



Welcome to the fourth 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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### Chartership Elections April 2015

The following Fellows have recently been elected to Chartered Status:

#### Newly Elected to CGeol:



Rotimi Amose	David Emmanuel	Francesca Ryan
Rowan Brown	Leanne Hughes	Shawn Sisoni
Sarah Cook	John Leech	Justin van der Toorn
Stephen Corbin	Paul Lusty	Shaun van Kel
Jeremy Coulton	Joseph Martin	
Ron Daniel	Darren Newman	

Howard Ray Ledbetter has been elected via the reciprocity agreement with the AIPG

#### Newly Elected to CSci:



Duncan Scott

We have had 40 applications for the June interviews and of these 10 are from senior geologists with 20+ years' experience. Their experience backgrounds are mainly in the areas of Engineering Geology/Geotechnics/Contaminated Land but there are 5 from the Oil and Gas sector, which is a welcome increase.

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## Distinguished Geologists Memorial Trust (DGMT)

The trust provides two travel bursaries per year of up to £2000 each for early career Fellows (those preparing to apply for Chartership or who have recently been Chartered) for career development. Information on the Trust and information on how to apply is on the Society's web site under Awards and Bursaries.

[Visit the website to apply or for more information](#)  
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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chartership

Starting with the June issue of Geoscientist there will be a series of articles which discuss Chartership in the various sectors of the Fellowship. The first describes the development of Chartership from the days of the Institution of Geologists to the unification with the Geological Society and the development of the Society's role from that of Learned Society to its present one of 'Serving Both the Science and the Profession'.

A professional title on top of an academic one has always been seen as important in those areas of geoscience in which Geoscientists work alongside Chartered Engineers. Because of this the take up of the title has been particularly strong amongst Engineering Geologists, Hydrogeologists and recently those working in the areas of Contaminated Land/Environmental Geology. Geologists from the Mineral Exploration/Mining sector are now becoming Chartered in increasing numbers in order to satisfy the requirements of the various Reporting Standards (PERC, JORC, SAMROC, NI 43-101). Similarly in the Oil and Gas sector interest appears to be picking up as evidenced by the Accreditation of Training Schemes from RPS Energy and ERC Equipoise along with the Accreditation of MSc Degrees in this area at the Universities of Manchester, Heriot Watt, Imperial and Derby.

It is hoped that this interest in the title will develop into a system whereby the majority, if not all, practicing professional geoscientists will hold and value their Chartered status just as it is valued in other professions.

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## Accredited MSc

The MSc in Applied Environmental Geology at Cardiff University is the latest MSc to be Accredited by the Society. It is a welcome addition to the list of Accredited vocational MSc degrees at Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester, Portsmouth, Imperial, Heriot Watt and Derby.

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## Careers' Days

There are two planned for 2015. One at BGS Keyworth (18 November) and the other in Edinburgh (25 November). Each year there has been a considerable turn out of students attending these events which include careers talks and companies advertising careers in their sector.

The Society is looking for companies to take up stalls at these events or to sponsor various parts. Please contact the Fellowship Officer for information and offers of support. The Universities advertise their vocational MSc courses at these events and it is hoped that with the new scheme for allowing student loans for fees for such courses there will be an increased take up of places. What is particularly encouraging in this sector is the development of the new MSc degrees in Micropalaeontology (Birmingham), Organic Geochemistry (Newcastle) and Applied Geomorphology (Sussex).

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## Scrutineers' Training Days

Two are presently scheduled, one in Burlington House on 17 April, and the other in Nottingham on 23 April. Over 40 Scrutineers have signed up for each event and outcomes of discussions will be in the next Newsletter.

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