- 11.45 **Discussion groups**
Group 1. A Lasting Legacy to Ivan Margary – a Visible Reminder in the Landscape?
Group 2. Road Planning Alignments & Their Function
Group 3. Margary Numbering – the Road Forward to Meet Future Needs
- 12.45 **LUNCH, provided free to all delegates**
- 2.00 Optional Guided Tour of Fishbourne Palace, talk and finds handling session
- 5.00 Close of Portsmouth Margary Memorial Conference