



Welcome to the sixteenth issue of the Geological Society's e-Newsletter for Chartered Fellows.

Published five times a year following each election of new Chartered Fellows, this Newsletter is to inform the Chartered Fellowship and also to gain their input into what information they would like to see. Information of general interest to the Chartered Fellows that perhaps might not reach the pages of Geoscientist is welcome.

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Newly elected Chartered Geologists

Elections to CGeol



Lucretia Ashford
Hannah Breen
Katie Bristow
Neville Brooks
Marcus Chan
Ruby Chan
Maria Charisi
Caroline Clark
Jonathan Fullilove

Richard Gamble
Mark Griffiths
James Grundy
Jill Haswell
Margaret Manyanhaire
Stuart McDonald
Gregory McKenna
Yvonne Munoz
Christopher Norton

Mark Sanders
Alessia Sgattoni
Lyndsay Singer
Stuart Tillett
Mark Toye
Michael Vance
Michael Party

Elections to CSci



Richard Clarke

Jason Drake

Mark Griffiths

Elections to European Geologist (EurGeol)



Richard Coward

Jack Lunnon

Applications for the September interview dates now stand at 37.

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Scrutineer needed in Qatar

We have had an application for CGeol from a Fellow in Qatar. At the moment we have just one Scrutineer there. Will anyone be traveling there in the period up to September 8th and be willing to be the second Scrutineer for an Engineering Geology candidate? I suspect that this might be tricky considering the political restrictions there at the moment.

Unless I can find another scrutineer I will have to postpone the interview or ask the Fellow to come to London.

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Mentoring workshops

We ran a workshop in Burlington House on 5th May with 26 attendees. This was very successful though the accommodation at BH is a little too small for this sized group. In future any workshop would be restricted in size to a maximum of 20. A separate workshop was run specifically for WSP at their premises with some 15 attendees. The final Workshop for the year was in Manchester on 21st June with 22 attendees.

All these workshops produced very good feedback and comments from the 'exit poll'. John and Trudy Arthurs are to be thanked for these really useful workshops. I am now looking to determine if there is an appetite for further workshops. General conversations that I have had have indicated that there are still many Fellows interested in mentoring training consequently I will look to see if another might be organised for early 2018. I would be grateful if anyone interested in attending would contact me (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk) so that I might gauge the interest level and plan accordingly.

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Training Scheme and Course Accreditation

The [Formation Pressure Evaluation Course from HRH Geology](#) has been Accredited and is an excellent one, giving good insight into this very important subject for Operations and Well Site and other Geoscientists in the Oil and Gas sector.

The Training Scheme for [LAM Geotechnics](#) in Hong Kong has been accredited.

[Leap Environmental](#) and [ESG](#) have submitted their Company Training Schemes for Accreditation and these are presently out for review. One from [WYG](#) has also been received and a review panel is being appointed to do its review.

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Chartered Engineer (CEng)

The GSL is applying to the Engineering Council (EC) for a licence to award [CEng](#). We will do this in the first instance through Professional Affiliate Status in conjunction with the Institute of Physics (IoP). Discussions with the EC and the IoP have gone extremely well and it is hoped that

we may be in a position to start reviews of applicants by the year end or early 2018.

At the moment an application and assessment procedure is being developed along similar lines to what we use for CGeol, i.e. Application Form; Professional Report; Sponsors' Reports; CPD Records; Supporting Documents; Validation Interviews etc. These will be produced along with a Regulation in which eligibility to apply will be spelled out and the Competency Criteria, to be demonstrated, will be defined.

In order to assess applications we will need Scrutineers who already are CGeol and CEng. A number of such Fellows who are already CGeol Scrutineers have already been in touch offering help. I would be pleased to hear from others who might be able to assist with this (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk).

In the first instance when we start offering CEng we will be looking for applications from experienced geotechnical engineers and Engineering Geologists who, once elected, might become additions to the panel of Scrutineers. Once again I have already received enquiries from over 40 such Fellows. I think therefore that it is unlikely that there will be a shortage of applicants.

Once the system is up and running with the first tranche of applicants having been interviewed then the system will be publicised in Geoscientist to invite applications and to show a timetable for interviews.

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Professional Competency Register for Operations and Well Site Geoscientists

Discussions have been ongoing for some time with interested parties regarding the development of a Professional Competency Register for practitioners in this part of the Oil and Gas sector. This area of work is H&S critical and hence a professional competency qualification will offer support to the practitioners and reassurance to those using their services and to the public in general.

The objective is to operate a Register (perhaps along the lines of RoGEP) offering registration at various grades depending upon the applicant's knowledge, experience and responsibilities. Entry level would be attainment of CGeol (or other peer assessed professional qualification from a recognised professional association) and a demonstration of knowledge and competency in Operations Geology appropriate to responsibilities held.

It is hoped that the Register might, with time, become an international standard within the industry. With this in mind we are conducting talks with the AAPG to see if they might join us as Co-Sponsors of the Register and operate it for their professional members (Cert PG) to the same standards of rigour. To date indications are that they are interested in this. We have interest and support for the initiative from the PESGB and from ENI and Total.

To operate a Register we will need, *inter alia*;

- to develop a Regulation governing eligibility and application and assessment procedures;
 - to define the competency requirements for the different grades;
 - to produce a fee structure and organise & cost a system for administration of the Register;
- and
- to recruit suitably qualified assessors (Scrutineers) who themselves would need to be assessed and entered onto the Register.

This is no small undertaking and will require considerable time and effort to organise. The organising group would be pleased to hear from companies with Operations and Well Site Geoscientists, independent consultants and any others who might be interested and who might help with its development (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk).

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Careers Days

Each year the Society runs two careers events and in 2017 these are scheduled for [BGS Keyworth on 9th November](#) and [Edinburgh on 22nd November](#).

These days are not employment fairs but are to inform students of the opportunities for employment across the geoscience spectrum. They are greatly valued by students but the recurring theme we hear is that they would like to be able to talk with more and more varied geoscientists who might help with their thoughts on a career.

The Geosciences cover such a broad range of employment opportunities that it is difficult for undergraduates to appreciate this range without guidance that can only come from practitioners. If your organisation is able to take on a booth at one or both events then this would be appreciated by the next generation coming through either to work with you or carry on after you have retired. The cost of a booth is not great and you will meet lots of committed aspiring young geologists who are the future of our science.

Details on what is needed to take up the opportunity to be involved can be found on the Society's web site under [GSL Careers days 2017](#).

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