



Welcome to the seventh 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 November 2015:

Andrew Prewieslik Allen	Christopher Coleman	Michael Oluku
Rory Bates	Marcus Dorey	Barnaby Philps
Sumon Battacharyya	Kathryn Ellis	Nicholas Pierpoint
Clare Bay	Katherine Evans	Ceylan Polat
Natalaya Beckmasheva	Mark Fox	David Rushton
Alex Bond	Martin Geach	Christopher Smith
Christopher Brook	Roger Heath	Diane Steele
Thomas Bush	Peter Hewitt	Jennifer Symons
Laura Bussey	Mark Houchen	Ryan Temple
Jason Canning	Oliver Mills	Benjamin Thompson
John Cole	Brian Mitchener	Leon Warrington



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Alex Bond	Stephen Owen	Jennifer Symons
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Of the above 9 are Fellows with 20+ years' experience and 8 of these are from the Oil and Gas sector (7 from BG Group alone).

Interest in gaining a professional title appears to be growing in the Oil and Gas sector with the BG Group and RPS Energy leading the way. RPS Energy and ERC Equipoise have Accredited Training Schemes and Nautilus has had all of its geological training courses Accredited. Stag Geological has had its Wellsite Geology course Accredited and they have 3 other courses in the pipeline for review.

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The Society's website

All of the new application procedures and forms are now up on the website. Applications with interviews from January 2016 onwards will follow these procedures.

Please note the following:

- We ask Scrutineers to decide on whether an Application is strong enough to go forward for Interview (by submitting their Agreement to interview forms ASS1) within 2 weeks of receiving the Application documentation.
- Incomplete Applications due to late submission of Sponsor statements causes delays in the process. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their Sponsors submit their supporting statements by the deadline. However, Sponsors should also look to be timely with their reporting as Applicants tend to become anxious if they have not been told that their Interview will go ahead by the time expected.

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Accreditation of Training Schemes and Courses

Here again interest is growing, and we have had an application from Ruddlesden Geotechnical for Accreditation of their Scheme. At least two other applications are expected early in the New Year. As mentioned previously Stag Geological has 3 Courses in the pipeline for Accreditation.

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Scrutineers and Mentors

Scrutineering continues to require more people so it does not become too onerous for the present group. The Society can have difficulties in matching Scrutineers with Applicants in the geographic locations where we conduct the Interviews. Generally Burlington House is the main focus for Interviews with Birmingham and Manchester next. Outside of these three locations we will go to Cardiff and Glasgow once a year and will arrange other venues if the numbers of Applicants are sufficient to justify it. We have a considerable number of Scrutineers on the list outside of these areas who have not been called upon either because of travel time and costs or whose expertise is not common amongst Applicants.

I would be grateful if any Scrutineer who has not been invited to act recently would contact me (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk) so that I might check that they have not been missed off the lists and also so that I might be able to explain why they have not been used.

Overseas applications continue to come in mainly from Hong Kong though there have been a number recently from Australia. I am keen to bolster the lists of overseas Scrutineers as you never know when an application will arrive from another part of the world where we have a Fellow looking for Chartership. Chartered Fellows in New Zealand, Australia, USA, South Africa and Canada are invited to contact me (Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk) if they are willing to help with Scrutineering.

We also have a need for people to offer to act as a Mentor for Applicants who perhaps do not have other Chartered Fellows working with them. The Society maintains a list of such people so that when we have a request for help they can be contacted. John Arthurs has recently held a training session for mentors in Northern Ireland which was well attended and we hope to be able to provide such training for Mentors in the other regions perhaps linked with the Scrutineers' Training Days.

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The CPD reporting system

A number of people have been in touch with regard to the website system for CPD reporting being down. This is anticipated to be operational again soon.

A panel from the Chartership Committee, chaired by John Talbot, is conducting an assessment of our existing system and will be presenting their recommendation for a new system early in the New Year. It is likely that this will go away from the present points system and look for Fellows to show appropriate CPD undertaken using the Plan (aims and objectives) - Act (record what was done) - Reflect (achievement and future plans) cycle.

The Development and reintroduction of the Geologist's log book is on hold until the CPD system is agreed so that there will be no conflict or need for double recording.

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Merry Christmas!

The next Newsletter will follow the interviews in January. I invite anyone to send in views or information of interest to Chartered Fellows for this next and future Newsletters.

Merry Christmas and all Good Wishes for the New Year (oil and commodity prices to rise and a boom in employment for professional geoscientists!!).

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