



Welcome to the thirteenth 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

Following the interviews in November there were 36 Fellows elected to Chartered Geologist and 2 to Chartered Scientist. 12 applications were from experienced geologists via the 20+ years' experience route. This brings the number who have followed this route to 130.

It was particularly pleasing to get four applications from ENI, the Italian National Oil Company. These applicants were senior geoscientists in the company who will now be Sponsors for many more applications from this company.

### Elections to CGeol



Peter Llanes Agudelo  
Gianluca Badalini  
Danilo Bettosi  
Sharyn Buunk  
Kate Bridges  
Neil Carruthers  
Matthew Chamberlain  
Arthur Cheung  
Stefano Colombo  
Andrea Cozzi  
Jonathan Craig  
Gareth Dewey

David Dyson  
Alana Finlayson  
Brendon Ford  
Neil Frewin  
Simon Gibbons  
Robert Goddard  
Eleanor Grant  
Tim Hyett  
Michael Jones  
Gareth Lewis  
Kay Lidgard  
Peter Lowry

Lynne Llewellyn  
Joanna Lucas  
Lorenzo Meciani  
Kathryn Nation  
Chinyere Nwokidu  
Olabode Olatoke  
Samantha Seddon  
Gemma Sherwood  
Michael Smart  
Jonathan Thompson  
Philip Thompson  
Andrew Tyler  
Thomas Womack

Gareth Barns

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## Accreditation of Training Schemes & Courses

The training scheme for [Jacobs](#) UK has been accredited following the lead of Jacobs (China) in Hong Kong.

Five training courses in the Oil and gas sector provided by [Tim Herrett Ltd](#) have also been accredited. These courses are:

- Wellsite and Operations Activities - Basic level
- Basic Wellsite and Operations Geology
- Advanced Wellsite and Operations Geology
- Formation Pressure Evaluation
- HTHP for Operational Geoscientists

Interest has been expressed by several other companies for accreditation of their training schemes and also for courses. We await receipt of applications in the New Year.

The completion of an accredited company training scheme allows eligibility for an application for Chartership after 4 years' relevant experience. This is of course subject to the applicant being assessed as 'ready' for Chartership by their Sponsors. One such application has been received for an interview in January.

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## New CPD Scheme

The renewed and redesigned CPD scheme has been accepted by Council and will in place to be used from early 2017. The on-line recording system will be operational again later in the year.

The scheme is based on a requirement for a minimum of 90 unweighted hours replacing the old points-based system. The Chartership Committee is arranging for someone to visit each Regional Group to give a presentation on this new system early in the New Year. An article explaining the system will also be in the February issue of Geoscientist and the presentation will be provided on the Society's web site. We will send out another e-mail to all Chartered Geologists and Scientists early next year when the system is operational.

The Committee believes that this new CPD system will be attractive to Fellows not only because it will be simple to use but also because it will provide the opportunity for developing a Professional Portfolio.

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## Mentoring courses

The success of the two half-day courses in 2016 has encouraged us to look to offer a full-day course in 2017. It is likely that this will run in April/May at a date yet to be decided. It will be in either London, Manchester or Birmingham, depending on the geographic distribution of the numbers registering. A minimum number of 20 participants will be needed to ensure that the course will run. Should we get a large uptake then a second course may be arranged.

The course is designed to help those who have mentoring responsibilities for the professional development of trainees in their company. It is not aimed solely at preparation for CGeol but for professional development mentoring generally, hence participation is open to geoscientists and others.

There will be a course fee of £200 for Fellows of the Society and £250 for non-Fellows. I will be writing to contacts in companies with accredited training schemes (along with others who I think might be interested) asking for declarations of interest.

Fellows reading this who might be interested in attending are asked to contact me either by e-mail ([Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk)) or by phone (07916138631).

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## RoGEP

The Chartership and Professional Committees have agreed that we should try to get RoGEP to agree to a single system for those geologists applying at the same time for CGeol and Professional Grade RoGEP. Our proposal is that eligible Fellows would submit a RoGEP application to the Society along with their CGeol application. For the assessment there would be at least one of the appointed Scrutineers who is on the Register at Specialist or Adviser Grade. The Scrutineers would then judge the application and recommend acceptance for both if appropriate. Should they decide that there was not sufficient ground engineering in the application then they would defer the RoGEP part of the application. A recommendation for those accepted would be signed by the Scrutineers and would be sent to RoGEP for immediate acceptance onto the Register at Professional Grade.

Hopefully this system would cut the administrative work involved and make things easier and simpler for applicants in only having to deal with one organisation (GSL). This should be attractive to applicants as the RoGEP application fee would be at the reduced level.

In order for this to work I will need to recruit more CGeols, who are on the Register at Specialist or Adviser Grade, to become Scrutineers. I will be writing to invite applications but would welcome any early volunteers to contact me now ([Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:Chartership@geolsoc.org.uk)).

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## Season's Greetings!

2016 has been a good year for Chartership, with applications rising from 150+ in 2015 to 190+ this year. Let us hope that this upward trend continues. Many thanks to all Scrutineers for your help over the year. I am afraid that I will be back in 2017!!

Season's greetings to all.



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