

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the [United Kingdom - Belize Association](#)  
[Institute of the Americas](#), University College London  
51 Gordon Square, Bloomsbury, London WC1H 0PN  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

**PROGRAMME**

9.15 am Coffee and Registration

9.45 Welcome by Dr Kate Quinn, Head of the Local Organising Committee, UCL.

9.55 Welcome by Dr Neil Stuart, President, UK-Belize Association

10.00 am - 11.15 am

*Yes or No to the ICJ? The Road to Referendum 2019* - Dylan Vernon, Embassy of Belize, Belgium

*The Belize Settlement – Colonial Expansion of Territory or a Foothold to Threaten Spain’s Colonial Markets in Central America?* - David Gomez, University College London

*The Caste Wars and their effects on Belize* – Barbara Bulmer-Thomas, London.

11.15 am - 11.45 pm Coffee Break

11.45 - 1.00

*Belize and the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh: Reflecting on 16 years of collaborative research* – Zoë Goodwin, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

*The Trees of Belize project.* - Steven Brewer - independent researcher affiliated with Wild Earth Allies and the University of Belize Environmental Research Institute

*Outcomes of the Darwin Savanna Fire project 2015-18* - Neil Stuart and Cathy Smith, University of Edinburgh

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm Lunch (courtesy of the Belize High Commission)

2.00 pm - 3.15 pm

*Empowering communities for environmental stewardship in Toledo District through the TIDE Community Researcher Program.* – James Lord, Former Development Director, Toledo Institute for Development & Environment.

*A Rangers' perspective of Conservation in the Chiquibul* –Marco Diaz, Friends for Conservation and Development.

*Reflections on the personal impact of Wick High School's Expedition to Belize in 2013* – by former students Josey Donachie, Ryan Gow and John Coghill

~Tea~

3.30pm – 4.15pm

*A tribute to Richard Foster,*  
led by Chris Minty (MBE), Kristen Drexler and Ilana Lapid. A short film will be shown followed by spoken and written contributions from friends of Richard and Carol Foster.

4.15 pm

Concluding comments and planning for UKBA 2019, the 22nd annual meeting

4.30 pm - 5.30 pm Drinks reception,  
graciously supported by the Belize High Commission