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☞☞ Photos from RGRG Oldenburg, Spokane, Las Vegas & Canterbury events are below & via Flickr weblinks!

### **Dear Rural Geographers,**

After years with the editor's pen, Dr Mark Riley has passed it to me at Durham University. Many thanks to Mark, and to former webmaster Stephen Essex at Plymouth for their years of work! Recent thanks to Steven Allan for engineering our new sub-site c/o Durham University Geography Department.

RGRG Newsletter will also publish a Spring-Summer edition and occasional updates. A digital newsletter has space for pictures, so please send your pix, reports on RGRG sessions at Manchester & other conferences, CFPs for AAG Washington, DC & RGS-IBG 2010, career moves, jobs, books, grants & prizes to:  
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With best wishes, Bruce  
[www.durham.ac.uk/b.a.scholten](http://www.durham.ac.uk/b.a.scholten)  
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*Gentle reminder: Deadline for submissions: Tuesday March 31st 2010.*

**ANGLO-FRENCH RURAL GEOGRAPHY SYMPOSIUM.**

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### **1. NEWS**

\* Anglo-French meeting slated for 2010. Nigel Walford reported in October 2009 that our French counterparts cannot field a full delegation to the 2010 meeting. Guy Robinson suggests inviting the Irish and Nigel says he has done so. Carol Morris cautions about too much conferencing near the RGS-IBG, so watch this space for developments.

\* RGS-IBG deadline for Abstracts: 1st December. Please contact Keith:

\* Moya Kneafsey & Marcella Daye have funding for a PhD studentship on Community AgriTourism in Jamaica. DEADLINE is 13 Nov. 2009! Contact Moya Kneafsey: [apy034@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:apy034@coventry.ac.uk) Tel: 02476 888745. Further details: <http://www.coventry.ac.uk/researchnet/ResearchStudents/ResearchStudentships/Pages/Studentships.aspx>

\* 2009 saw large UK delegations to the AAG Las Vegas, March 24-27, with a SuperSeries sponsored by the RGRG, and the US RGSG. (The UK GHRG & RGRG also co-sponsored a panel on Africa's Health with the African Studies Group.)

The RGS-IBG Manchester at the end of August featured a full RGRG programme, with a very successful Post-Grad Forum organised by Charles Howie. Charles worked with Bruce and participants from several continents to widen our gaze on the Rural South. These sessions were linked to a fascinating DARG session on the World Bank's *World Development Report*, with E. Mawdsley, J. Rigg & K. Gough showing that the 2010 report will *finally* include data on energy use linked to climate change.

\* Please send your AAG and/or RGS-IBG session reports to the editor.

\* At the RGRG AGM at the Manchester RGS-IBG, it was clear that the recession has bitten our budget for events and prizes. If you have ideas, please share them.

## 2. ANGLO-INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS & PICTURE LINKS



### 6th Quadrennial British-Canadian-American geographers in Spokane.

'The Global Rural: Rural Change, Connections, and Scale', Eastern Washington University, 15-20 July 2007. Dick Winchell, host, attended AAG 2009 where we found him at the book fair. News is that EWU is subsidizing publishing of the proceedings, which should be out in early 2010. The next Brit-Can-Am meeting is tentatively set for 2012 in Canada. **See Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, mining & Native American pix:**

[http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/bruce.scholten/BritCanAmJuly15202007PixByBruceSc\\_holten#](http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/bruce.scholten/BritCanAmJuly15202007PixByBruceSc_holten#)



**3rd Anglo-German Rural Geographers Meeting, 'Globalisation and Rural Transitions in Germany and the UK',** Universität Oldenburg, Germany, 26–30 June 2008 organised by Geof Wilson (Plymouth) and hosted by Ingo Mose at Oldenburg. Doris Schmied (Bayreuth) has been editing proceedings. News: expect 2010 as the publishing date.

**Pix of our Wesermarsch & North Sea day:**

<http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/bruce.scholten/AngloGerman2008Pix42009RGRGNew sPicasa?locked=true#>



**AAG Las Vegas March 24-27 2009. Riviera Hotel, setting for the 1995 film *Casino*. SuperSeries sessions & dinner, Global Drivers of Ag Change (Wilson & McDonald orgs, sponsored by RGRG, RGSG.REPORT BELOW.), and Following the Green Revolution (Basu-Scholten, RGSG, RGRG). Watch for pubs in *IJAS* & *Earthscan* in 2011 [& Routledge 2013]:** <http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/bruce.scholten/AAG09LasVegasSuperSeriesDinnerKris toferSSteakhouseRivieraHotelMarch#>



**Anglo-Spanish Symposium, 'Changing European Landscapes', Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury, Kent, 29 June 29-3 July 2009, organised by Guy Robinson. News:** Guy Robinson reminds us that drafts for the proceedings are due now! See pix of our Spanish friends on the Kent tour with Hadrian from the Wye Valley to Dungeness coast:  
[http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/bruce.scholten/AngSpan2009WyeValley?authkey=Gv1sRgCIO-iL6Avu\\_EGQ#](http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/bruce.scholten/AngSpan2009WyeValley?authkey=Gv1sRgCIO-iL6Avu_EGQ#)

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## **2009 RGRG CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**Las Vegas AAG March 24-28, 2009**

*Here is Geoff Wilson's summary of SuperSeries session #1. It is followed by reports on sessions by Mary McDonald, and two by Pratyusha Basu and Bruce Scholten... with overall concluding comments.*

**AAG Conference 2009 by  
 Geoff Wilson (4.Nov.09)  
 Session: Global Drivers of  
 Agricultural and Rural  
 Change 1**

The session 'Global Drivers of Agricultural and Rural Change 1' was part of a 'superseries' of 4 interlinked sessions held at the 2009 AAG on the same day (25 March) and in the same room. This ensured consistency between individual sessions and enabled discussion of cross-cutting themes throughout the day. The purpose of the session was to bring together international geographers and other academic researchers investigating issues of agricultural and rural change at the national/global level. The aims were to interrogate the multiple drivers of rural change at the global level, to analyse the complex interrelationships between policies, actors and the environment in various global settings, and to assess the effects of globalisation processes on decision-making spaces of rural actors.

Geoff gave an introductory paper that explored conceptual and empirical challenges for research on global drivers of agricultural and rural change. Richard Le Heron et al. then investigated the emerging dynamics in globalising food and agriculture by exploring the political and moral economies of configuring the globalising dairy supply chain in New Zealand, followed by Terry Marsden and Andrew Flynn who investigated the new regulation and governance of agri-food, asking whether the new patterns and processes represent 'just a blip', a 'food-incrisis' scenario or the evolution of 'a new era'. Christopher Brown then broadened the discussion to the developing countries context by analysing tensions between food vs non-food production in Brazil, and Barbara Hahn concluded the session with a discussion of her research on the globalisation of retailing focusing on a comparison of German and American internationalisation strategies of global supermarket chains.

Geoff Wilson, University of Plymouth, UK

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Mary McDonald (Uni-Hawaii), SuperSeries #2 Global Drivers of Agricultural Change.

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Bruce Scholten (Durham), SuperSeries #3 Following the Green Revolution.

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Pratyusha Basu (So. Florida), SuperSeries #4 Following the Green Revolution.

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Africa's Health: braindrain, disease, transport & other dynamics. Panel organised by Calvin Masilela & Bruce Scholten. Sponsored by US-ASG, UK-GHRG & RGRG.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**

### **RGS-IBG August 26-28, 2009 Manchester**

*RGS-IBG had a full RGRG programme, featuring a very successful Post-Grad Forum organised by Charles Howie and Keith Halfacree.*

RGRG Post-Graduate Forum. Organised by Charles Howie and Keith Halfacree.

Report on 3 standing-room-only sessions by Sharon Phillip and Kirsty O'Neill

"<sPhillip@abdn.ac.uk, K.J.ONeill@2007.hull.ac.uk> to follow!

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Rural South: development lessons & trends: Charles Howie worked with Bruce and participants from several continents to widen our gaze on the Rural South in two sessions. These were linked to a fascinating DARG session on the World Bank's *World Development Report*, with E. Mawdsley, J. Rigg & K. Gough (?) showing that the 2010 report will *finally* include data on energy use linked to climate change.

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RGS-IBG sessions led by Guy Robinson & Keith Halfacree, Carol Morris, Lewis Holloway, et al.

**TO BE CONTINUED...** (See later RGRG Newsletters)

### **3. COMING EVENTS**

#### **Date & Event Contact**

14-18 April 2010

2010 AAG Annual

Meeting, Washington, DC.

Abstracts accepted 10.

Aug-28.Oct.09.

**AAG New Council rules:** In 2010, you may present one paper & be a panelist in one other session. Or you may elect not to present a paper & be a panelist twice. You may still organize multiple sessions. This year's meeting will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel and Omni Shoreham Hotel.

The RGRG contingent will include Bruce Scholten and others.  
[Http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2010/](http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2010/)  
12-15 July 2010, at  
University of Essex, Colchester,  
Essex.

**Anglo-FRENCH Rural Geography Symposium:** Farming  
for a Sustainable Countryside. Details below. Contact:  
[n.walford@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:n.walford@kingston.ac.uk) 1-3 September 2010, at the  
Society in London.

**RGS-IBG Theme:** Confronting the Challenges of the Post- Crisis  
Global Economy and Environment. The RGRG sessions will  
include Post Grad Forums, and likely 'Rural community  
resilience' sessions with Guy Robinson & Geoff Wilson:  
[Guy.Robinson@unisa.edu.au](mailto:Guy.Robinson@unisa.edu.au), [Geoff.Wilson@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:Geoff.Wilson@plymouth.ac.uk).  
*Deadline for sessions & abstracts: Mon 22 February 2010.*  
[Http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/AC2010.htm](http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/AC2010.htm) *Check RGRG  
Newsletter online for updates*

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#### **4. CALLS FOR PAPERS (CFP) ANGLO-FRENCH RURAL GEOGRAPHY SYMPOSIUM**

*Organised by the Rural Geography Research Group,  
Royal Geographical Society – Institute of British Geographers*  
Venue: University of Essex, Colchester, Essex  
12-15 July 2010

##### **Symposium Theme: Farming for a Sustainable Countryside**

**CFP:** Submissions are invited for the 2010 Anglo-French Rural Geography  
Symposium. Please forward (as email attachments) Abstracts (up to 250 words) and  
proposed paper titles to:

##### **Prof. Nigel S Walford ([N.Walford@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:N.Walford@kingston.ac.uk))**

Submissions are especially welcomed from postgraduate students. The Symposium  
theme will be interpreted as broadly as possible to ensure there is a diverse range of  
papers. Deadline for submissions: Tuesday March 31st 2010.

##### Provisional Outline Programme

Monday, 12 July 2010 Arrival and buffet lunch followed by paper sessions

Reception and dinner

Tuesday, 13 July Paper sessions

Evening free to explore Colchester or Wivenhoe

Wednesday, 14 July Field excursion to East Anglia Countryside and Coastline with  
Conference Dinner

Thursday, 15 July Paper sessions followed by buffet lunch and departure The  
Conference Fee is likely to be £395 (reduced price for Postgraduates) and will  
include the Reception and dinner on 12 July, Bed and Breakfast accommodation at  
the University (en suite rooms) and lunches on four days, Field Excursion and  
Conference Dinner on 14 July. A reduction will be available for non-residential  
delegates and participants booking their own accommodation. Please note the  
University of Essex is located in parkland on the eastern edge of Colchester and  
approximately 4km from town centre hotels.

The nearest airport is Stansted, which has a direct bus connection to Colchester and  
the University of Essex (approximately 1.5 hrs). Trains from London Liverpool Street

station provide a regular service to Colchester North and Wivenhoe stations. Car parking permits will be available delegates requiring them.  
Full details on the Anglo-French meeting will be provided on acceptance of Abstract.  
*Please forward this CFP*

**If you have any further queries please contact [n.walford@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:n.walford@kingston.ac.uk)**

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**CFP: Sustainable Communities** from: [alison.blaypalmer@gmail.com](mailto:alison.blaypalmer@gmail.com) Sent: Saturday, October 03, 2009 11:31 PM

**Subject: Sustainable Communities special session at AAG, 14-18 April 2010 in Washington:** <http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2010/index.htm>.

Terry Marsden and some of his colleagues from Cardiff University will be presenting papers on sustainable communities. As food is part of the CFP (see below) I thought some of you may be interested in participating.

**Call for Papers:** American Association of Geographers Annual Conference Washington, (<http://aag.org/annualmeetings/2010/index.htm>)

### **Sustainable communities**

Given colliding global challenges such as climate change, food crises, increasing urbanization, economic downturns and rising energy prices there is a pressing need to consider how to define and create local, sustainable communities. On the theoretical side the debate is informed by a range of perspectives including the environmental justice paradigm, ecological and environmental economic perspectives, ecological modernization, political ecology and political economy. Practically, sustainability touches on every aspect of a community – its relations, networks, economic activity and physical environment. Accordingly, we seek submissions addressing specific themes in the context of sustainable communities including but not exclusive to: urban planning; food systems; social enterprises; animal welfare; social justice including social inclusion and exclusion, gender, the ethics of care, and labour; new urban-rural interfaces and networks; and, environmental welfare issues such as relevant terms of reference. **For more information, or to submit an abstract, please contact,**

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**CFP: Session on People, Livestock, and the Environment for AAG Conference Call for Papers: AAG 2010 Washington DC April 14-18 Organizers: Bilal Butt and Abigail Neely (University of Wisconsin, Madison) Session Title: People, Livestock and the Environment**

"Nearly one billion head of livestock are kept by more than 600 million small farmers and herders in rural areas around the world. Most of these livestock keepers -- about 95 per cent -- live in extreme poverty. There has been considerable growth in research that focuses on livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, camels, poultry, and pigs) in understanding complex human-environment relationships. Multi-theoretical human-environment frameworks (such as political ecology, land change science, and environmental history), merged with methodological advances (such as geospatial technologies, visual methodologies, ecological techniques, etc.) have allowed for more precise and spatially/temporally explicit representations of the ways in which livestock keepers interact with their environments. These blended approaches have helped to change the way we understand human-environment interactions and the importance of livestock in these interactions. The purpose of this session is to bring together case studies

that employ a variety of different methods/techniques/approaches/critical perspectives to the study of people, livestock and the environment. Possible paper topics may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Regional livestock demographic changes and their social, environmental, political and economic drivers
- Livestock, conservation and development practices around protected areas
- Growth of urban livestock production
- Extensification/intensification strategies of rural livestock producers - Perceptions of the environment/indigenous knowledge of livestock herding practices
- Changing relationships between livestock and human health
- Evolution of traditional slaughtering practices
- The role of livestock in spiritual practices
- Overgrazing/desertification narratives
- Competition between wildlife and livestock
- Participatory methods for understanding herding

**Please send your paper abstracts of 250 words or less to [\\_bilal@geography.wisc.edu](mailto:_bilal@geography.wisc.edu) and [aneely@wisc.edu](mailto:aneely@wisc.edu)**

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## **5. JOBS**

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:** (note that deadline is Nov 30th and start date would be 1st January 2010)

**POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, TWO YEAR TERM**

**Job Description:** We are seeking a full-time, post-doctoral Research Associate to join a research team conducting an analysis of institutional responses to food-related risks in Canada, using recent outbreaks of bovine spongiform encephalopathy as a case study. The Research Associate will coordinate research activities and assist in the mentorship of graduate students. The Research Associate will be engaged with a research team consisting of three faculty members and three graduate students, and will participate in the development of a research framework, data collection including interviews and archival research, data analysis, and coordination of a stakeholder workshop. The successful candidate will have experience in both quantitative and qualitative data gathering and analysis. Candidates with familiarity of Canadian agricultural systems are preferred. Some travel between the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Ontario will be required.

Term: Full-time Equivalent 12-month renewable appointment, with funding secured for two years. Renewal at the discretion of the Principle Investigators.

Appointment begins January 1, 2010

Salary: \$37,000-\$42,000 per annum plus benefits.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a Ph.D. in a relevant social science field, such as Sociology, Human Geography, Political Science, Anthropology, or Environmental Studies.

Location: The Research Associate will hold an office in the Department of Rural Economy, on the University of Alberta North campus, located in the heart of the City of Edmonton, capital of the Province of Alberta. The Department of Rural Economy is

an interdisciplinary social science department housed in the Faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences. (See department web site: <http://www.re.ales.ualberta.ca/>).

**To Apply:** Application packages should include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and one letter of recommendation, and must be received by November 30, 2009.

Inquiries and applications should be directed in hard copy or email to:

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