

THE LONDON BASIN FORUM

AN OUTCOME OF THE 1ST GLOSSOP WORKSHOP

REPORTING PROGRESS & DISCUSSING PLANNING. WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

Venue: Imperial College London. Room 207, Skempton Building (Dept Civil & Environ. Enging). **NO FEE BUT YOU MUST REGISTER** (see bottom of page).

Time: Start 14.00 & Finish 17.00

Purpose: Explanation of where we are and open discussion of where we want to be, and how we get there.

Agenda (Provisional and can alter as suits the meeting)

14.00 – 14.30 Responses from those who attended the 1st Workshop and Progress at BGS with research ideas, the hosted web page and general outcomes for the whole enterprise. (Mike de Freitas & Kate Royle).

14.30 – 15.00 **The publications envisaged;** at present it looks as if THREE simultaneous publications could emerge from all this, as follows:

1. Engineering geology as a *Special Publication of the Engng Gp of the Geol. Soc.*
2. Classical geology as a thematic issue of the *Phil Trans Royal Soc*
3. Geotechnical implications as a *Symposium in Print for Geotechnique*

Current ideas on **Subjects and Authors** are now needed (Suggestions will be offered as a basis for open discussion).

15.00 – 15.30 Tea

15.30 – 16.00 **Research Council support** for the work involved in pulling data together. It is envisaged that the EPSRC & NERC will be approached following this meeting, to map out a strategy for obtaining funds to support the work of collecting and collating data, with the assistance and co-operation of industry

16. 00 – 16.30 Demo of the **hosted web page** and discussion of its content and structure. **What info do we want, what info are organisations prepared to provide and what levels of communication would be helpful?** (Open discussion)

As we get further into this it is clear that we are sitting on a subject of national and international significance. The London Basin provides one of the best investigated volumes of upper crust that seems to delicately record responses to basement tectonics including its implications for Mesozoic and Cainozoic geology, right up to the Holocene, and its influence on the development of geotechnical properties. It may actually provide one of the very rare occasions where geological processes and their history can be positively linked to the development of geotechnical properties.

No fee for attending but you must Register to let IC know who is in the building. Simply e-mail either Christine Butenuth or Mike de Freitas on info@firststeps.eu.com confirming your intention to come.