

# 2016 Field Trip to the Isle of Rum



**Image 1:** *The Isle of Rum field party, 4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Highly Siderophile Element Geochemistry. Expert field leader, Brian O’Driscoll, is second from the left on the front row.*

A successful field trip to the Isle of Rum famed for its layered ultramafic series was coordinated by Amy Riches and Pierre Bouilhol, Durham University, in July 2016. This was the concluding activity of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Highly Siderophile Element Geochemistry Chaired by Amy. The field trip involved a diverse party of approximately 25 delegates from all over the globe who were supported by a number of the workshop’s committee members. Field excursions over a three day period were very ably led by Brian O’Driscoll and research student colleagues, University of Manchester. Harrisites and their textures were examined and their mode of formation formed a basis for debate among the group. Chromitites of the eastern layered series, rich in highly siderophile elements, sparked particular interest and the stoic field party made the climb to these outcrops despite heavy rain and high stream waters. Amy arranged for all members of the field party to receive a geological map of the Isle and a copy of the National Museums Scotland’s “A Geological Excursion Guide to Rum” signed by both authors, C. Henry Emeleus, Durham University, UK, and Valentin R. Troll, Uppsala University, Sweden; it is hoped that these items will be treasured mementos. The return trip to the mainland across glassy waters on a warm and bright day complete with porpoise encounters was inspiring and capped the experience.

**Image 2:** *The Isle of Rum field party on return to the mainland at the conclusion of the trip.*

