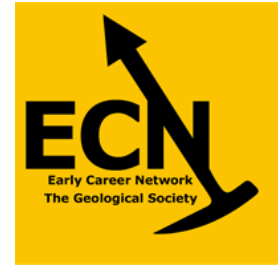


EARLY CAREER NETWORK

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



Date: Tuesday 16th November 2021 (18:00)

Location: via Microsoft Teams

Present: Matt Sharp (Chair), Alex Christopher (Secretary), Deborah Thomas (Treasurer), Dan Hope (Regional Specialist Group Liaison), Huw Richards, Matt Webster, Ayesha Landon-Browne, Serdar Aldanmazlar

Apologies: Thomas Skiggs, Simon Groom

1) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

No correction required.

2) WELCOME AYESHA LANDON-BROWNE

MS formally welcomes **ALB** to the ECN Committee, her first time attending virtually. **ALB** introduces herself and speaks to her professional and educational background.

The Committee agrees that **ALB** would be a good candidate for Science Representative.

3) PAST EVENTS

a) The Committee reviewed past and discussed future 'ECN Lecture 2021 Lecture Series' events.

- **DT** explains that the September event had ~57 people attend, advertising in two stages appeared to work very well. However, **DT** stresses that it would be important in future for two people to be running an event in preparation and particularly on the day in future. **DT** also suggests that we make sure attendee interaction via live Q&A is properly enabled for future events.
- **MS** explains that the October event had around ~35 attend. Collaboration efforts with the PSGB and AAPG were not successful.

ECN Lecture Series 2021:

Month	Field	Title	Panellists	Responsibility	Poster*
Aug	Building Materials & Environments		Serdar Aldanmazlar, Sara Edith Hoffritz	SA/MS	ECN_Aug.jpg
Sep	Non-Typical Industries	Unconventional Career Pathways: Where can Geology Take You?	David Banks (Thermo/Hydrogeologist, Holymoor Consultancy), Dónal (Director, Sior Consulting) Neville, Jemma Moore (Mine Planning Engineer, Lehigh Hanson)	DT	ECN_Sep.jpg
Oct	Oil & Gas, Energy Transition and Alternative Energy	Careers Guidance and the Energy Transition	Dr. Guy Loftus	MS	ECN_Oct.jpg
Nov	Mineral Exploration, Mining & Commodities	'Unconventional Careers Paths within Economic Geology: From the field to behind a desk and beyond!'	Sarah Gordon (CEO, Satarla), Cédric John (Reader, Imperial College), Erik Hedborg (Principal Analyst - Iron Ore, CRU) and Liv Carroll (Managing Director, Accenture)	HR, AC, TS	ECN_Nov.jpg
Dec	Geospatial & Engineering	'Career Pathways in Geospatial and Engineering'	-	MW, DH	ECN_Dec.jpg

*see accompanying 'ECN Lecture Series 2021' for event posters.

4) FUTURE EVENTS

- a) The Committee discussed whether the lecture series should be continued into 2022. While the lecture series has been a success, The Committee decides that the current series should end in December, with a view to renew the series in in the second half of 2022. This will be discussed again in due course.

- b) The Committee agreed that we should continue to host the Early Career Award, the rules outlined by **MS**, **HR**, **DT** and **AC** have been agreed by the Committee and will be distributed to the regional groups in due course. See attached '**ECN Award Rules 2022.pdf**'.
- c) The Committee discussed the idea of returning to in-person events in 2022. However, it was noted by several members that at present the threat of restrictions remains (particularly as we go further into winter) and that virtual events have been positive for attendance and engagement. At this stage the Committee agreed to keep events virtual, and to review this issue again in Spring 2022.
- d) **DH** proposed 2 ½ day software workshops (preferably in person) with RocScience approx. 20 delegates <£100 each aimed at graduate engineering geologists and geotech engineers at how to interpret and model data. Possible to run an online webinar beforehand/instead outlining what software is available and how it can be used.

5) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DT explains the budget for the previous year will be tabulated and submitted and one for the coming year is to be set at £1,000

6) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2022