



Welcome to the second issue of the Geological Society's **Chartered Fellows' Newsletter**.

Published 5 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

Elections to Chartered status following the November interviews produced some 22 new CGeols, one of whom was elected through the reciprocity agreement with the AIPG, and 3 new CScis.



### Newly Elected to CGeol:

Julian Aldridge	Aleksandra Clark	Laurence Miles
Simon Auvergne	David Craig	Clive Mitchell
Allan Bell	Anna Goodwin	Egemen Oguz
Steven Best	David Hope	Elsbeth Urquhart
Simon Bottoms	Matthew Logan	Natasha Wilkinson
Richard Brandsma	Iain Mackenzie	Gerald Kirkpatrick
David Brock	Dary Marshall	(reciprocity with AAPG)
Chloe Chan	Donald McPhie	

### Newly Elected to CSci:



Graeme Duff	Kerry Murray	Kevin Shepherd
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## Chartership Anniversary

2015 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society awarding Charterships, when it changed from being solely a Learned Society to one Serving the Science and the Profession. Hopefully we might mark this milestone in some way.

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## Web Pages

The new web pages for Chartership and Professional appear to be meeting with approval as they give clearer advice for Applicants, Scrutineers and Sponsors.

On the website there is the [Fellowship Directory](#), a register of the Fellowship and there are also [Professional Registers](#) for Chartered Fellows. It has come to my attention that they may be incomplete with the names of some Fellows missing from them. This may be because those Fellows have opted not to have their names and details published or because they have been missed in error.

Please check to see if your name is present and correctly listed in the Fellowship Directory and Professional Registers. If you have not asked to be left off the Fellowship Directory you can edit your visibility status by logging into MyGSL and editing your Fellowship details and then scrolling down to the Fellowship directory section. To include your name in the Professional Registers please email [webteam@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:webteam@geolsoc.org.uk). If there is a problem then please contact me ([Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk)) and I will take steps to remedy matters.

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## Company Training Schemes

The number of Accredited Training Schemes continues to increase. There are now 11 companies presently participating (CEDD HK; Arup; Gammon Construction HK; Jacobs China; Atkins; URS; RSK; RPS Energy; Card Geotechnical; CH2MHill; Fugro Group HK).

WSP will shortly be added to this list. In addition we have had statements of intent to submit applications from 4 other companies (GRM; BAM Ritchie; ERCE; Listers) and interest has been expressed by several more.

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## Chartership Officer Visits

I have arranged to visit several companies to give a presentation on Chartership and Training Schemes. Any company with early career geologists looking to apply for Chartership and who wish to have such a visit should contact the Chartership Officer ([Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk)).

The Regional Groups continue to promote Chartership amongst their members and I have some 6 visits in the diary over the next few months.

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## Scrutineers' Training Days

We have previously had one of these each year at Burlington House and have had a good response. Now is the time for us to plan for 2015.

It is always difficult and expensive for many to get to Burlington House consequently we are considering having one or more others in different venues. Would a Training Day (or half day) in Birmingham or Manchester be likely to attract attendance of Scrutineers and those who might consider becoming a Scrutineer? I would be grateful for you to let me know if this would be of interest. Should there be sufficient interest I will look to set up one or more in centres where the interest is greatest. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

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## European Federation of Geologists Recent Conference

The European Federation of Geologists (EFG) and the Pan-European Reserves & Resources Reporting Committee (PERC) were glad to co-organise the international conference “**MIN WIN-WIN: Establishing Europe-wide minerals reporting standards - the key to reducing risk and increasing opportunity**” from 20 to 21 November 2014 in Brussels. This two-day event was held at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, a privileged venue located in immediate proximity of the European Parliament, and was supported by a broad range of organisations active in the field of minerals and mining.

The continuing rise in global population and living standards, as well as technological innovation, is leading to increasing requirements for a broader range of metals, minerals and other raw materials. EU manufacturing and improved positioning of EU enterprises in the global value chain is currently dependent, to great extent, on imports of mineral raw materials from outside Europe. This dependency is associated with the contraction of primary mining activity in the EU over several decades, driven by lower production costs outside the EU and pressures to protect the natural environment within the EU.

Increasingly, EU supply chains for raw materials are adversely affected by growing demand pressure from emerging economies and by an increasing number of restrictive national policy measures that impact the normal operation of supply chains. This dependence on supplies that are largely beyond EU control threatens the security of raw materials supply, but also highlights opportunities for expanding primary extraction and recycling within the EU, in line with sustainable development objectives. In this context, the European Commission launched the European Raw Materials Initiative (RMI) in 2008 in order to stabilize long-term commodity prices by removing market distortions, to provide alternative approaches to meet demand, and to support the transition to a low carbon and resource-efficient economy.



## Aims

In this context, the conference's main aim was to **promote the adoption of a common reporting standard in the EU** to be used both by the industry and by governments and European Community entities. Such an approach is intended to contribute to the convergence of terminology and the comparability/compatibility of data, thus facilitating the creation of a solid European Knowledge Database on mineral resources and to the successful delivery of the Raw Materials Initiative.



Providing the audience with a unique opportunity to learn about and discuss concrete steps regarding mineral reporting in a cross-disciplinary environment, the conference was attended by more than 100 participants including EU policy makers, national government officials, academics, minerals company executives, consultants, finance and industry experts. The organisers were particularly pleased with the presence of several **keynote speakers from the European Institutions, the World Bank and leading geosciences organisations.**

## Sessions

During the first session that familiarised the audience with the framework of current EU policy on Raw Materials, **Reinhard Bütikofer**, Member of the European Parliament and representative of the German Green party (die Grünen) underlined the crucial necessity for Europe to develop a common Raw Materials Policy, required, as he explained, by a decisive shift that has taken place over the past years in the balance of global economic power linked with the emergence of several new players such as China, Brazil and India. In the context of recent changes in global consumption and life style patterns that are reflected in intensification of international competition, a reliable supply of raw materials is becoming critical for Europe. Mr. Bütikofer therefore called upon the strengthening of cooperation at European level in the field of trade, domestic mining and technology efficiency; the innovation sector being particularly significant for the success of this approach. Bütikofer furthermore emphasized that Europe must be more ambitious in this field and that the input of geoscientists towards the European Parliament is most welcome in this matter.

In the second session that presented different information sources used for reporting across the EU, major industry representatives highlighted the importance of making quality data available for reporting purposes and clarified why the PERC standard - as the European member of the CRIRSCO reporting standards family - is so useful for the development of a common language for reporting in Europe.



On Friday morning the third session, dedicated to Dan Germiquet, former senior geologist of IMERYS and major representative of PERC deceased in 2013 in the Paris train crash, emphasized the existing discrepancies between national economic policies and governance structures in Europe and the opportunities offered by a common EU minerals knowledge database.

## Conclusions

The main conclusions that can be drawn from the following sessions were summarised by **Deborah McCombe** during a panel discussion at the end of day two. Deborah McCombe, President, CEO and principal geologist at Roscoe Postle Associates Inc., and past Chair of CRIRSCO, highlighted in her concluding words the decisive role played by professional geoscientists. The main function of geoscientists as Competent Persons - with the relevant experience to give accurate estimates of resources and reserves, and the authority to approve market-sensitive reports - is thus to be useful, not only to investors and regulators, but principally to society. McCombe also stressed the need to avoid a language of conflict in discussions with regulators and investors, and to improve communication in general, and she emphasised that listening to the concerns of other interested parties is key to this role. She furthermore underlined the importance of disciplinary procedures: disqualifying or sanctioning any professionals who fail to meet the high standards required. She described the Canadian system in which the development of peer review processes within the geoscientists' community allowed improvement in the quality of reporting.

The organisers and keynote speakers concurred that the broad recognition of the European PERC standard that is based on the international template provided by CRIRSCO, together with the improvement of communication between investors, regulators and industry, and the systematic involvement of Competent Persons for reporting, are crucial for winning the confidence of public institutions and society. Only a pan-European approach fully compatible with the international reporting template (CRIRSCO) and the United Nations Classification Framework (UNFC) may help European states in facing the challenges arising from globalisation and increasing raw materials scarcity. In this context, the European Federation of Geologists can play a major role by providing accreditation for qualified persons within its 24 member states.

### About EFG:

The European Federation of Geologists is a non-governmental organisation that was established in 1981 and includes today 24 national association members. EFG is a professional organisation whose main aims are to contribute to a safer and more sustainable use of the natural environment, to protect and inform the public and to promote a more responsible exploitation of natural resources. EFG's members are National Associations whose principal objectives are based in similar aims. The guidelines to achieve these aims are the promotion of excellence in the application of geology and the creation of public awareness of the importance of geoscience for the society. [www.eurogeologists.eu](http://www.eurogeologists.eu)



### About PERC:

PERC is the organisation responsible for setting standards for public reporting of exploration results, mineral resources, and mineral reserves by companies listed on markets in Europe. It is a member of CRIRSCO, the Committee For Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards, and the PERC Reporting Standard is fully aligned with the CRIRSCO Reporting Template. [www.PERCstandard.eu](http://www.PERCstandard.eu)



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