



Welcome to the eighth 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 (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk).

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Newly elected Chartered Geologists

CGeols elected February 2016:



Jane Louise Allum	Tim Herrett	Michael Andrew Martin
Nigel Brian Austin	James Edward Haughton	Michael McCaughey
Stephen Bishop	Katherine Pamela Iles	Peter Joseph O'Hara
Robert Michael Clucas	Kevin Paul Isaac	Madeline Rock
Richard Alastair Gallagher	Alexander Howard Jones	Ming Lai Minly So
David Robert Gladwell	Stephanie Jane Kape	Nancy Stone
Philippa Kristiane Halton	Rachel Kieft	Philip Kam Kuen Wu
John Allan Harrison		

CScis elected February 2016



Helen Julia Beeden

Gunnar Arnim Hadrian Link

Nine of the above CGeols were applicants with 20+ years' experience. Since its introduction in 2013 there have been 97 CGeols elected via the 20+ years' experience route. In 2013 there were 21, in 2014 there were 30 and 30 again in 2015. In 2016 to date there have been 16.

Breakdown of areas of expertise for these applicants is:

37 Oil and Gas; 22 Engineering/Geotech; 11 Mineral Exploration; 9 Academia; 9 Hydrogeology; 5 Environmental/Contaminated Land; 2 Micropalaeontology; 1 Geophysics; 1 Geological Information.

The increase in the number of applications from the Oil and Gas sector is very encouraging as is that from the Minerals sector.

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New system for assessment

The new ASS forms are meeting with approval and the pre-Interview contact with Applicants to gain more information or to postpone until the application is strengthened appears to be helpful to all. The ASS2 form contains much information for use at the Interview as well as helping in shortening the amount of information needed on the post interview form (ASS3) hence allowing more time for providing advice to the Applicants and an explanation of the recommendation made.

Defer recommendations and Scrutineers' comments will now be communicated to Applicants at the same time as Accept letters are sent. This will allow those recommended for deferral to start acting on the Scrutineers' advice and comments prior to the final recommendation when the reviewers' reports are received.

A further aspect of the new system is the emphasis placed on Sponsors to ensure that they assess the Application and only recommend the Applicant to submit it if they are convinced that he or she is 'ready' for Chartership.

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Scrutineers' Training Day and Mentoring training

A Training Course for [Mentors](#) has been organised for 11 April in Burlington House. This will be given by John and Trudy Arthurs. They have previously run a successful trial event in Belfast for the [Northern Ireland Group](#) and this new one hopefully is the beginning of the Society emphasising the importance of Mentors for early career geologists and providing support. Participation on the Course will be restricted to 20 participants and it is hoped that a representative from companies that have [Accredited Training Programmes](#) might attend. Because of the restriction on numbers places on the Course will be on a 'first come first served' basis.

A [Scrutineers](#) Training session has been arranged for 1 July in Manchester. The first part of the day will be for Scrutineers and will be followed by a mentoring training session which will follow the same format as the 11 April session, with the same people giving it. Fellows may elect to go for either or both Scrutineering and Mentoring Sessions. Numbers for the Mentoring part will be restricted to 20 and be on a 'first come first served' basis.

Hopefully these sessions will be the start of our being able to offer Mentoring training in various parts of the country, and in the future they may be made available to both Mentors and Mentees.

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CPD Recording

Please remember that if you are not recording your CPD online (difficult at the moment and as yet I do not know how long it will be down) then you need to send in a return either of your records or an assertion that you are following an appropriate programme of CPD. This is a requirement for CGeols. The Fellowship Office will be selecting a proportion of records for Audit so it is important that you have these records to hand.

The Chartership Committee (with the support of the Professional Committee) instituted a root and branch assessment of the present points based system. The Assessment Panel, chaired by John Talbot, has now reported and has recommended a new system that hopefully will be more user friendly and it is hoped that it will be up and running in the early summer. With this system will be the opportunity for Fellows should they so wish to expand it into their own Professional Portfolio where they could record (securely) all of their experience and work records. Such a Portfolio could be used by all members of the Society from Candidate Fellows, Fellows and Chartered Fellows and would take the place of the Geologists' Diary.

The new recording system will use hours of CPD rather than points and would emphasise focused programmes of CPD based on the Plan-Act-Reflect cycle.

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Reciprocity with overseas Professional Organisations

At present we have reciprocity agreements with the [Institute of Geologists of Ireland \(IGI\)](#), the [American Institute of Professional Geologists \(AIPG\)](#) and the [American Association of Petroleum Geologists \(AAPG\)](#).

Contact with [Geoscience Canada](#) and various Provincial Professional Associations is being followed up and hopefully we might make contact with similar associations in other countries.

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RoGEP

Successful CGeol applicants with particular interests are qualified to join the [Register of Ground Engineering Professionals](#) at the Professional Grade. All that this requires is for an application to be sent to RoGEP who then contact the Society for details of the applicant's Chartered status and then they are entered onto the Register.

I have noted that there have been a number of successful CGeol applicants whose experience and competencies make them eligible for one of the [higher grades on RoGEP \(Specialist and Adviser\)](#). Anyone with these competencies should apply for the appropriate grade rather than just the lowest one. Such an application requires a more detailed review and is not automatically accepted.

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