



Welcome to the eleventh 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

### Elections to CGeol



John Agnew  
Michael Akpokodje  
Joanna Alexander  
Gavin Berkenheger  
Samuel Bogue  
Hamish Campbell  
Flavia Cappelletti  
Kirsty Dawkes  
Peter Elson  
Leon Erriah  
Geoffrey Faro  
Douglas Fenwick  
Simon Firth  
Timothy Hull

Philippa Hunsworth  
Matthew Jameson  
Geraint Lloyd  
Hamish McIntyre  
Michael MacDonald  
Katie McInnes  
Graeme McKendry  
Peter Molyneaux  
Callum Murdoch  
Amy Nettlehip  
Kate Norman  
Michael Osborne  
Niall Sayers  
Rolf Schindler

Jonathan Shaw  
Neil Simons  
Benedikt Steiner  
Matthew Sullivan  
Jesse Tan  
Joanna Thomson  
Susan Thomson  
Colin Turnbull  
Kin Ming Wai  
Raymond Watson  
Francis Williams  
Benjamin Winch

Of the above (40 in total) 8 were elected via the [20+ years' experience route](#). This makes a total of 109 by this route in 2013.

## Elections to CSci



John Midgley

## Elections to EurGeol



Philippa Halton

James Lawrence

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## New Accredited Training Courses

[Stag Geological](#) now have 4 courses accredited:

- Introduction to Well Site Operations
- Introduction to Drilling and Well Site Geology
- Basic Log Interpretation
- Formation Pressure Evaluation

[HRH Geological](#) have submitted one course (Formation Pressure Evaluation) and this is being reviewed

[Tim Herrett Ltd](#) is to apply for Accreditation for a number of courses that he gives on Operations Geology



## New Endorsed Courses

The following courses have recently been endorsed.

[Portsmouth University School of Earth and Environmental Sciences](#):

- Practical Laboratory Rock Mechanics Testing for Civil and Ground Engineering

[Equipe Training Ltd](#):

- Rotary Drilling Applications
- Rotary Drilling Awareness for Engineers
- Soil Description Workshop
- Rock Description Workshop
- Specifying Site Investigation
- Field Instrumentation and Monitoring
- In Situ Testing

- Geotechnical Lab testing Awareness
- Geotechnical Foundation Design
- IOSH Working Safely (on Geotechnical Sites)
- IOSH Safe supervision of Geotechnical Sites
- IOSH Avoiding Danger for Underground Services

[Annette McGrath, York University:](#)

- Series of courses in UK geology for amateur geologists

[Find out more about endorsed courses](#)



## Accreditation of Company Training Schemes

No new Company Training Schemes have been received this time.

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## Distinguished Geologists Memorial Trust (DGMT) Awards

The DGMT provides up to two travel bursaries each year for early career geoscientists who are either in preparation for Chartership or who have recently become Chartered.

Two applications were received and funded this year:

- Daniel Drummond of RSK to attend the 22nd European Meeting of Environmental and Engineering Geophysics in Barcelona
- Sarah Caven to attend the conference in London on Sustainable Development and Capacity Building in the Mineral Resource Industry

[Find out more about the Distinguished Geologists' Memorial Trust](#)  
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## Degree Accreditation

The Newcastle University Engineering Geology MSc has been reaccredited.

The University of Birmingham have a new accredited BSc and MSci in Palaeobiology and Palaeoenvironments, and their BScs / MScs in Geology, Environmental Geology, and Geology with Physical Geography have been reaccredited.

Universities of Aberystwyth and South Wales are preparing applications for Accreditation of their Geoscience courses.

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## Possible Register for Oil and Gas Geoscience Professionals

Discussions are in hand to see if a Register for Petroleum Geoscience Professionals can be developed, modelled on RoGEP, with 3 grades (Professional - Specialist - Adviser).

Professional is the entry grade, and would be achieved on attainment of CGeol. The other grades would require a further application against criteria set by a panel of senior, highly experienced Petroleum Geoscientists.

At present the main interest in this is coming from those in the area of Operations Geology though other areas in the petroleum geoscience sector could readily be included if interest is there.

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## Application Procedures

There is still a problem with applications not being complete when submitted. This is largely due to the late submission of Sponsor's reports. This has knock on effects for Scrutineers and causes much additional admin work and inconvenience for Scrutineers.

From now on Applications will be checked for completeness and if anything is missing then the Applicant will be informed that the missing item(s) must be received by a date (approximately 2 weeks after the submission deadline) or the interview will be postponed until the next interview session (i.e. a delay of 2-3 months).

Scrutineers are asked to confirm that the interview should go ahead (i.e. they believe that the application is strong enough to go forward to interview) by a date 3/4 weeks before the interview. Applicants will then get confirmation that their interview will take place.

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## September Chartership Interviews

This is another big group with 44 application submitted. 10 are from senior geologists applying via the 20+ years' experience route and there are 6 from Hong Kong.

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## Mentoring Course and Scrutineers' Training

These were held on July 1st in Manchester with some 22 attendees, most of whom attended both sessions.

The session for Scrutineers focused on how the process works and the recent changes in the reporting forms. The main points for discussion were associated with how to deal with unfocused or overlong supporting documents or unsupportive Sponsor reports, how to decide on postponement of interviews, and pairing of Scrutineers for interviews.

The Mentoring event was hugely successful, with very positive feedback and participants leaving with a fresh approach to the whole mentoring process. It is hoped that the Society might be able to arrange a mentoring session annually. I hope to produce more details on this day in a later newsletter when we have digested the information gained.

Find out more about [Mentoring](#) and [Scrutineers](#)  
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## New jobs platform: Geoscience Jobs

The Society recently launched a new jobs platform, in partnership with Century One Publishing.

Whether you're recruiting for a vacancy or searching for a new role in industry or academia, [Geoscience Jobs](#) features enhanced search functionality and mobile-friendly interfaces, with real-time email alerts on the latest opportunities.

Academic institutions have access to free listings in certain categories, and Corporate Affiliates of the Geological Society benefit from a special introductory rate.

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