



ROYAL ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

NINTH MEETING OF THE "*INSECT CONSERVATION*" SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

"THE CONSERVATION OF ACULEATES"

Wednesday, 1st April, 2009

Start time: 10.00 am

Conference Centre, Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, Hertfordshire

The Aculeate Hymenoptera (solitary and social bees, wasps and ants) are a very diverse group of insects that have been championed as good indicators of site quality, especially in certain habitat types such as heathland. Important recent research has been focused on individual species of conservation concern, including many on the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, unusual and vulnerable aculeate assemblages, and the protection and enhancement of bumblebees and other species that provide pollination services within agricultural landscapes.

This meeting will be an opportunity for anyone with an involvement in aculeate conservation (e.g. as researcher, conservation professional, amateur recorder, site manager) to hear talks on a wide range of current projects. There will be ample time over lunch and during refreshment breaks to discuss issues with other aculeate enthusiasts.

The meeting will be held at Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. Rothamsted is conveniently placed near the M1, A1 and M25 and is a 10-minute walk from Harpenden railway station which is on the line from London-Kings Cross to Bedford. Directions on how to get to Rothamsted can be viewed on their website:
<http://www.rothamsted.bbsrc.ac.uk/corporate/Location.html>

Registration/attendance at this meeting will be free. Tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided in refreshment breaks, free of charge. A sandwich/buffet lunch will be available for £6.50, payable on the day.

Call for offers of papers / posters

The meeting will comprise a programme of short papers/presentations, each lasting 30 minutes including discussion. Poster presentations are also welcomed. The SIG is intended to be a relatively informal forum for the exchange of information and ideas on insect conservation issues. In particular, it is hoped that post-graduate students will want to present their work.

If you would like to offer a paper or poster contribution on this theme, please contact the SIG organiser:

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