

If you want to continue to support BCRA and to receive Cave & Karst Science then you need to choose one of the following options...

either 1) Become a member of BCRA

If you wish to join BCRA you need to pay a membership fee to the British Caving Association and then pay a supplement to join BCRA. Your membership will entitle you to receive the BCA and BCRA newsletters, Speleology magazine and Cave & Karst Science.

BCA membership runs for a calendar year and expires on 31 December each year. There is a discount for individual members who join part-way through the year. For 2008, BCRA is offering a tiered membership with a lower membership fee for members who do not wish to receive Cave & Karst Science on paper. When C&KS 34(1) is published, all members will have access to C&KS online. From volume 34, the paper version of C&KS will be printed with some inside pages in colour.

There are several membership categories, which are explained in **Document D1**, enclosed with this notice. If you wish to join as a **Direct Individual Member** you should complete **form M1**, enclosed with this notice. Membership forms for other classes are available on our web site. The main membership benefits available to **Direct Individual Members** are

- **Publications** – Speleology, BCA/BCRA Newsletters, BCA Handbook and, optionally, Cave & Karst Science
- **Insurance** – Cover under BCA's third party public liability insurance scheme
- **Voting** – Voting rights in the Association's general meetings and postal ballots

If your interest is solely in receiving Cave & Karst Science rather than any other membership benefits of BCRA and BCA then you may like to consider the cheaper option of subscribing to Cave & Karst Science as a non-member of BCRA – as explained below.

or 2) Take out a subscription to our Periodicals

You may subscribe to BCRA's periodicals Cave & Karst Science (ISSN 1356-191X) and Speleology (ISSN 1478-999X) without becoming a member of BCA using form **M4**, enclosed with this notice. **This may be the cheaper option if you live overseas or if you do not need other benefits of membership.**

As a subscriber you will *only* receive the publications you are subscribed to. You will not receive any newsletters, you will not be covered by BCA's third party public liability insurance scheme and you will not have any voting rights at BCRA or BCA general meetings.

or 3) Ask to participate in our Journal Exchange programme

BCRA operates a Journal Exchange Programme with a number of clubs and organisations around the world that produce similar publications to ours. Unfortunately, our records are currently in a state that prevents us from positively identifying those organisations and distinguishing them from other overseas subscriptions. If you are an **overseas** club or organisation that exchanges a journal with the BCRA library then you will need to apply for this arrangement to continue. Please download document **D3** from our web site.

or 4) Ask to receive a complimentary copy of our periodicals

If you are current receiving a complimentary copy of Cave & Karst Science (e.g. as a subscription agency, privileged library or similar), please contact us to ensure that this arrangement continues.

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Membership and Subscription Renewals 2008

A) If you have already renewed your BCRA Membership for 2008 you can stop reading at this point

...although you might still find some useful information in this set of documents – e.g. on insurance and publications.

B) If you have *not* renewed your BCRA membership then Your Subscription to Cave & Karst Science has expired

If you want to continue to support BCRA and to receive Cave & Karst Science then you need to choose one of the options outlined on the back page of this set of documents, which explains the options open to you. Please read it carefully as we will not be sending any further subscription reminders. **You need to act now.**

If you undo the staples holding this set of documents together you will find that it comprises several forms and information sheets, namely...

- Document D1 – Membership Fees and Benefits
- Form M1 – Application form for Individual / Joint Membership
- Form M4 – Application form for subscriptions to periodicals (includes information on Cave & Karst Science Online)
- Document D2 – BCA's Public Liability Insurance Scheme

The following form should also be included in this mailing to you...

- Form P1 – Order form for non-subscription publications sales

Other documents are available from our web site, ...

- Document D3 – BCRA's Journal Exchange Programme
- Form M2 – Application form for Caving Clubs & similar
- Form M3 – Application form for Associate Membership
- Form P2 – Enquiry form for missing periodicals