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HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Following a proposal from the External Relations Committee, Council recommends the following candidate for election to Honorary Fellowship at a future Ordinary General Meeting.

Dr Kathryn Dwyer Sullivan

Dr Kathryn Dwyer Sullivan is the only person to have flown missions into space and to have dived to the deepest part of the oceans, the Mariana Trench. She is the first American woman to walk in space, a veteran of three shuttle missions and a 2004 inductee to the Astronaut Hall of Fame. She is the United States Co-chair of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), an intergovernmental body that is building a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to provide environmental intelligence relevant to societal needs.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND UNIVERSITY GEO SCIENCE UK RELEASE STRATEGY FOR INCREASING STUDENT ENROLMENT IN GEOLOGY

The number of UK students studying geology at university has declined year-on-year since 2014, with a total drop of 43%.

Without action, the decline in skilled graduates will pose a serious and economically damaging skills shortage in the UK, particularly at a critical time of transition for many industries and businesses that rely on geological expertise.

On 25 September, UGUK and GSL released a report that identifies five key strategic aims for improving the outlook of student enrolment in geosciences over the next five years. In the coming weeks and months, we will be hosting a number of forums and workshops with the UK geoscience community to define action plans and deliver these strategic objectives.

You can download the report at: www.geolsoc.org.uk/UniversityGeoscienceUKResources

Alicia Newton, Director of Science & Communications, and George Jameson, Diversity and Inclusion Project Lead

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Virtual Public Lecture: Engaging geoscience for diplomacy – Understanding Paektu volcano in North Korea

Speaker: James Hammond, Birkbeck - University of London
Location: Online
Date: 9 November
Time: 6pm BST

Further information
The lecture will be streamed online using Zoom. To book your virtual ticket, and for more information, please visit www.geolsoc.org.uk/understandingpaektu

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Supporting Early Geoscientists to Gain Peer Review Skills

From 2021, the Geological Society of London will support a process known as co-reviewing across its portfolio of journals and books. This type of peer review involves allowing a reviewer to formally involve a colleague in the review of a book or article, and is often an opportunity for junior or early career researchers to gain experience and training with peer review. Both reviewers will receive an acknowledgement for their work, as well as the opportunity to gain credit for their review on the Publons platform.

By making co-reviewing a formal option, GSL will enable both mentor and mentee peer reviewers to receive appropriate credit, editorial and staff support, and the resources to ensure that all peer reviewers meet the Society’s ethical policies.

David Boyt, Head of Editorial Development

A New Special Publication on Geoethics

Geoscience has an integral, though often contentious and politically charged, place in the modern world. Issues such as climate change, environmentally destructive mining practices and diversity are complex and important ethical topics that in recent years have become matters at the forefront of discussion within the geoscience community.

There has never been a better time to collate these discussions and ideas into a published volume. The Geological Society of London’s Special Publication No. 508, Geoethics:

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Crossword

Across
1 All-points bulletin (3)
2 Largest of the citrus fruit (6)
3 Inhuman or senselessly cruel (6)
4 Nearest or furthest point from the planet of a satellite’s orbit (4)
5 Hydrated potassium magnesium chloride mineral (10)
6 Someone who cashes-in when share prices are high (6-5)
7 Criminal Investigation Department (3)
8 Home of Bash Street Kids (5)
9 Domain code for Romania (2)
10 See 10 Across
11 Petrol pump (5)
12 Global governing body for futsal (3)
13 Newborn baby (1)
14 Name given to a place on a map (3)
15 Organ of hearing (3)
16 German philosopher and revolutionary (6)
17 Messenger ribonucleic acid (4)

Down
1 Polychlorinated biphenyl (3)
2 Type of logic circuit (2)
3 Canadian potash-rich formation (7-9)
4 An apparatus for emulsifying (7)
5 A room in a harem (3)
6 To examine thoroughly and critically (3)
7 Expression of misfortune (4)
8 Venomous New Zealand spider (6)
9 Sulfate mineral found in the Boulby Potash (10)
10 Beetle’s modified forewings (6)
11 Female ruff (5)
12 Global governing body for futsal (3)
13 See 18 Down
14 —ora: Maori greeting (3)
15 Alaskan city on Seward Peninsula (4)
16 Organ of hearing (3)
17 German philosopher and revolutionary (6)
18 Messenger ribonucleic acid (4)
19 Period of the Zechstein Sea (7)
20 Terminalia superba or ivorytree (5)
21 Half an em (2)
22 Suffix indicating the presence of a hydroxy group (2)
23 0.001 seconds (2)

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