

Progress towards offering CEng.

The Society's application to the Engineering Council to become a Licensed Member, and thus to be able to offer CEng to qualified Fellows, is progressing rapidly. We hope to be granted the Licence by early 2018 and hence be able to accept applications shortly thereafter. When we have the Licence I will produce a special Newsletter explaining the procedures etc for applications.

In the meantime we will be looking to develop an Eligibility Panel, consisting of Fellows with both CGeol and CEng to judge the eligibility to apply of Fellows wishing to obtain the title. The reason for this is that many Fellows will not have exemplifying engineering degrees and so will need to produce a self-assessment to demonstrate their engineering knowledge and experience before applying. We will also be looking for similarly qualified Fellows to join a CEng Scrutineering Panel. Training for both groups will be provided.

I have had contact from a good number of Fellows with CGeol and CEng offering help. I would be grateful if they would confirm this to me so that we might start putting together the above mentioned panels.

A number of Fellows have also been in touch expressing an interest in applying for CEng. I would be grateful if these Fellows would reaffirm their interest so that I might look to invite applications for the first tranches of interviews. Any other Fellows interested in gaining CEng should also get in touch.

Professional Competency Register for Operations and Well Site Geoscientists

Plans for this Register are progressing with the Register to be similar to that for Ground Engineering Professionals (RoGEP).. It will have grades of Professional, Senior Professional and Adviser with the Professional Grade to equate with gaining CGeol. Discussions are ongoing with the AAPG to determine if they might co-Sponsor the Register so that their Certified Professionals might also be eligible to join. It will require us to effect an agreement on to apply equally rigorous procedures for assessing competency. If we can do this then it would open the Register to a wider (and hopefully industry wide) audience.

Mentoring Workshops

Two Workshops were held in 2017, one at Burlington House and the other in Manchester. Some 45 Fellows participated and feedback has been universally strongly positive. To date over 80 Fellows have attended this basis training in mentoring.

I have had enquiries from a number of Fellows asking about further workshops in 2018. Interest has been such that I am planning for one early in the New Year (mid January–early February) with an attendance limit of 18. If there is sufficient interest then a further one elsewhere in the country may be arranged later in the year. We now have many companies with Accredited Training Schemes (and more presently applying) where mentoring of trainee is a requirement so we feel that these workshops are a useful service both to Fellows with mentoring responsibilities and companies with schemes. They are also of value to trainees to ensure that they get structured mentoring.

It has been suggested that the many positive responses to these workshops over the last 3 years perhaps points to the opportunity to offer follow-on workshops for those who have had the introductory training and are looking to further develop their skills. The introductory workshops have given participants the five essential skills however there are many more skill sets available to take on as mentors are not only coaches but can also be trainers, advisers, supporters and motivators benefiting not only the mentees but also their employers.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone who thinks that such further workshops might be useful.

CPD requirements

All Chartered Fellows are required to carry out an appropriate programme of CPD and to record these activities. The new CPD scheme is for the requirement to be a minimum of 90 hours per annum for those in full-time employment. There information on the Society's Web site giving guidance on the categories of CPD and the various activities that might be incorporated into a programme and recorded. The scheme is designed to ensure that all understand what they may record and to make it an easier process with better understanding.

Each year Chartered Fellows are required to affirm that they are doing and recording their CPD. The records are to be based on the cycle Plan (aims and objectives for the year) – Act (record what was done) – Reflect (assess what was achieved). A proportion of CGeols will be randomly selected for audit of their CPD each year when they will be asked to provide their records. Those audited whose records are incomplete will be asked to complete them and then they will be audited again the following year.

It is unfortunate that it has taken so long to re-establish the on-line recording system however this should be available again soon in a better and easier format to use.

CHARTERED SCIENTISTS

From 1 January 2018 CSci renewal fee will increase to £45.

Increasingly, commercial organisations employing scientists, higher education institutes and government departments are looking more favourably on scientists who hold a Chartered Scientist designation. This development reflects the work the Science Council is doing to reinforce the importance of scientists and science technicians and the requirement for the organisation to work with your Professional Body to provide a more comprehensive support service to all registrants.

As a thank you for your continued effort in meeting the standards necessary to remain on the Science Council registers the Science Council is offering you a £10 on any order placed with the [shop](#) before 31 December 2017. Use discount code **SCIENCEPROFESSIONAL10**

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