

**29th International GRSG Conference: From Ground to Space:
Advances in Geological Remote Sensing
10th – 12th December 2018
Geological Society, Piccadilly, London, UK**

Conference Logistics

Geological Society: This year we are back in our spiritual home of the Geological Society which has been in position at this location since 1847 right in the heart of London. This beautiful building and venue has so much history and also holds the original William Smith Geological Map of England and Wales, the first map of its kind.

There will be 2 coffee breaks per day allowing time to view our posters and exhibition as well as a buffet lunch served in the historic Lower Library.

9th December, RAF Museum Tour 3pm: We are delighted to be able to offer an additional event before our Icebreaker where we will head to the RAF Museum in Hendon, North London (<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london>) and have a guided tour of the facility. We will meet at Colindale tube station (Northern Line (Black), North). We will meet here at 2.45pm before the short walk to the museum. If you would like to head directly to the museum that is fine, please let us know in advance and if you are driving please note a small charge applies. . This event is free but you must register your interest with Charlotte (Chairman@GRSG.org.uk).

9th December, Icebreaker Reception 6pm: The Glassblower Pub Piccadilly, is this year's venue for our Icebreaker. There will be a cash bar for you to purchase craft beer, wine, cocktails and soft drinks with a finger buffet provided by GRSG. Join us on the first floor from 6pm.

10th December, Wine Reception: Following the Day 1 of the GRSG conference which culminates with our AGM (open to all delegates) we will adjourn to the Lower Library for our wine reception. This will run from approximately 5.30-7.30pm leaving plenty of time for dinner at your leisure. For those bringing partners to the social events please do notify us if they are joining us for the Wine Reception as we need to confirm numbers before Friday 7th December, contact Andrew (membership@grsg.org.uk) for more information.

11th December, Conference Dinner: The conference dinner will be held at the iconic Churchill War Rooms (<https://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/churchill-war-rooms>) only a short walk from the Geological Society. The location of Churchill's cabinet discussions during the second world war this fantastic museum has a wealth of history. An audio guide (available in multiple languages) is available to every dinner delegate to explore the museum as you enjoy your welcome drinks.

This year's dinner, served as an informal buffet, will be served in the old generator room of the CWR, a truly unique location steeped in history and of course remote sensing and mapping! A welcome drink, and drinks during the meal are included in your ticket, a cash bar will then follow until we have to leave the venue by 1am.

There are still tickets available for this unique event which is open to all delegates and their partners/guests so don't hesitate to contact Andrew (membership@grsg.org.uk) and Alasdair (treasurer@grsg.org.uk) to secure yours or speak to us at the Registration Desk, standard and student rates are available.

12th December, Afterglow: as is tradition at the end of the conference we will retire back to the Glassblower for a drink. Drinks will be on your own account. No need to let us know in advance if you are attending, this is always a very informal event and we do hope you can join us.

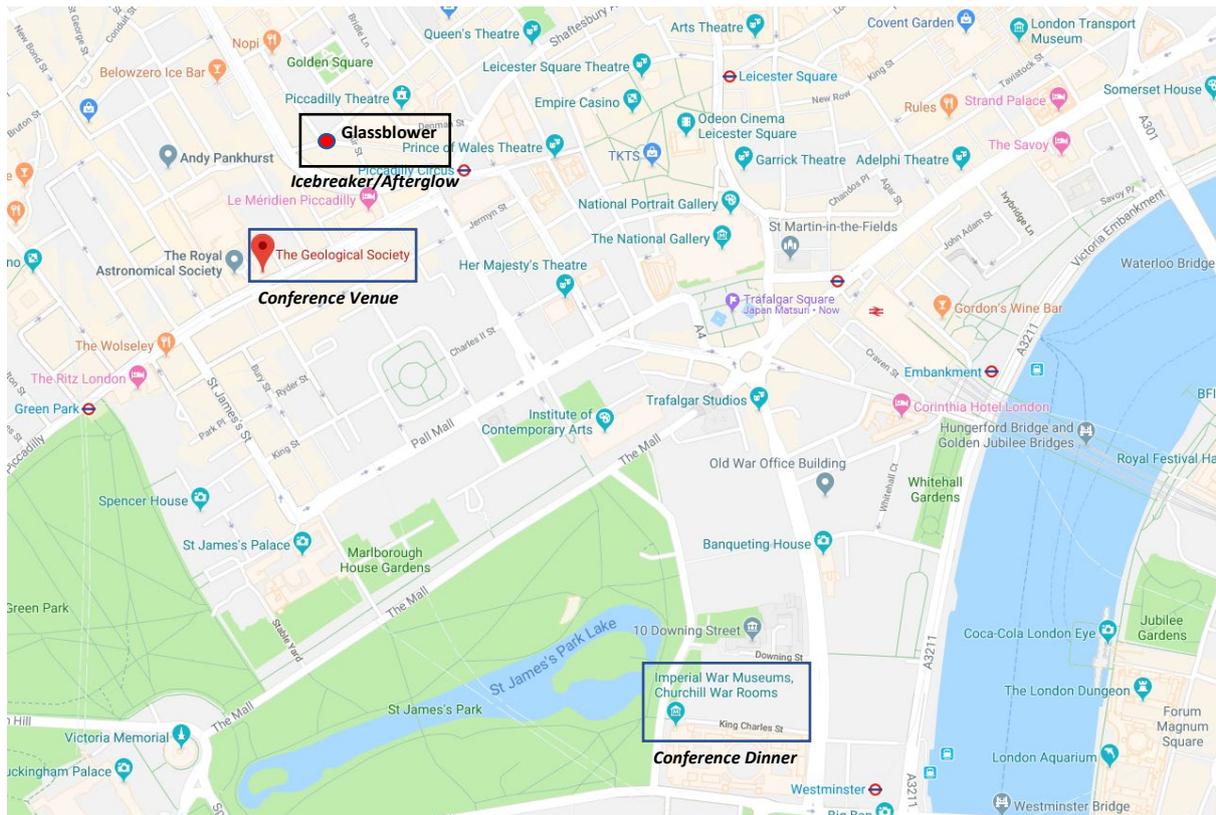
Event Programme: This year the GRSG is going digital! Our full abstract volume will be available as an interactive PDF to download before or during the event. A link will be made available on <https://www.grsg.org.uk/2018->



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General Enquiries: For any general enquiries about the event please contact our Chairman, Charlotte (chairman@grsg.org.uk) who would be pleased to help and/or direct your request accordingly

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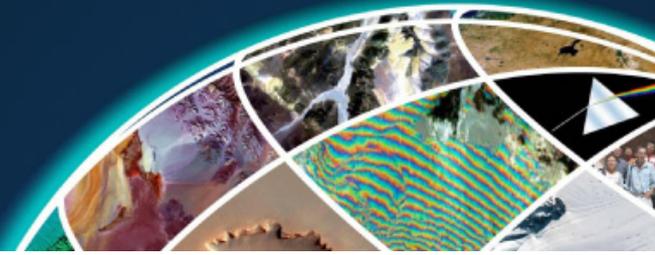
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Other useful information

Hotels: London has a wide range of hotels, hostels and Airbnbs. There are a number of local hotels which can be expensive depending on your budget plus a range of typically cheaper chain hotels like Premier Inn, Holiday Inn and Travelodge in the Waterloo, Leicester Square and Covent Garden areas. There are so many to choose from that providing a list is almost impossible, we recommend you use the following links to find the best solution for you!

- www.booking.com
- www.airbnb.com
- www.hotels.com

Restaurants close by: There are a number of excellent restaurants in London and there are far too many to mention. Depending on your tastes the areas around the Strand, Leicester Square and Covent Garden have a wide range of both independent and chain restaurants and are all within a 10-15 min walk from the Geological Society. If you need any specific recommendations during your stay then feel free to ask any of the team.



Christmas markets: if you like Christmas markets then Hyde Park has the Winter Wonderland, always popular with the GRSG and only a short walk from the Geological Society. There are also a wide variety of high street and designer shops within easy reach .

Travelling from the airport(s): London is served by many airports the most common being those below. Whilst taxis are always an option, they are a very expensive option and all of these airports are served by public transport into central London.

London Heathrow:

- Underground Piccadilly line from Heathrow terminals 1-5 straight into central London
- Heathrow Express overland train to London Paddington station

London Gatwick:

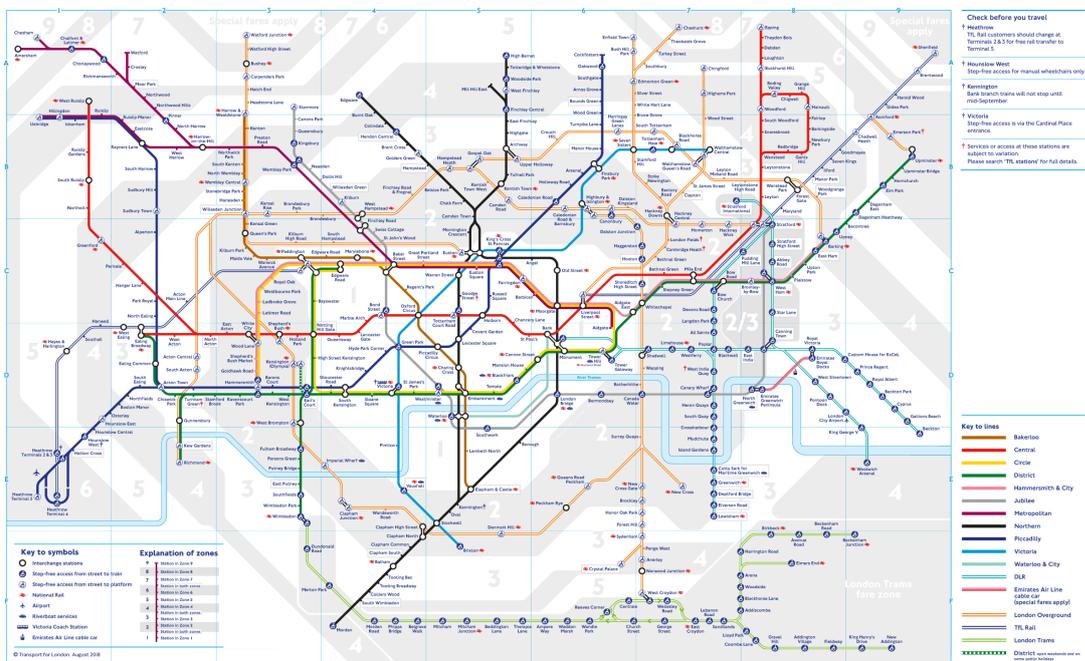
- National Rail from Gatwick (South Terminal) directly into London Victoria – Gatwick Express is available but is pricey, there are alternative fast services with just a couple more stops for half the price – you can even use your contactless card so you don't need to buy a paper ticket!

London Stansted

- National Rail from Stansted direct to London Liverpool Street – Stansted Express every 15 mins

Getting around: London is a very easy city to get around both walking and also via bus, taxi, uber and of course the underground. The underground is very easy to use if you have a contactless credit or debit card as you can just tap in and tap out using that, so you do not need to buy a ticket (its actually cheaper than buying a standard ticket too!). If you don't have a contactless card then we recommend you getting an Oyster card (available from every Underground station) which you can top up as you go. Oyster and Contactless work on both the underground and also the buses.

Tube map



Source: www.tfl.gov.uk