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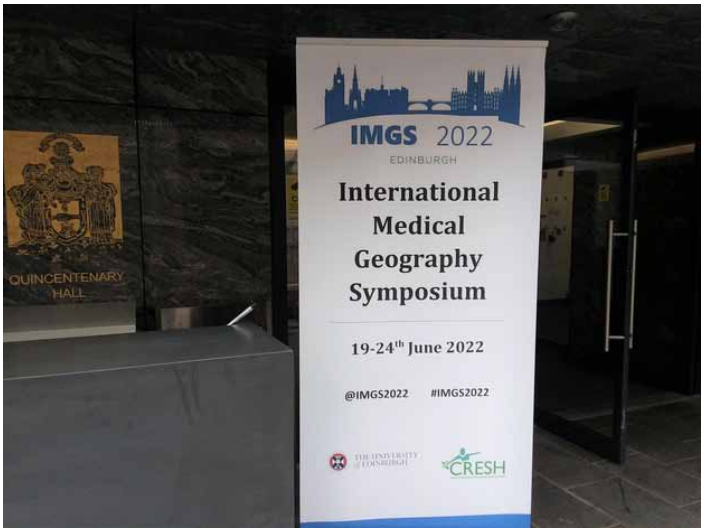
Figure 1. Panel indicating the location of the International Medical Geography Symposium 2022 (Photo Source: Author)



POSTER ABSTRACT

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