



Announcement

Biological processes in impact craters King's College, University of Cambridge, U.K. 2003 March 29 to April 1

This workshop will examine biological processes associated with impact structures and aims to bring together biologists, astrobiologists, ecologists, impact geologists and planetary scientists to discuss new insights on the role of impact events in modifying ecosystems through time.

The Cambridge workshop will concentrate on the following themes: (1) the chronological sequence of biological change at the site of craters after impact, (2) ecology in water-filled impact craters, (3) ecology in land-based impact craters, (4) post-impact succession and recovery—comparison with volcanism and other destructive agents, (5) impact craters on Mars and other planetary bodies—biological possibilities, and (6) biological and ecological consequences of asteroid and comet impacts.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is February 28, 2003. Abstracts should be in the form of a Word document, no longer

than a page of A4 or letter (including figures and references). Please indicate corresponding author and state preference for an oral or poster presentation. Send to Charles Cockell at csco@bas.ac.uk. Full papers resulting from this workshop will be published by Springer Verlag in the new series "Impact Studies" as a multi-author (edited and peer-reviewed) volume. Details for paper submission will be given at the workshop (see <http://pssri.open.ac.uk/esf/> for previous volumes).

For further information, please see the meeting website: <http://psri.open.ac.uk/ESF/main.html> OR contact Charles Cockell, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0ET, U.K.; telephone: +44 1223 221560; e-mail: csco@bas.ac.uk.