

Geological Curators' Group

Workshop on

Digital Imaging for Collections

Tuesday, 11th May 2010 at BGS Keyworth

Course Objectives:

- To provide the key skills to take quality images of geological specimens, including fossils, with a modern digital camera
- To understand the essential image manipulations possible with a program of the "Photoshop" type
- To provide an overview of the database software available for storing and searching for images.

Monday 10th May 2010

It is recommended that participants with any distance to travel should arrive the night before. Details of local accommodation are on the BGS website at:

<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/contacts/sites/keyworth/hotels/index.htm> . A pub meal will be arranged on the Monday night for those interested.

Tuesday 11th May 2010

09:00 – 09:30 Registration & Coffee

09:30 – 10:45 Practical specimen photography, including basic photo theory. Working in small groups with BGS digital SLR cameras and copy stands. Core store. [Paul Witney]

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee & biscuits

11:00 – 12:00 Practical specimen photography (continued).

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 Using Photoshop type image manipulation software, for e.g. colour cast, cleaning up, re-sizing. J037 [Paul Witney]

14:30 – 15:30 Image databases, including:

- Metadata requirements (locality, identifications, etc.) [Tim McCormick]
- Overview of available products [Tim McCormick]
- Practical demonstration of the BGS system – AssetBank – also known as GeoScenic – see (<http://geoscenic.bgs.ac.uk/asset-bank/action/viewHome>). [Gill Nixon] J037 Training Room.

15:30 – 16:00 Tea & discussion

16:00 Departure

Meeting Fee: £15, to include tea & coffee and a buffet lunch.

BOOKING FORM

11th May 2010

GCG Digital Imaging for Collections

British Geological Survey, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5GG.

- I would like to attend the workshop on 11th May 2010
- I would like details of local accommodation
- I would like to attend the evening 'Pub meal'
- I enclose payment (cheques payable to the Geological Curators Group) for £15 (includes tea & coffee, and buffet lunch)

Any special dietary or other requirements.....
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Title..... Name.....

Address.....
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Postcode.....

Telephone.....e-mail.....

Please note that the workshop will be limited to approximately 12 participants to ensure everyone gets plenty of hands-on experience. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If there is sufficient demand, a second course may be run.

Booking forms should be sent to:

Dr Mike Howe, Chief Curator, British Geological Survey,
Keyworth, Nottingham. NG12 5GG.

Mike Howe
15th February 2010