



Geological Society of Jamaica

50Th Anniversary Geological Conference

*Celebrating 50 years of the Geological Society of Jamaica:
A distinguished past.....critical for future development*

December 1 - 4, 2005

Final Circular

October 2005

The Geological Society of Jamaica (GSJ) Fiftieth Anniversary Geological Conference will be held in Kingston, Jamaica in December 2005. The Conference is dedicated to the exchange of information on all aspects of the geology of the Caribbean with special emphasis on Jamaican Geology. Papers will be delivered on December 1st-2nd followed by two options of a full day field trip on December 3rd and a half-day field trip on December 4th. The conference will be held at the Mona Visitor's Lodge and Conference Center located on the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies.

SOCIAL EVENT – ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations, the Geological Society of Jamaica will be hosting a Banquet at the Mona Visitors Lodge on Friday December 2, at 7:30p.m. Special awards will be presented to persons who have served the Society and the discipline over the years.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Urban Geology of Kingston.

Saturday December 3, 2005

Leader Rafi Ahmad

“Civilization exists by geological consent...subject to change without notice”. Our landscape - mountains, rivers, plains, harbours are controlled by geological faults below the earth’s surface. Geology also impacts on our water resources, our transportation corridors, and the safety of our structures. This trip will illustrate how geology impacts on day-to-day life in the urban setting.

2. Geological Evolution of SE Jamaica.

Saturday December 3, 2005

Leader: Simon Mitchell

Southeast Jamaica shows much of the evolutionary features of Jamaica, and the trip will look at many of these. Cretaceous rocks are exposed to the north of the Plantain Garden Fault in the Blue Mountains, and to the south, in the Sunning Hill Inlier. The succession to the north consists of the Bath – Dunrobin basalts that are part of the Caribbean Large Igneous Province overlain by deep-water shales of the Cross – Pass Shale. The Sunning Hill Inlier has a shallow-marine to terrestrial Santonian-Campanian sequence of andesitic lavas, terrestrial sandstones and marine shales and limestones with rudists.

3. Geo-heritage walking tour of Port Royal.

Sunday December 4, 2005

Leader: Anthony R. D. Porter

The historic structures of Port Royal, notably Fort Charles, St Peter’s Church and the old Naval Hospital, collectively contain the most diverse array of late 17th to early 19th century imported building stones in Jamaica. This half-day walking tour will look at granite, limestone, marble, various sandstones, and slate, plus assorted bricks and local limestone. Other highlights include a visit to Victoria’s battery (with the ‘Giddy house’), the built-up beach and the unveiling of a new plaque to the memory of Lucas Barrett. The trip departs Kingston at 8:00 am returning at 3:00 pm. Lunch is not included.

Arrangements can be made for drop off at the Norman Manley International Airport for flights departing after 4 p.m. on Sunday December 4th 2005 for participants of this trip.

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