

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF GEOGRAPHY RESEARCH GROUP

*Royal Geographical Society
with the Institute of British Geographers*

Newsletter July 2003

Contents:	Page:
Committee 2003	2
Annual Report for 2002	3
HPGRG Accounts 2001	6
Conference Report: Emotional Geographies	8
RGS-IBG 2003	10

Please send any material for inclusion in the Newsletter,
and any suggestions for future content, to the editor

John Wylie, Department of Geography, University of
Sheffield,
Winter St., Sheffield, S10 2TN, UK.

Hard copies are fine, but a version on disc (Word files
please), or by email as an attachment would be
preferable. The Newsletter is published twice yearly;
copy deadlines are May 1st and November 1st.

Ros: Wash 10 am

Instn: Wash 4.00

£721.03

£679.09

**HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF GEOGRAPHY
RESEARCH GROUP**

**Committee
2003**

Chair

Dr Alison Blunt Queen Mary, University of London (2004)
A.M.Blunt@qmw.ac.uk

Secretary

Dr Pyrs Gruffudd University of Wales, Swansea (2004)
R.P.Gruffudd@Swansea.ac.uk

Treasurer

Dr Noel Castree University of Manchester (2003)
Noel.Castree@man.ac.uk

Newsletter Editor

Dr John Wylie University of Sheffield (2004)
J.W.Wylie@sheffield.ac.uk

Postgraduate Liaison

Mark Paterson University of Bristol (2004)
m.paterson@bristol.ac.uk

Other Committee Members

Dr Laura Cameron University of Cambridge (2004)
ljc23@cam.ac.uk

Dr David Demeritt King's College London (2004)
david.demeritt@kcl.ac.uk

Dr David Matless University of Nottingham (2003)
David.Matless@nottingham.ac.uk

Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers

**HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF GEOGRAPHY
RESEARCH GROUP**

Annual Report for 2002

1. Conferences

HPGRG maintained its high profile at a number of international conferences during 2002, and established a new Postgraduate Award Scheme to encourage postgraduate participation in HPGRG sessions at the annual IBG conference (see below).

- *IBG, Belfast 2002*: HPGRG sponsored three successful and well-attended sessions: 'Putting philosophies of geography into practice' (with BGRG); 'Senses and sensibilities'; and 'Dialectics of utopia and dystopia' (with UGRG).
- *Tropical Views and Visions: Images of the Tropical World*: HPGRG was awarded £700 from RGS-IBG (2001) to support postgraduate participation and a plenary speaker at this international conference, held at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich on 12-13 July 2002. HPGRG also contributed £100 of its own funds towards a reduced postgraduate registration fee. The conference was convened by Felix Driver and Luciana Martins, and was a collaborative venture between members of HPGRG and the Research Centre of the National Maritime Museum. The RGS-IBG grant covered approximately one-third of the costs of the substantial postgraduate subsidy, together with half of the costs of one plenary speaker's airfare. The conference was devoted to the various ways in which the tropics have been imagined and experienced by British travellers, with particular reference to the global circulation of images, commodities and exotic species over the last three centuries. Keynote speakers were Michael Dettelbach (Boston University) and Nicholas Thomas (Goldsmiths). The conference was attended by 76 delegates, including 21 postgraduates. The venue provided a unique opportunity to engage with the collections of a notable public museum and to reach out beyond the conventional academic community, enhancing the public and academic profile of geographical research. The conference also promoted further exchange between geographers and leading researchers in the arts and humanities. A book is planned in association with the conference, to be published by Reaktion Press, with illustrations from the collections of the National Maritime Museum (from report submitted by Felix Driver to RGS-IBG, 5 August 2002).
- *Emotional Geographies*: HPGRG was awarded a grant of £400 from RGS-IBG to subsidise postgraduate registration fees at this conference, held at Lancaster University, 23-25 September 2002. HPGRG contributed a further £80 towards travel costs. Awards were made to Rani Kawale (UEL), Ember Kelly (Bristol) and Deborah Thien (Edinburgh). Their reports on the conference will be published in the next HPGRG Newsletter.