



CLIMATE CHANGE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The 6th meeting of the Royal Entomological Society Climate Change Special Interest Group will be held at **The University of Birmingham** on Friday **December 14th 2018**.

The theme for this year's meeting is:
"Understanding the past and predicting the future"

This could encompass historical data on biodiversity, spatial distributions or phenology; understanding physiological responses and evolutionary adaptations (genetic evidence) to temperature, elevated CO₂ or changing moisture availability etc., and how these feed into developing predictive models. There will be scope for talks about other challenges linked to climate change, e.g. regarding invasive species, disease vectors, food security, conservation etc., and how research can help develop policy.

We already have two invited keynote speakers spanning this broad remit:

Prof. Pete Convey (British Antarctic Survey)
Dr Deepa Senepathi (University of Reading)

If you wish to offer an oral presentation or a poster, or attend without presenting, please visit the RES Website http://www.royensoc.co.uk/sig/climate_change_and_insects.htm and fill in a registration form as soon as possible.

The deadline for registration is: 30th SEPTEMBER, but it would help with the organisation if you could register as soon as possible

Depending on interest, we are also considering arranging a visit to the new Birmingham Institute of Forest Research FACE facility (<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/bifor/face/index.aspx>) on Saturday December 15th. This state of the art facility is investigating the effect of eCO₂ on mature temperate woodland systems. This visit might be particularly appealing to anyone planning on staying in Birmingham for the British Ecological Society meeting which commences on December 16th. Please indicate interest on the registration form.

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