

## 12th Biological and Environmental Reference Materials (BERM) Symposium

### First Circular and Call for Papers

BERM12, the international forum for reference material developments, trends and needs, will take place from 7 to 10 July 2009 at Keble College, Oxford, UK.

The symposium is the first to be held in the UK and will consist of both oral and poster presentations around the following scientific themes:

- Environment and Energy
- Health, Medicine and Forensic
- Food
- International Developments
- QA/QC and the User
- Reference Materials: Challenges and Trends

#### Venue

The venue for BERM12 is Keble College, located in the heart of Oxford close to museums, parks and shops.

#### Keble College

Accommodation is provided in student study rooms on the same site as the symposium offering delegates the full 'college experience'.

#### Getting to Oxford

Oxford is about 60 miles (90 km) north-west of London and has excellent road and rail links, with services to all major airports.



Dedicated poster sessions on 8 and 9 July, will complement the oral presentation sessions. More details on the scientific themes can be found on the BERM12 website at [www.berm12.com](http://www.berm12.com)

## Registration

Delegates can register for the full symposium, or for any individual day. Payments made before 31 March 2009 will attract a significant discount. Registrations may be made online at [www.berm12.com](http://www.berm12.com).

## Call for Papers

Offers of abstracts are now invited for both oral and poster presentations. Please see the website for details at [www.berm12.com](http://www.berm12.com).

## Social and Partners' Programmes

The symposium organisers have designed social and partners' programmes that take advantage of the many attractions in Oxford and the surrounding area, including a guided tour of nearby Blenheim Palace, the childhood home of Sir Winston Churchill.

## Sponsorship

A range of sponsorship opportunities is available for companies and organisations wishing to promote their activities. There will be some limited exhibition space available. For more information please contact the organisers at [berm12@lgc.co.uk](mailto:berm12@lgc.co.uk).

## Organisation

The organising committee for BERM12 is chaired by Dr Steve Wood of LGC.

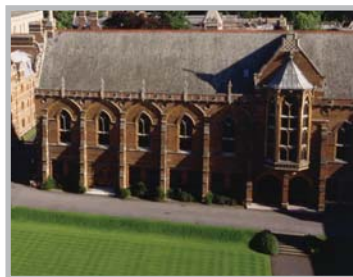
If you would like to receive subsequent circulars, details of the scientific programme or any further information, please contact the organisers at:

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