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1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

The Royal Geographical Society expedition and fieldwork planning conference. This is an event where explorers and delegates from organisations with an interest in scientific exploration meet to discuss recent and upcoming expeditions and fieldwork. A series of talks were given by explorers, scientists and expedition professionals such as doctors and pharmacists to encourage young potential explorers and scientists as well as present the results of recent expeditions. Workshops took place where delegates discussed specific topics related to expedition planning and skills with experts from relevant fields. There were also opportunities to meet representatives from the RGS and other organisations.

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 answer a lot of questions that I came armed with during workshops and developed skills in planning overland journeys and writing. I had the opportunity to present my own ideas to experts who were able to give good and relevant feedback that I am now taking into account with my own planning. As my first conference I was able to gain new skills in networking as well as effectively presenting ideas and plans.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

I have been in touch with people that I met at the event to maintain contact and seek further advice. I am also following up sources of funding that I identified at the event. In particular I am keeping in contact with two cyclists who will assist with planning an upcoming cycling expedition and two environmental scientists, one of whom works with the British Antarctic Survey and National Geographic, with whom I hope to gain further experience in remote science.

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).

Working with GIS in research surveys: http://www.esri.com/products/survey123

Stephen Fabes cycling around the world: https://cyclingthe6.com/ Offered continued support

RGS fieldwork: http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Fieldwork+and+Expeditions/Fieldwork+Expeditions.htm
Book on Wilderness Medicine and book on risk assessment (looking for lemons)

Additional training in wilderness first aid available at lower price

Adventure Padlars invited us to meet in the Cotswolds to discuss funding.

Career information with British Exploring Society and RGS

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

I would strongly encourage anyone who has an interest in expeditions and any form of field work in geography or biological sciences to attend the event. It is an excellent networking event with very friendly and helpful people who can give a huge head start to any students interested in working in expeditions and fieldwork.

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event