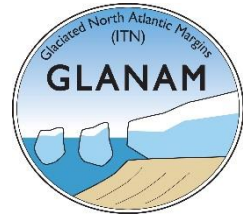**Monday June 6th – Friday June 10th 2016**

'GLANAM' (Glaciated North Atlantic Margins)

Annual Meeting and Field Excursion

Ulster University, Coleraine Campus, Northern Ireland

As you all know the next annual GLANAM meeting will be in Ireland. A more detailed programme will follow closer to the time but this is being sent out so that everyone knows what is happening and to help you to start booking things. The meeting formally starts on Monday June 6th but accommodation has been organised for you at the University Campus from Sunday 5th June to allow people to arrive the day before.

The agenda is as follows:

Monday 6th June – 12.00 noon Supervisory Board Meeting. For those not on the Supervisory Board a local field excursion to the North Antrim coast looking at the local geology and archaeology has been arranged for you. An evening meal will be provided at the University Campus

Tuesday 7th June – 9.00 am to 6.00pm - Science presentations from the fellows, industry partners and guest speakers. Everyone giving a talk this year has been asked for an abstract. Please ensure you send this to k.schiele@ulster.ac.uk as soon as possible to allow him to get the abstract programme together. There will be an evening meal at a restaurant for the network.

Wednesday 8th - Field excursion to NW Donegal to look at the Quaternary history of the region. We leave Coleraine Campus in the morning after breakfast and will finish in Donegal town where we will be staying in the Abbey Hotel http://www.abbeyhoteldonegal.com/ for B&B plus an evening meal.

Thursday 9th – Continue our field excursion south of Donegal Town, into County Sligo and North County Mayo where we will be circumnavigating Donegal Bay, which is the field site for some of the GLANAM Fellows, and we will get updates from them on their research findings to date as well as reviewing the onshore glacial history. We will finish off in Sligo Town where we will stay at the Glasshouse Hotel www.theglasshouse.ie where you will have B&B accommodation. The evening will be free to explore what Sligo Town has to offer.

Friday 10th – Return to Coleraine Campus from Sligo. For those of you who are staying we will have a GLANAM Bar-B-Q. On the way back, we have the opportunity to stop of in Derry city to break the journey if the group would like that. Accommodation is available at the university for those who wish to stay on Friday night and Breakfast will be provided.

We have booked and payed for both hotels in Donegal and Sligo which we will invoice everyone separately for that, however, you will all need to book and pay for the university accommodation before you arrive. You apply yourselves for accommodation via this link https://roomservice.ulster.ac.uk/e-CasualLets/ You will have to make 2 separate bookings (one for the 3 nights on the 5th 6th 7th June and another for 1 night on June 10th if you are staying Friday night) you need to state you will stay in the Cranagh village and in the notes of the application that you are part of the GLANAM Group. The accommodation are shared by 4 people but everyone has their own private room. Catering is being organised on the campus for everyone and each of you will pay for that when you are here. I will let everyone know what that costs well in advance but to give you an idea Breakfast, lunch & 2 course dinner will cost £36.95 per person so it won't be too expensive.

Getting to the Coleraine Campus

Figure 1. shows the location of the Coleraine Campus in Northern Ireland which is near the north Irish coast about 1.5 hours' drive from Belfast city and 45 minutes from Derry. More info on the campus and a map can be seen here **http://www.ulster.ac.uk/ulster-life/campuses/coleraine**

Figure 1. Map showing the location of the Coleraine campus.

Although the City of Derry Airport is the closet to the campus it is unlikely you will get a flight from outside the UK to here. You are more than likely going to fly to Belfast where there are two airports; Belfast City, which is actually in the city itself and Belfast International, also called Aldergrove which is about 40minutes drive outside the city (see Figure 2). Just keep this in mind when you book flights.   There are public transport options to get from either airport, both the buses and rail network is run by Translink and they have a journey planner here http://www.translink.co.uk/ There is a train line from Belfast to Coleraine or you can take a bus the timetables will be available on the site. If you land in Belfast City you will have to take a short taxi into the city centre to the central bus or train station to start you journey. I would suggest if you do this when you arrive in Colraine just take a taxi to the University campus which is 5 minutes drive rather than trying to connect with public transport. For those of you who don't want the hassle or if you have someone to share with a taxi the whole way is hassle free and quickest option and will cost around £55-£60.

If you arrive into Belfast International Airport and want to travel by public transport, you will have to take a taxi from the airport to Antrim Town which is about 5 miles away. Here it will be possible to get a train or a bus, again you can check the translink site and see how things link up, but the best

option from here would be a taxi which will cost around £50-£55. If you have someone to share with or don't mind the cost this would be the hassle free and quick option.

Please consider what your options will be for travelling back to the airport again, some of you may want to leave from Sligo on Friday rather than travelling back to Coleraine again. If you decide you are interested in doing this the only real option will be taxi's and from Sligo to Belfast will be at least 3 hours' drive. We can find out the costs if people want this option.
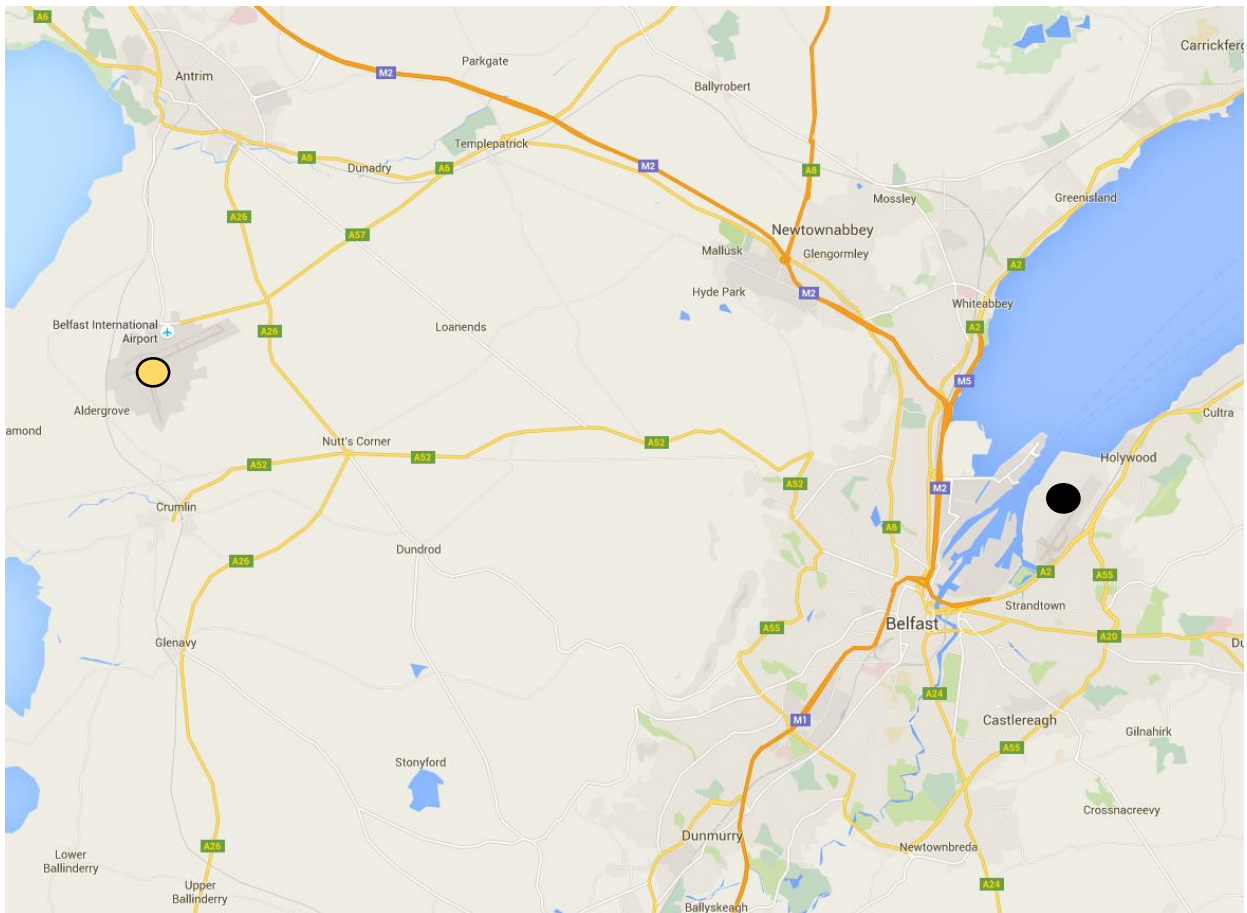

Figure 2. Belfast City Airport (black dot) and Belfast International Airport (yellow dot).

If you have any queries drop Paul an email to p.dunlop@ulster.ac.uk

We are really looking forward to hosting the network in June.

Paul.