

The Geological Society

PUBLICATIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting conducted by e-mail between 26th June and 8th July 2009.

The papers for this meeting were circulated to the Publications Management Committee as e-mail attachments on 26th June.

- 1 **Minutes of the last meeting.** No comments were received. The Minutes will be signed at the next meeting.
- 2 **Publishing House report.** Paper PMC-05-09 was circulated and noted. The Chairman commented that although it looked rather gloomy, especially the continuing decline in online bookshop sales since 2006, the Lyell Collection continues to be very popular. There is now a third company that has purchased a global corporate subscription (Statoil). Regarding the dropping off in book commissioning, one new initiative now being explored is closer interaction between PMC and Science Committee in linking conferences with GS books. If we can include the possibility of a GS book proposal from the earliest planning stages of conferences organized at Burlington House, we stand a better chance that a significant fraction of them will come to fruition.

He thanked and congratulated the entire Publishing House staff for a financially successful 2008.
- 3 **Change of name for QJEGH Young Author Award.** Paper PMC-06-09 was circulated and it was agreed to change the title of the Award to 'The Professor William R Dearman QJEGH Young Author of the Year Award'.
- 4 **Any other business.** The Chairman and committee thanked Nick Rogers for his excellent and committed chairmanship of PMC over the last 4 years.
- 5 **Date of next meeting** will be 2 pm on 26th November 2009. The following meeting will be on the morning of Wednesday 3rd March 2010, with the Annual Publications Reception in the evening. These meetings will be in Burlington House.