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Dear Head of Department and BSG Members

MARJORIE SWEETING DISSERTATION PRIZE

Entries are invited for this annual competition. The award (£100 plus funded attendance at the BSG Annual Conference) is presented to the successful nominees at the Annual General Meeting, the details of which are available from the BSG website <http://www.geomorphology.org.uk>. The agreed guidelines for assessment are as follows.

Subject area: the field of geomorphology: earth surface process, and the erosion, deposition and formation of landforms and sediments. Foci can include the physical geography of river, valley, glacier, mountain, hill, slope, coast, desert and estuary environments; alongside responses to Holocene, Quaternary and other long term environmental changes.

Originality: *The project should be an independent study, originated by the student. In particular, it should not be linked to a funded research programme, nor exhibit undue influence of or similarity to the supervisor's known and published work.*

Assessment criteria: In recognition of the fact that different departments operate under various rubrics in respect of length, weighting, supervision and presentation, and in order to embrace this variation in a fair manner, the main criterion of assessment shall be:

Excellence as a work of science in the field of geomorphology: evidenced by ~

- originality and a rationale for the project
- a clear statement of aim and objectives
- relating to the literature and current geomorphological background
- appropriate reference to the scientific context
- project design and explanation of methods
- clear presentation of data
- sound analysis and interpretation
- conclusions which relate to the aim and objectives
- good quality of exposition and presentation

The judges shall also take into account over-reliance on a single fashionable technique and that volume of work is not of itself indicative of excellence.

The Adjudicating Group: The adjudicating group shall be composed of suitably experienced geomorphologist examiners such that there are at least two members independent of any submitting department. The BSG reserves the right not to give an award and to share the award as deemed appropriate.

Submitting Departments

- This is a national award and only exceptional dissertations are eligible (a *high* first class mark).
- Departments should submit the dissertation without marks or comments
- Submission is preferred of the complete dissertation as a single pdf file (or on CD as pdf)
- Departments are asked to provide a copy of their regulations for dissertations.

Please submit entries to (Closing date for entries is the end of September within a given year): BSG Administrator, RGS-IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR

Yours sincerely
BSG Honorary Secretary