

Chartered Fellows' Newsletter No 20 MAY 2018

Newly Chartered Fellows.

CGeol

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Applications for the May/June interviews now stand at 41.

Changes in Procedures.

20+ years' experience route.

Applicants using this route will now be required to provide a short presentation at the start of their interview where they discuss how they fulfil the Chartership criteria. They will also be asked to bring to the interview some documentary evidence showing their work in support of the application together with their CPD record.

Normal Route.

The Application Form presently has a list of areas of work and Applicants are asked to indicate up to 3 which cover their experience. This tends to be a little confusing for several reasons;

- Applicants tend to think that they need to list 3 areas;
- Scrutineers tend to think that the Applicant is claiming competence in the 3 areas;
- The inclusion of Geotechnics on the list makes some Applicants focus on their engineering competence. They forget that they are applying for Chartered Geologist and that it is their Geological competence that is being assessed.

The Chartership Committee has recommended that this list is removed from the Application Form and that the form is modified to ask the Applicant to spell out the area of work for which they are claiming competence. The guidance on the web site will be modified to reflect this change.

Company Training Scheme Accreditation.

Southern Testing's Training Scheme has been accredited. An application from Amey is imminent and the scheme from ESG is in late stages of assessment. This brings to 23 the number of companies with Accredited schemes. A list of all with company logos is on the Society's web site. Further applications are likely to be submitted in the next few months.

Scrutineer Training and Recruitment.

A number of short (2 hour) sessions for Scrutineers are planned for the autumn in a number of places around the country possibly in places such as Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, London. These will be a refresher for 'old' Scrutineers and also be as an induction for anyone who has just joined the panel of Scrutineers or who would wish to do so. If any Regional Group feels that having one such workshop in their area would be useful then this will be arranged. Please contact me at Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk

Retention of CGeol in retirement.

There is still some confusion over this. CGeol may be retained as a title in retirement with no requirement for CPD recording for those Fellows who are not going to continue with professional work. For these Fellows it is hoped the fee for retention of the title will be reduced. Those retirees who will continue to offer professional services, including advice and scrutineering and who wish to use the title professionally, must demonstrate that they are maintaining their competence by doing and recording CPD.

Mentoring Workshop.

A further Workshop is scheduled for June 28th at the Copthorne Hotel, Salford Quays, Manchester. There are still a few places available on this Workshop. Anyone who may be interested in taking up one of these places is asked to contact me (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Several people have indicated that they would like to attend one in London later in the year. The date I have in mind for this would be September/October. Again anyone interested is asked to contact me asap and if there is sufficient interest then I will confirm the date.

Degree Accreditation.

The Accreditation Panel of the Geological Society is undertaking a review of the requirements for accreditation of undergraduate degrees in the Earth Sciences. The aim is to ensure that the accreditation requirements are still aligned with the needs of employers, while also being deliverable by a well-founded University. The existing requirements are summarised on the Society's web pages at:

<https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Education-and-Careers/Universities/Degree-Accreditation/Aims-and-Requirements-for-Accreditation>

A group of panel members chaired by Professor Bruce Yardley is preparing a document summarising these and raising some specific questions as well as inviting suggestions and comments. This will be uploaded to the Accreditation web pages later in the summer, and circulated to employers of geologists. If you want to ensure that you get a chance to comment, email Bruce Yardley at: B.W.D.Yardley@leeds.ac.uk with "Accreditation Requirements" in the subject line.

Newsletter future.

This Newsletter hopes to provide material of interest, and as a service to Chartered Fellows 5 times a year. I will be sending this issue to all Chartered Fellows however if anyone does not wish to receive it then please let me know and I will remove you from the mailing list. Offers of copy, or content suggestions, for the Newsletter are welcome

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