



What The 2010 Delegates Think ?

Delegate feedback forms indicated overwhelming satisfaction from the EIG 2010 experience, with 97% of their overall value ratings classified in the top two categories of excellent (71%) and good (26%).

Professional Award Made At EIG 2010

The 2010 presentations were pleasantly interrupted by a surprise, committee nominated recognition award. The clear blue glass panel and globe award was made to Professor Geoffrey Walton for "Distinguished Professional Services to the Extractive Industries" during a career which has spanned five decades.



Professor Geoffrey Walton

EIG Charity Success

Raffle-ticket buying delegates and eighteen prize-donating companies combined to raise £1,945 for the EIG 2010 nominated charity, the Southampton based Rona Sailing Project. Rona has been taking young underprivileged people to sea in large ocean-going yachts since 1960.

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2010 Portsmouth EIG Conference

The 16th Extractive Industry Geology ('EIG') Conference, based at the University of Portsmouth from 8th – 11th September 2010, surpassed all expectations in terms of popularity and success at a time of almost unprecedented economic decline.

EIG 2010 in Portsmouth was the first conference back on English soil for six years, after visits to Scotland and Wales in 2006 and 2008. Given that the last two or three years have yielded the most severe, prolonged downturn in recent UK economic history, EIG 2010 truly reflected the prevailing spirit of what Chairman Colin Comberbach termed the 'EIG community'. Around 180 delegates attended, just a few short of the Cardiff EIG 2008 number, itself one of the highest on recent record and attained in much better economic times.



Portsmouth University Exhibition Hall & Delegates

EIG 2010 sponsorship was headlined by Tarmac, SRK Consulting, Lafarge and the Mineral Products Association and supported by thirteen other organisations; and seventeen exhibitors guaranteed a sell-out of trade stands. Fantastic support was provided by the hosts, the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences. This partnership secured excellent conference facilities, serviced accommodation and a dedicated events team. EIG 2010 delegates also enjoyed The Geological Society Approved CPD Endorsed Training.



Clive Mitchell (BGS) making bricks !

EIG 2010 included pre-conference field trips. On the first day, one group viewed clay extraction and manufacturing operations and even had a go at 'Make Your Own Brick' at the Michelmersh Brick & Tile Co.

Another group went underground to observe extraction of Upper Purbeck (Jurassic) evaporates at Brightling Mine courtesy of British Gypsum.



Spinnaker Tower, EIG Reception

The delegates enjoyed an evening of sights and lights from the spectacular viewing decks of the Spinnaker Tower; an exciting landmark for the future and exclusive venue for the EIG 2010 Ice Breaker Reception.

Commencing with a welcome from the Chairman, the two main conference days were officially opened by Professor Paul Hayes, Dean of Science at the University of Portsmouth. More than forty speakers of national and international experience were aptly preceded with a scene-setting, animated visualisation of the local geology and field visit locations by the British Geological Survey.

A high point at the start of recent EIG conferences has been the Ansel Dunham Memorial Lecture. At EIG 2010 this was given by Professor Geoffrey Walton (PGW&A LLP and University of Leeds) on 'Consulting geologists and the British extractive industries'. The talk was indeed a reflective but progressive one for the audience, as it reviewed UK trends in the direct industry employment of geologists and the associated rise in the use of consultants.

Oral and poster presentations followed in a series of seven themed sessions, led by three invited keynote speakers from the Carbon Trust, English Heritage and Royal Holloway. Hot topics relevant to today's extractive industry geologist, such as Energy and Regulation, complemented traditional themes on Resources & Reserves, Geohazards & Geotechnics and Quarry Restoration.



EIG Dinner HMS Warrior

The first plenary day ended with the company AGM and a memorable Conference Dinner aboard HMS Warrior 1860, a superb reminder of the country's prior leadership in naval design.



Isle of Wight Field Trip

EIG 2010 was fittingly concluded with a sell-out day tour of classic and applied geology sites on the Isle of Wight, where cliffs at Blackgang (in unstable Gault Clay) are said to comprise the longest and most active coastal landslides in Europe.



EIG 2012 - Edge Hill University, Ormskirk Lancashire - September 5th-8th 2012



Edge Hill University
www.edgehill.ac.uk

The planning for EIG 2012 conference in September 2012 is well underway and promises to be yet another memorable event. Our hosts for 2012 will be Edge Hill University, near Ormskirk in Lancashire.

Edge Hill has been providing higher education for 125 years. Offering over 200 degree routes in an award-winning campus environment and developing professionals throughout the UK and overseas, it is the University of Choice for 24,000 students.

Our EIG 2012 local secretary at Edge Hill is Gerry Lucas who has been serving on the EIG Consultative Committee for many years and currently lectures at Edge Hill.

As with past tradition the EIG 2010 Chairman Colin Comberbach approached a fellow long standing committee member to act as Chairman. Craig Arditto, Senior Geological Manager for Tarmac kindly agreed to be Chairman for EIG 2012.

EIG 2012 Chairman's Message



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September 2012

For the next conference, EIG have teamed up with Edge Hill University, probably one of the UK's best kept educational "secrets". In September of 2012 the conference will be hosted at the state of the art Ormskirk campus located in southern Lancashire, complete with fantastic transport links, lecture theatres and accommodation. In order to deliver maximum networking opportunities between suppliers and colleagues, we have taken the decision to make 2012 an entirely campus based event, a decision taken after witnessing first hand the superb facilities on offer. The conference is already shaping up to be another excellent event. Watch this space as details are firmed up...

Ideas, Ideas, Ideas.....

Always looking to improve, the committee are looking for you, our colleagues across the industry, to send us your thoughts and ideas regarding on how to take EIG forwards. We have listed a couple that we would like to seek your feedback ...

CPD Day Proposal

In order to fill that long gap between EIG Conferences it is proposed that we organise a single day CPD event centered on bespoke training covering areas critical to the industry but for which there are currently no courses readily available. The course/workshops would be delivered by leading professionals and aimed at people new to the industry as well as refreshing the memories of those longer on the tooth! To get your imagination going a few suggested topics are Mineral Resource Evaluation; Reserve and Resource Reporting Codes; Drilling and Sampling for Aggregates; Changes in Product Technology. If these CPD days would be of interest, then send us your ideas.

Encouraging Research

We often hear that there is not enough research done for our industry. To try and remedy this we propose to establish a "Portal" on our website linking those people with ideas together with people looking for projects. The portal will tie in with the re-launch of our bursary programme allowing students to identify projects which will deliver real value to the industry. Again, any thoughts, drop us a line.

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Keele Geology teacher training saved !

Keele University course tutor Chris King informed us that the suspended PGCE course has been reinstated for 2010 / 2011. Only two courses remain in the UK, both are vital to train teachers to teach Geology at GCSE and A-level.

A bumper year for school geology exam entries

Last year saw an increase in entries for all types of geology exam across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. GCSE 2010 entries were up 24% to 1007; AS entries up 8% to 2635 and A level entries up 16% to 1376. This is very welcome news and encouraging for the future for our industry.

Thank You !

The EIG Committee wants to express its sincere thanks to the EIG 2010 Chairman, Colin Comberbach, EIG Secretary Mark Pritchard & Local Secretary Mike Fowler for the excellent job done at Portsmouth 2010. Standing down from the committee this year is Dave Harrison (ex BGS). Thanks Dave for all the excellent work over the years and we all wish you a happy retirement !