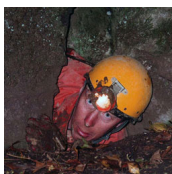


The next meeting of the NIAAS is on **Monday 2nd March**, we are really pleased to welcome our good friend **Dr. Mike Simms** (**National Museums NI**) who will be giving us a talk titled '**1969 - A Special Year For Space Rocks (and not just the moon)**'

The meeting starts at 8pm sharp in our usual venue of **Ballyclare High School Lecture Theatre** . [Directions can be found here.](#)



About the talk: 1969 was an auspicious time for rocks from space. Meteorite falls at Bovedy in Northern Ireland, Allende in Mexico, and Murchison in Australia, all led to breakthroughs in our understanding of the early Solar System. Rocks brought back by Apollo's 11 and 12 gave us our first chance to find out if the Moon really was made of cheese. And a chance discovery down in Antarctica was to have a fundamental influence on the future of meteoritics for decades to come.

About Mike: Mike is Senior Curator of Natural Sciences and has overall responsibility for the natural sciences collections. When Dippy the Dinosaur visited Belfast, Mike guided visitors to see him and explain all about the famous dinosaur. Mike's responsibilities in his role also extend to geology and meteorites. He has an extensive personal meteorite collection and also discovered the first meteorite crater in the UK. In fact it's one of the largest in the world!

So with such a wide range of knowledge in his field, this is definitely going to be a talk not to be missed.

Please note: Under 16's are very welcome but due to our child protection policy, we ask that they are accompanied by an adult.

As always we will have refreshments available after the meeting, a donation bucket is available at the door if you wish to support us in our work!

Hope to see you all there!