

“**GEOSCIENTIST** AIMS TO BE A RESOURCE FOR GEOSCIENTISTS IN ALL FIELDS AND AT ALL STAGES OF THEIR CAREER

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

## Assemblies and occupations

**F**ellows turn to *Geoscientist* not only for the interesting science, but also to learn about broader developments across fields, and events within and beyond the confines of the Geological Society. To reflect this demand, we're trialling two new content types: *Meeting Report* and *Careers*.

Conferences and meetings are an essential part of a life as a geoscientist. They provide unparalleled networking opportunities and access to the most exciting advances and directions within a field.

But life is busy. We barely have time to keep up with developments in our own areas of expertise, let alone anyone else's. Throughout the year, numerous meetings are held across the globe that we'd like to attend, but lack of time and funds are prohibitive. *Meeting Report* aims to help. Written by a meeting attendee, these reports provide a concise summary of some of the most interesting outcomes of a meeting, as well as some thought-provoking opinion on the topics discussed and future directions for the field.

In our first *Meeting Report*, Mark Steeves discusses a recent City of London Geoscience Forum on the sticky topic of 'Ethical investment in the extractive industries'. The discussions highlight that to raise the living standards of the world's population, it could be considered unethical *not* to invest in the

natural resources sector. Conversely, investors have to be more aware of the potentially severe environmental and social consequences of extraction and must share responsibility in this regard.

*Meeting Report* aims to provide a global perspective. We will consider reports on any relevant Earth science meeting globally, covering pure or applied geoscience—whether run by the Geological Society or not.

The second new section, *Careers*, offers a forum for geoscientists to share their professional experiences and advice with, for example, students, early career professionals, those going through chartership or acting as sponsors. Our Fellowship is a valuable source of knowledge—by sharing advice in the careers section, Fellows can help smooth the path for early career geoscientists following in their footsteps.

We kick off *Careers* with a 3-partner on advice for PhD students. Melanie Leng and Anson Mackay have supervised over a hundred students and have compiled advice on the entire PhD process and beyond. In this issue, they provide essential tips on how to pick a project and supervisor, how to manage the student-supervisor relationship, and the importance of work-life balance. Look out for tips on data management, writing and the transition to post-PhD life in the next issue of *Geoscientist*.

