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Annual Conference 1996

Welcome from the local secretary

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Welcome to the 1996 Annual Conference of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers. This Conference marks the start of a year of academic celebration at the University of Strathclyde to mark the Bicentenary from its foundation as a centre of learning in the John Anderson Institute. To welcome delegates to the University, the Principal, Professor John Arbuthnott will speak at the Conference Reception on Thursday evening prior to the special Conference Dinner in the Hospitality Inn.

... This year's Annual Conference offers an exciting and very full programme of academic sessions and social events, and the staff of the Department of Geography in Strathclyde welcome all participants to the Conference and the City of Glasgow. This year's Conference theme – that of New Horizons – represents an opportunity both to reflect on the traditions of the Institute of British Geographers and the Royal Geographical Society, and perhaps more importantly to consider the exciting new prospects within the discipline and the merged Society. Many of the Research Groups, in their sessions, are developing the Horizons theme within their own areas of the discipline, asking challenging and reflective questions about the future direction of geographical research.

It is also significant that in this year's Conference, many of the sessions convened by the Research Groups of the Society illustrate the strong international dimension to research and include participants from across the globe. Equally, the programme indicates the strengthening and productive cross-disciplinary collaborative research being undertaken. The Local Organisers are delighted to offer opportunities to participate in discussions with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors about how geographers and property surveyors can collaborate more closely in research, and to hear of some of the collaborative research being undertaken under the ESRC-funded projects into questions of local governance.

The Chair of Conference and Vice President's Lecture will be delivered by Professor David Sugden at 8.30pm on Wednesday 3rd January in the Banqueting Hall of the Hospitality Inn. This lecture will be preceded by a welcome reception hosted by the Local Organisers and all delegates are invited to attend both events.