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UKIC Accreditation Update

Simon Moore has kindly offered to sit on the UKIC accreditation Committee as Natural Sciences Rep., somewhat at the eleventh hour, and is now prepared to answer any questions that aspiring 'accreditees' may have. Please e-mail him (preferably) on musmsm@hants.gov.uk or call on 01962 846337.

The last meeting for the fast track system took place on the 14th of October. The fast track system is now all set to go ahead and those who have notified the UKIC office will get their forms in November.

Points to take note:

- To qualify for the fast track you must have completed at least 10 years in conservation, this does not mean that it has to be in the same discipline that you are applying to be accredited (within reasonable limits). Any training undergone will also be included in the 10 years. If you are close to completing your 10 years the committee will review your application and may allow you to proceed, particularly if there are not many fast track applicants from your chosen discipline.
- Your workplace may undertake to pay for your accreditation fees.
- You will need to get at least 2 sponsors who know of/understand your work, these may be from abroad if necessary.
- Insurers have indicated that rates for accredited conservators will be MUCH lower than previously.
- The NSCG committee has agreed to go for the UKIC schemes.
- The Fast Track scheme will run during 1999 (two groups) during which candidates will be assessed according to the requirements set out by the accreditation committee.
- Once the fast track scheme has been completed then those who have been accredited will be asked to start assessing candidates for the mainstream scheme.

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