



**INCISE** International Network  
for submarine Canyon  
Investigation and  
Scientific Exchange

**2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium  
on Submarine Canyons**

**29 Sept – 01 Oct 2014**

**@ BGS Office**

**Edinburgh, Scotland, UK**

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*Submarine canyons are growing in interest due to their complexity, the variety of processes taking place and the resulting diversity of their habitats. The aim of INCISE is to bring together the community of submarine canyon scientists to stimulate cross-discipline discussions, leading to integrated research tackling the essential questions that will increase our understanding of these systems.*

## **Background**

INCISE, the International Network for submarine Canyon Investigation and Scientific Exchange, was established in 2012, when the first meeting was held at Ifremer in Brest (France). Submarine canyons are complex and important bathymetric features that can be found around the world. Despite their widespread occurrence, little is known about their formation, sedimentary processes, oceanography and faunal communities, leaving important questions about their sustainable management and the potential use/protection of the resources they host. INCISE was formed to address these questions and aid scientific exchange between submarine canyon researchers. In addition to organising symposia, INCISE contributes to science through various outputs. For example, the first meeting resulted in a special issue of Deep-Sea Research II published in June 2014 (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/09670645>). The output from the 2<sup>nd</sup> INCISE symposium will be the initiation of a set of active working groups, covering a range of current submarine canyon topics.

## **Important dates**

April 2014	Abstract submission & registration open
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2014	Deadline abstract submission
1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2014	Early bird registration closes
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2014	Late registration closes
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2014	Ice-breaker reception
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2014	Presentations & posters
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2014	Presentations & posters, conference dinner
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2014	Presentations & working group discussions



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## Conference Themes and Working Groups

Within INCISE, we aim for an integrated study of submarine canyons, and for the stimulation of cross-disciplinary discussions. The themes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Submarine Canyons directly resulted from the discussions held at the first symposium in Brest in 2012:

1. Canyon processes in the space-time continuum (formation, evolution, circulation)
2. Natural vs. anthropogenic disturbance in submarine canyons: processes, scale and impacts on biological communities
3. Patterns in submarine canyons: role of scale and heterogeneity (in morphology, habitats, hydrography)
4. Submarine canyon conservation and policy development
5. New ways to study submarine canyons: integrated programmes, new technologies and coordinated monitoring efforts.

In the longer term, INCISE hopes to develop a number of more permanent working groups, joining the scientists interested in particular topics of submarine canyon research. During INCISE2014, we will initiate this process, starting from the above topics that came out of previous discussions. However, we are also open to further suggestions from the INCISE community. If you would like to suggest a particular topic for a working/discussion group, please let us know on [incise.network@gmail.com](mailto:incise.network@gmail.com).





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## Conference Registration

Conference registration for INCISE2014 is through the registration form on the conference website [www.incisenet.org/incise2014](http://www.incisenet.org/incise2014). Registration rates are as follows:

Early Bird Registration (before 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2014):	£130.00
Standard Registration (after 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2014):	£175.00
Student Registration (before 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2014):	£85.00
Student Registration (after 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2014):	£100.00
Icebreaker reception:	Free
Conference dinner (optional):	£40.00

## Abstract submission

Abstracts can be submitted as MS Word (.doc) or .rtf files by emailing them to [incise.network@gmail.com](mailto:incise.network@gmail.com). Please indicate your preferred session theme from the list above, and your preference for an oral or poster presentation. Oral presentations are limited to one per delegate. Please use the template on [www.incisenet.org/incise2014](http://www.incisenet.org/incise2014) as guidance to draft your abstract. In short, abstracts should be limited to one page of A4 (portrait, all margins 2.5 cm), Times New Roman Font size 12pt. All abstracts must comprise a title, Author(s), Author affiliations (identified by superscript numbers) and the abstract text. Authors may include one figure or diagram per abstract, but the entire contribution, text plus diagram, must fit on one side of A4. The **abstract submission deadline** is **1 July 2014**. The INCISE2014 Scientific Committee will evaluate all abstracts and assign oral and poster presentations before 21 July 2014.

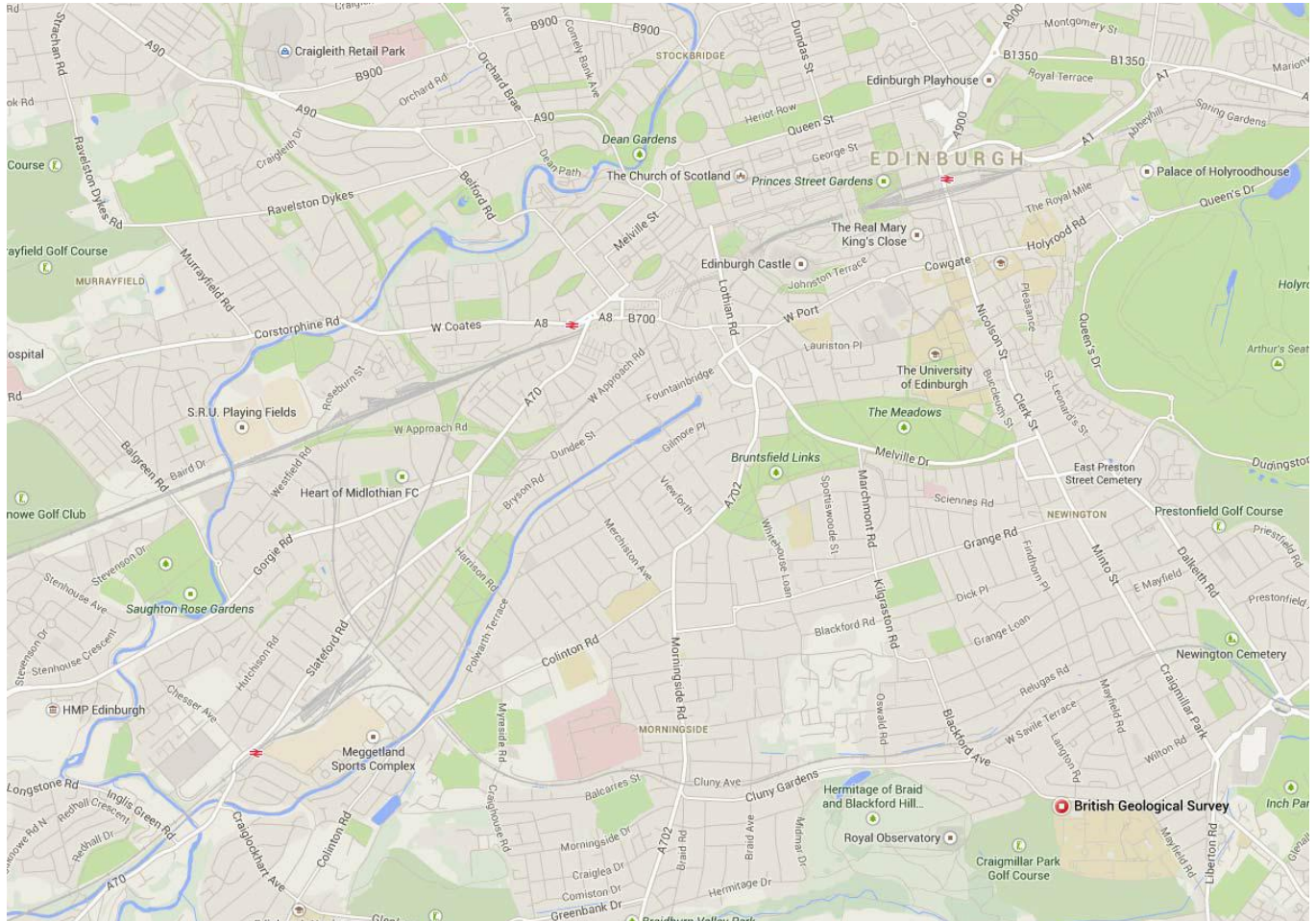




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## Venue & Transport

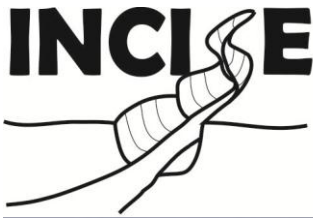
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BGS Edinburgh can be reached from the city centre using Lothian Bus service 41 or 38, which stop directly outside Murchison House. The most useful service is no 41, which links close to Waverley Station. For further details and time-tables, please check <http://bgs.ac.uk/contacts/sites/edinburgh/home.html>



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## Accommodation

Edinburgh is a vibrant city with a wide choice of hotels, B&Bs, hostels and other types of accommodation. However, during the INCISE2014 symposium, Scotland is also hosting the biannual Ryder Cup, so we would advise delegates to book accommodation as soon as possible.

Some suggestions close to the symposium venue:

### Allison House

17 Mayfield Gardens

Edinburgh

EH9 2AX

Telephone: 0131 667 8049

Email: [info@alisonhousehotel.com](mailto:info@alisonhousehotel.com)

Website: [www.allisonhousehotel.com](http://www.allisonhousehotel.com)

1 mile from MH, parking.

### Dorstan House Hotel

7 Priestfield Road

Edinburgh

EH16 5HJ

Telephone: 0131 667 6721

Email: [reservations@dorstan-hotel.co.uk](mailto:reservations@dorstan-hotel.co.uk)

Website: [www.dorstan-hotel.demon.co.uk](http://www.dorstan-hotel.demon.co.uk)

1.5 miles from MH.

### Auld Reekie Guest House

16 Mayfield Gardens

Edinburgh

EH9 2BZ

Telephone: 0131 667 6177

Email: [auldreekie@hotmail.com](mailto:auldreekie@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.auldreekie-guesthouse.co.uk](http://www.auldreekie-guesthouse.co.uk)

0.5 miles from MH, private and additional restricted parking nearby.

### Highfield House

83 Mayfield Road

Edinburgh

EH9 3AE

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Email: [info@highfieldgh.co.uk](mailto:info@highfieldgh.co.uk)

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Website <http://www.kildonanlodgehotel.co.uk>  
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## **Parliament House**

15 Calton Hill  
Edinburgh  
EH1 3BJ  
Telephone: 0131 478 4001  
Email: [info@parliamenthousehotel.co.uk](mailto:info@parliamenthousehotel.co.uk)  
Website: [www.parliamenthouse-hotel.co.uk](http://www.parliamenthouse-hotel.co.uk)  
1.5 mile from MH, near station.

## **Travelodge South**

43 Craigmillar Park  
Edinburgh  
EH16 5PD  
Telephone: 0871 904 8484  
Website: [www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk)  
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## **Jurys Inn**

43 Jeffrey Street  
Edinburgh  
EH1 1DH  
Telephone: 0131 200 3300  
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Website: [www.jurysinns.com](http://www.jurysinns.com)  
1.5 mile from MH, near station.

## **Express by Holiday Inn**

16 Picardy Place  
Edinburgh  
EH1 3JT  
Telephone: 0131 558 2300  
Email: [info@hieedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@hieedinburgh.co.uk)  
Website: [www.hieedinburgh.co.uk](http://www.hieedinburgh.co.uk)  
1.5 mile from MH.

Another accommodation option is serviced apartments, which are particularly affordable if you share, these can be found on various websites such as:

[www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

<http://www.ownersdirect.co.uk>

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Heather Stewart (BGS)  
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## **The INCISE2014 Scientific Committee:**

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