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# Puzzle of Earth's Uninterrupted Habitability

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## Programme

09.30	<b>Registration &amp; tea, coffee</b>
<b>Session 1: Mechanisms for Uninterrupted Habitability 1</b>	
10.00	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> <b>Sequential selection for a self-regulating biosphere</b> Tim Lenton (University of Exeter, UK)
10.40	<b>Gaia: chance, necessity and sequential selection</b> David Wilkinson (Liverpool John Moore's University, UK)
<b>Session 2: Evidence of Resilience</b>	
11.00	<b>Tea &amp; coffee break and poster session</b>
11.30	<b>The strength of the weathering feedback cycle: evidence from lithium isotopes</b> Philip Pogge von Strandmann (UCL/Birkbeck University of London, UK)
11.50	<b>Biological mediation of acidity and alkalinity: Does habitability require regulation of environmental pH?</b> Lee Klinger (Independent Scientist, USA)
12.10	<b>Meteorite impacts, hyperthermals and plant ecosystem resilience in the early Danian</b> David Jolley (Aberdeen University, UK)
12.30	<b>The strengthening influence of life on feedbacks</b> Graham Shields-Zhou (UCL, UK)
12.50	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session 3: Mechanisms for Uninterrupted Habitability 2</b>	
13:50	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> <b>Earth's prolonged habitability: destiny or chance?</b> Toby Tyrrell (University of Southampton, UK)
14:30	<b>Mechanisms for Gaia</b> James Dyke (University of Southampton, UK)
14:50	<b>Habitability for Complex Life and the Development and Self-Limitations of the Biotic Enhancement of Weathering</b> David Schwartzman (Howard University, USA)
15.10	<b>Tea &amp; coffee break and poster session</b>
<b>Session 4: Evidence of Luck</b>	
15.40	<b>Geochemical evolution drives differential habitability on the Earth and Mars</b> Mark Fox-Powell (University of Edinburgh, UK)
16.00	<b>Subduction and the origin of Earth's atmosphere</b> Sami Mikhail (University of St Andrews, UK)
16:20	<b>Snowball Earth ocean chemistry driven by explosive unzipping of Rodinia</b> Tom Gernon (University of Southampton, UK)
<b>Session 5: Next Steps</b>	
16:40	<b>Good luck or good management: Why does it matter and how do we tell?</b> Dave Waltham (Royal Holloway University of London, UK)
17.00	<b>Closing remarks</b> Dave Waltham & Graham Shields-Zhou
17.10	<b>Drinks reception</b>