

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2005

... and the
best value
CPD!



Exhibitors were well pleased with the Derby exhibition area and organisation



Bill Chambers' Annual lecture (above) was a superb case study, extending over thirty years, of the development of squatter settlements in Peru. Pride Park also offered an excellent venue for the AGM, Awards ceremonies and Conference dinner



Top: The GA 2005 Gold Award went to Representing Geography by Liz Taylor, seen here (right) with Sue Lomas, Junior Vice President, Francis Wilson, who presented the Award, the publisher Chris Kington, holding the certificate, and GA President Bill Chambers

Above: The Frederick Soddy Trust made seven awards this year; seen here is Iain Palôt of Chichester College being congratulated by Francis Wilson on his award with (on Francis's left) Bill Meade of the Frederick Soddy Trust

Jonathon Porritt (left and cover) delivered an inspiring and stimulating keynote address on the Sustainable Development Action Plan. He challenged the GA to implement a meaningful environmental policy, and declared that if he was to retrain as a teacher, he'd be a geography teacher!

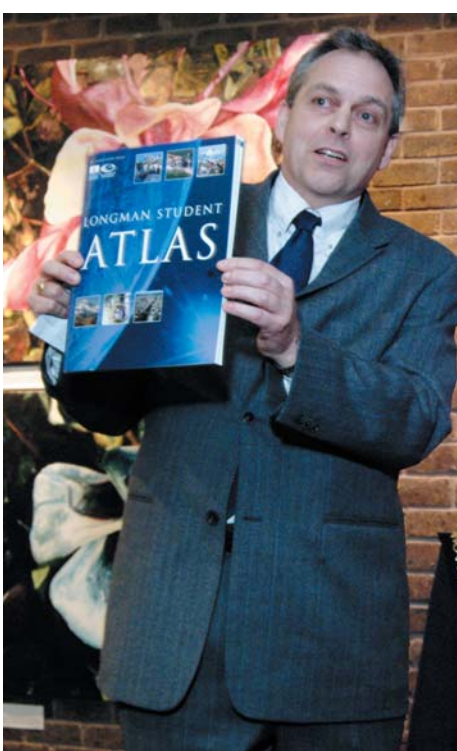


Margaret Mackintosh was a stunned, but outstandingly well qualified, recipient of the GA's Annual Award for Excellence for her ten years' Editorship of Primary Geographer. She is shown here with David Lambert, who presented the award, and Elaine Jackson, Chair of the GA's Primary and Middle Schools Committee



Teacher-to-teacher sessions were a refreshing and informal aspect of this year's event and the 'new to Conference' breakfasts went down well!





Forging stronger links with the local community, via the Civic Reception and the Derby visits, is a definite for future Conferences



Conference 05 was also an opportunity for the retiring Editor of Primary Geographer, Margaret Mackintosh, to ensure a smooth handover to the new Editor, Fran Martin





Workshops were judged of very high quality and relevance



Excellence and enjoyment – launches of the Primary Geography Handbook, SuperSchemes and Geography from Square One underlined the high priority the GA gives to supporting primary teachers



The Court Room lecture theatre was packed for a session on the Millennium Development Goals, the launch of Young Lives, Global Goals, and a video of the launch of the Africa Commission, chaired and presented by David Lambert





The long-established *International Rendezvous* was as popular as ever.

Seeing so many of our members in Derby confirmed our belief that the Annual Conference offers the best value CPD. Next year we'd like to see even more of you! Planning for Manchester 2006 (19-20 April) has already begun and we would greatly value your input, after all, it is your Conference! What would you like to see included in the programme? What type of speakers would attract you? How can we keep improving the Conference experience? In essence, what would make you come along?

Please e-mail any suggestions to Lucy Oxley (Loxley@geography.org.uk) and help us put together the Conference you want.



Worldwise

Worldwise Challenge

A weekend of free fieldwork activities for years 8-10

Hot on the heels of the Annual Conference, the 2005 Worldwise Challenge, which took place over the weekend of 1/2 April at Malham Tarn Field Centre in the Yorkshire Dales, was a resounding success. The nine invited teams of young geographers and their teachers from across the UK gathered on a warm Friday evening to meet the six GA and FSC staff who would put them through their geographical paces and familiarise themselves with the natural beauty surrounding Malham Tarn, the highest natural lake in the UK. The Challenge culminated on the Sunday afternoon, when the students made a presentation to a team of judges demonstrating why they thought Malham was 'a very special place'. This year's winners of the Worldwise Challenge Trophy were Yash Gupta, Andrew Gillings and Joshua Hewlings from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield. The judging panel included Tim Burt (FSC Chair), Bob Holdern (a Principal Examiner in geography) and David Lambert (GA Chief Executive). Look out for a fuller report of proceedings in the news section of the GA website.

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