1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words): International Earth Science conference which allows speakers to present their current research in Earth, planetary and space sciences.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge. I was able to present research conducted for my undergraduate dissertation project to an international community of Earth Science researchers. Taking part in this conference enabled me to gain experience presenting research to Earth Science researchers from a range of scientific backgrounds and also acted as a networking platform for building relationships in the Earth Science community, and discover exciting avenues of Earth, planetary and space science to broaden my knowledge. In presenting my research results, I benefited from discussion with well-established researchers as well as post-graduate students with regards to my research results, interpretations and ideas for future research. I was also fortunate to be able to attend a reception for Early Career Scientists in which I met fellow students, specialists in the division I was presenting in (The Geochemistry, Mineralogy, Petrology and Volcanology division) and a previous winner of the Outstanding Young Scientist Award.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts. I plan to use the feedback gained from presenting my dissertation research to review my current conclusions and direct future work after discussion with my supervisor. I also plan to stay in contact with fellow students I met who I shared common research interests with. Additionally, I am keen to get involved in future conferences in which I would not be presenting, by volunteering or working as a staff member, after speaking with a representative from the Geological Society of America.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).

5. Tips/experience learned from the event I gained experience in presenting my own research, but also in attending poster sessions and talks. I also learned useful ways to navigate large international conferences, which initially could seem overwhelming to a student.