

## The Geological Society

### PUBLICATIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting conducted by e-mail between 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

The papers for this meeting were circulated to the Publications Management Committee as e-mail attachments on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

- 1 **Minutes of the last meeting.** No comments were received. The Minutes will be signed at the next meeting.
- 2 **Report from the Director of Publishing.** Paper PMC-06-08 was noted. There was some concern about book sales, but the loss of hard copy sales is being compensated by sales of Lyell Collection subscriptions. It was thought that the global economic climate might be having some effect. Neal outlined actions that were being taken to maintain sales. Also, although sales to Fellows had fallen, many Fellows were taking advantage of free access to older volumes, which provided a valuable service – one of the Society's aims.
- 3 **Council Business Plan.** Paper PMC-07-08 was noted.
- 4 **Any other business.** Jim Marshall asked for a greater and more visible holding of books for sale at Burlington House - the last couple of things he had asked for have not been available. Edmund Nickless replied that this was being considered by the Management and Finance Committee.

Bob Holdsworth noted that GSA are about to launch a new journal, 'Lithosphere' and was concerned about the impact on GSL journals. Neal Marriott replied that it was a small item for librarians to purchase in relation to the big content packages they are having to finance annually. GSA saw this new journal as more likely to cannibalise papers and circulation from GSA Bulletin (and Journal of Structural Geology perhaps).

Bob Holdsworth suggested having Campus Reps in UK University Departments, who could promote the Society and its publications. This may have been tried in the past, but perhaps time to relaunch?

- 5 **Date of next meeting** will be 16 October 2008 (in the afternoon), in London. The following meeting will be Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 in the morning, followed in the evening by the Annual Publications Reception.