



Welcome to the fifth 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 & Chartered Scientists

The following Fellows were elected to Chartered Status in June:



Newly Elected to CGeol:

James Allen	Stephen Morgan	James Dyke
Paul Hollnghurst	Obinna Chudi	John Simmons
Jonathan Bailey	Joshua Morland	Joseph English
Alex Lee	Huw Clarke	Gary Tang
Jonathan Ball	Thiruchelven Navaneethan	Ian Evetts
Robert Lyall	Andrew Davie	Matthew Thompson
Adam Branson	John O'Sullivan	Alexander Gallagher
Aruna Mannie	George Dounis	Lisa Thompson
Adam Cadman	David Rosenberg	Clive Gerring
Laurie Marshall	Jonathan Durnell	Natalie Williams
Fergus Cheng	Duncan Scott	

Christopher Bonson has been elected as CGeol via the reciprocity agreement with the IGI.

Newly Elected to CSci:



Paul Ryman

Alex Lee

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Changes to assessment procedures

The preliminary assessment of the documentary part of the Applications by Scrutineers is to be emphasised. If the Scrutineers decide that the Application is incomplete or overlong, the Supporting Documents unfocused or otherwise not sufficiently strong to merit going forward to interview then it will be returned to the Applicant for strengthening and the interview postponed. Delay of some applications will allow those going forward to interview to have the maximum chance of success and thus the number of deferrals should reduce significantly. It is also beneficial to the applicants as an added fee will not be required on resubmission.

In order to facilitate this we are revising the Pre-Interview report forms. One will be a single page for Scrutineers to indicate whether or not, in light of their preliminary review, an interview is justified. A second Pre-Interview form will be provided for Scrutineers to record their assessment of the documentary part of the Application. This form can then be used in Interview as an aide memoire of points to be raised. It will then be submitted along with the Joint Post Interview report. The Post-Interview form will be shortened to take account of the information produced earlier. In this way we will have a complete audit trail for each application.

The overall procedure for dealing with Applications is as follows;

1. On receipt the Application is checked for completeness and then uploaded ready to send to Scrutineers. At this time Scrutineers will be contacted and the interview timetable set. Once this is complete the documentation will be sent to Scrutineers. All of this should be completed within 4 weeks of the Submission deadline.

2. Scrutineers will be asked to do a preliminary review of the documentation and decide whether or not an Interview is merited. They will then send in the Pre-Interview preliminary assessment form within 2 weeks to indicate 'Agreement to Interview'. Should they request that the Applicants submit further information prior to making this decision then obviously the date will be extended for sending the form.

3. Once the agreements to Interview forms have been received then the Applicants will be told if the interview will go ahead and they can then make final travel arrangements etc. Any Applications sent back will be accompanied by advice on how the Application might be strengthened in order that a further Application will have a good chance of success. This should leave at least 4 (and probably 5) weeks free until the interview date.

4. The 2016 schedule of deadlines and Interview dates will be put on the web pages shortly.

Overall it is hoped that this system will decrease the actual reporting load on Scrutineers.

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Chartered Scientist Competency Criteria

The Science Council has issued a rewritten set of criteria for CSci Applicants.

The requirements are not changed and the Council believes that these make it easier to understand what is required!

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Accreditation of Training Courses

The Society presently endorses courses offered by individuals and organisations for CPD. However there are providers who have courses that are more direct training and as such could readily be fitted into an Accredited Company Training Scheme. We have had enquiries about the possibility of such courses being assessed and then Accredited as opposed to being endorsed.

In order to facilitate this Professional Accreditation Committee is being set up, consisting of a Chairman, the Chartership Officer and a Panel of experienced assessors to look after the assessment of these courses as well as Company Training Schemes. When applications are received for Company Training Scheme or for Course Accreditation then a group of 3 assessors will be appointed from the Panel and their recommendations reported to the Professional Committee.

Nautilus submitted for Accreditation their courses in:

Geophysical and Seismic Interpretation; Structures and Tectonics; Clastics; Carbonates; Reservoir Development; Petrophysics; Exploration Tools; Professional Skills; Unconventional Reservoirs.

These have now been reviewed and are recommended for Accreditation.

Stag Geological have now submitted 4 of their courses for Accreditation and these are now out for review.

We expect that more submissions will be made shortly from other companies..

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Accredited Company Training Schemes

Schemes from **Listers** and **Green Cat Renewables** have been reviewed and they are recommended for Accreditation once various minor amendments have been made. An application from **Atkins** for Accreditation of their Training Scheme for Hydrogeologists has been reviewed and will also be Accredited

Interest in Accreditation continues to grow and at least two more schemes are expected to be submitted over the summer.

We are in process of producing a list of those Fellows who are on an Accredited Company Training Scheme. This will list them by name, company and position on the scheme. In this way we will be able to link with the companies to help with the decisions on readiness to apply. Also being produced is a certificate for each Fellow on these schemes that recognises that they are en route to Chartership.

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Geologist's Log Book

The recording of the development of skills and competencies along with learning appears to cause problems for some applicants in that they tend to start collecting these dates only when they are preparing their Application for Chartership. In the past the Society had a Geologist's

Log Book (inherited from IG) whereby a record of experience, learning etc. could be recorded and signatures collected on career development. In this way a full record of a career might be developed.

We have found an electronic copy of this Log Book and I would be grateful for those who remember it, or still use it, to let me know if they think that we should revive it. It is unlikely that it would be produced in hard copy but a version could be made available electronically on the web which could be downloaded and used in a ring binder or we might be able to produce a version to be used on smart phones and tablets. I await comments (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk).

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25th Anniversary of Chartership

To mark this anniversary the Society is holding a meeting in Burlington House on 28 September.

The programme will consist of the following talks with a wine reception and lunch:

John Mather - The Birth of Professionalism within the Geological Society;
Paul Younger - Just Fossils? The Role for Geoscientists in a low carbon economy;
Peter Styles - What the frack is all the fuss about?

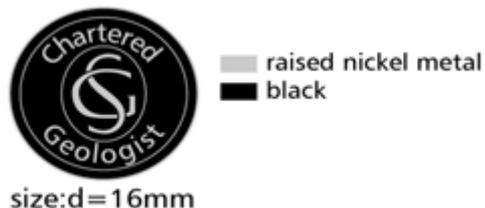
Anyone wishing to attend should contact Sarah Woodcock - sarah.woodcock@geolsoc.org.uk

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Chartered Geologist Lapel Pin

The Society has produced a design for a lapel pin as shown below:



This will be available for all CGeols when produced and decisions made on how we might distribute it. Discussions with the Science Council are on-going with regards to a CSci pin.



Lost CGeols

We have lost touch with the following list of CGeols. This may be due to their moving or changing jobs and their contact details getting lost. They may of course have decided that they no longer wish to maintain CGeol through retirement etc and have resigned by default.

David Cunningham Airlie
Roger Martin
Simon Edwin

Robin Lance French
Christopher James Barbour
Mary Margaret Scott

George Spinner
Christopher Andrew Jeffrey
David Nigel Whittles
Howard Charles Clough
John Kenneth Davidson
Robin William Sanderson
Jason Zachary
John Bastin
William John Charter
Nicholas Gamble
Corrine Helen Eatwell

Peter Eaton
Margaret McBride
Jolene Turner
Charlotte Sophie Matheson Collins
Stuart Gavin Wilson
Amy Jane Hyland
Jenny Rush
Mandefro Belayneh
Richard James Hey
Duncan McIlroy

If you know anyone on the list please contact them, or let me have their contact details so that those who do not want to be lost can be found!!

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