

Society and Environment: new research in Belize

13th Annual Meeting of the United Kingdom - Belize Association (UKBA)

Friday 24th September, 2010

12.00 noon – 5.00 pm

**Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square
University of Oxford**

The annual meeting of the UK Belize Association will be held in Oxford on Friday 24th September, 2010, from noon to 5pm. There will be an informal gathering following the seminar presentations on the Friday evening, and accommodation is available for those who wish to stay overnight. The venue will be Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square - a buffet lunch, refreshments and afternoon coffee/tea will be offered.

PROGRAMME

12.00 Lunch in the Mawby Pavilion, Rewley House

12.30 Session 1: Politics and Society

Neil Pyper, Oxford Analytica

Narcos and Maras: encroaching on Belize?

Dylan Vernon, University of London

The Making of a Patronage Democracy: concepts and issues for a case study of post-independence Belize

Steven R. Brechin, Syracuse University & Osmany Salas

Government-NGO Networks & Nature Protection in Belize: examining the theory of the hollow state in a developing country context

2.00 Session 2: New Conservation Initiatives

Patrick Doncaster, University of Southampton

The Darwin Initiative: wildlife corridor project in Belize

Neil Stuart, University of Edinburgh

The Darwin Initiative: conservation within the lowland savannas of Belize

2.45 Tea and coffee

3.00 Session 3: Environment and Society

Elizabeth Graham, University College London

Belize's Maritime Foundations: an archaeological update for Ambergris Caye