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Membership

[Call for Nominations to serve on Council](#)



Would you consider standing for election to Council? Executive Secretary Edmund Nickless issues the annual call for nominations.

Are you willing to contribute to the work of the Society not only by becoming a member of Council and one of its standing committees but also by serving on working groups and undertaking particular tasks between meetings?

Whatever your background and expertise in the geosciences, membership of Council enables you to influence the role of the Society in acting as a respected voice serving society and the geoscience profession.

Five members of Council are due to retire at the Annual General Meeting in 2014 and you could nominate someone to take their place. Details of the process are on the forms sent out with the October Geoscientist and also in the [Governance section](#) of the website.

The closing date for the receipt of nominations is 3 January 2014.

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Geofacets-GSL Millennium Edition

From 2014 GSL is offering Fellows individual access to Geofacets-GSL Millennium Edition. This exclusive feature customised for GSL Fellows includes more than 24,000 maps from the Lyell Collection published from 2000 to the present.



Elsevier and GSL have partnered together to provide this innovative web-based map search tool for geoscientists. You can now login to renew your Fellowship online and add Geofacets-GSL Millennium Edition to your membership from 2014 - access renewals under MyGSL.

Want to find out more? Why not join us for an online information session to see a live product demonstration and discover the power of this new web-based map search tool.

- To see a schedule and sign up visit: <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/geofacets>

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Join the Society: Special Offer



The Geological Society has a special offer for new members. **Sign up as a Fellow for 2014 and get the rest of 2013 free!** [Apply Online](#) today.

As a Fellow you will join an international community of geoscientists, with over 11,000 Fellows worldwide in over 80 countries. Fellows cover the spectrum of geoscience professions, from industry and consultancy to education and the public sector.

Find out about the [benefits of becoming a Fellow](#) of the Geological Society and [how to apply](#).

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Publishing

The Lyell Collection: 2014 Subscription Prices

The GSL Publishing House has announced its 2014 subscription prices for the Lyell Collection.

You can find out more about the journals and books included in the [Lyell Collection](#).

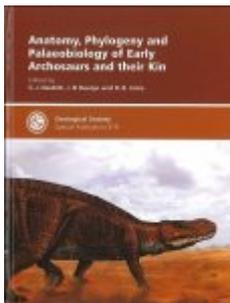
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New Publication: SP379 Anatomy, Phylogeny and Palaeobiology of Early Archosaurs and their Kin



Edited by S.J. Nesbitt, J.B. Desojo and R.B. Irmis

Archosaurs, an important reptile group that includes birds and crocodiles, arose during the Triassic in the aftermath of the end-Permian extinction.

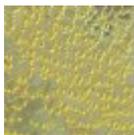
In this volume, a global group of experts explore the rise of archosaurs and describe new insights into the phylogeny and palaeobiology of this clade and their relatives.

Available in hard copy from our online bookshop: www.geolsoc.org.uk/SP379

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Library & Information Services

Earth & Environmental Science E-journals & E-books

Online access to additional e-journals published by Elsevier and e-journals & e-books published by Springer has been arranged for Fellows of the Geological Society using Athens logins.



Access to the extra e-journals from Elsevier will be available during September and October, and the Springer publications will be available until the end of the year.



We will be using data from these trials to enhance the development of our collections. Visit our [Virtual Library](#) for details of available publications and how to get an Athens login.

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Online Papers - Geokarst Hazards



The papers in Environmental Earth Sciences vol.70 no.2 offer a general overview of the karst areas of the world with particular emphasis on Vietnam.

This should stimulate further investigation of different aspects of karst systems to better understand their intricacies, value and their vulnerability. It will help form the basis for sustainable conservation and wise utilisation of karstic regions.

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Online Papers - The Sino-European Symposium on Environment and Health

Environmental Geochemistry and Health vol.33 no.5 contains 13 papers from the 2012 Sino-European Symposium on Environment and Health.

The topics covered demonstrate a wide range of themes and up-to-date developments in areas relating to environment and health, including bioavailability and bioaccessibility of chemicals, POPs in the environment and their risk assessment, environmental techniques, water quality, pharmaceuticals, and food quality.



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Online Papers - Hydro-geomorphologic Processes and Quaternary Landforms in South American Wetlands



The Journal of South American Earth Sciences vol.46 contains a special section of eight papers on South American landscapes that permit novel interpretations of Quaternary events and processes.

These papers are part of joint efforts to integrate the South American community within an interdisciplinary field linking earth sciences with ecology and biology in the study of riverine wetlands. Although some contributions are from non-tropical areas, the majority of the papers provide a focus on understudied tropical systems.

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Events

Ask the Mountains Their Story: An Evening of Science and Literature

Date: 18 October 2013

Venue: The Geological Society, London

Join us at the Geological Society of London for an evening of talks and readings celebrating the links between science and literature.

Marking the end of an Arts Council England funded project on geology and climate change, this evening event will explore global warming, oil exploration, scientific discovery and the Anthropocene through science-writing, biography, fiction and poetry.



The event is free but registration is required.

[Visit the website for more information](#)

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Endorsed CPD Course: Eurocode 7 - A Time of Change



The
Geological
Society

endorsed training course

Date: 15 October 2013
Venue: Hurlingham Studios, Putney

First Steps Ltd is offering a course on the mandatory suite of Eurocode documents. These documents and the changes to status they will bring are relevant to all geotechnical professionals.

The course will provide an introduction to the Eurocode documents and some new aspects to the design procedures will be illustrated, with workshops to help delegates understand some of the key issues.

[Visit the website for more information](#)

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Borehole Users Conference 2013

Date: 17 October 2013
Venue: Birmingham Metropole at the NEC

Envireau Water is a results focused water resources management and environmental consultancy providing expert guidance on all design, management and regulatory issues.

The conference is aimed at anyone using, managing or relying on borehole water and will bring borehole users, contractors and experts together for a full day of learning, knowledge exchange, and networking. This conference is endorsed by the Geological Society.



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Liverpool University: Free Endorsed CPD Seminars



Date: 16 October 2013
Venue: University of Liverpool, Jane Herdman Building

Liverpool University is delighted to hold two free endorsed seminars on 'Commonly used (and useful) Geophysical Techniques' and 'Understanding and Managing the Risks of Unforeseen Ground Conditions'.

The seminars will be conducted by RSK award-winning ground investigation experts.

Visit the website for more information: [Geophysical Techniques, Unforeseen Ground Conditions](#)

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EFG Workshop: European Water Policy - Challenges for Hydrogeologists

Date: 22 - 23 November 2013
Venue: Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels

Sign up now, and take advantage of the early bird offer that's available until 31 October 2013.



The European Federation of Geologists Panel of Experts on Hydrogeology supported by IAH, WSSSTF, EuroGeoSurveys and BGS are hosting a workshop on 'European Water Policy: Challenges for Hydrogeologists'.

This workshop will highlight those areas where hydrogeologists are playing an important role in the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and the new business opportunities now opening up to firms in hydrogeology with the publication of the Blueprint. The workshop will also provide a unique opportunity to obtain a corresponding official acknowledgement of this role by the European Commission.

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The Mars Science Laboratory Mission: Curiosity Rover's Exploration of Gales Crater



Shell London Lectures 2013

Date: 9 October 2013
Venue: The Geological Society, London

The next Shell London lecture, 'The Mars Science Laboratory Mission: Curiosity Rover's Exploration of Gales Crater' will be delivered by Sanjeev Gupta (Imperial College) on 9 October.

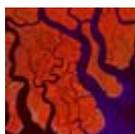
The lecture will be given twice on the same day, once at 3pm and then at 6pm. Entry to the lectures is free to all, but by ticket only, places are allocated on a ballot basis.

Please note that the 6pm lecture is now full. If you would like to book a place for the 3pm lecture, or be added to a waiting list for 6pm then please contact Naomi Newbold.

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Education & Careers

Earth Science Week 2013

Date: 7 - 13 October
Venue: Multiple venues

This year's Earth Science Week will take place on 7 - 13 October. With a theme of 'Geology Outside', we hope to encourage a greater appreciation of the geology that exists on our doorsteps in the UK - whether you live in the city or the countryside.



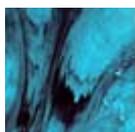
7-13 October 2013

Regional and national events will be running throughout the week, culminating in a [great geology walk](#) on Saturday 12th - we hope as many people as possible will join us! Walks can be self guided, using material which will be made available on our website, or you can participate in one of many walks which are being organised by our Regional Groups.

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Groups & Networks

South West Regional Group: Field Trip to Plymouth Bone Cave



Date 12 October 2013
Venue: Cattledown Bone Caves, Plymouth

The South West Regional Group is hosting a field trip to view remains of Bone Caves in the Cattledown area of Plymouth incl. Worths Bone Cave which contains the remains of a number of human skeletons.

Please pre-book by contacting Rod Smith.

[Visit the website for more information](#)

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South East Regional Group: Chartership Evening

Date: 15 October 2013
Venue: The Bell Inn, Godstone, Surrey

The South East Regional Group is hosting an evening meeting for members thinking about or working towards CGeol or CSci award. The evening is for Geolsoc members to gain information on the process and get answers to their questions.

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Western Regional Group: The Moral Case for Mining



Date: 15 October 2013

Venue: SH Reynolds Lecture Theatre, University of Bristol

The Western Regional Group is hosting a lecture titled 'The Moral Case for Mining - Is it a Question the Industry can Answer?'

[Visit the website for more information](#)

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West Midlands Regional Group: Evening meeting

Date: 15 October 2013

Venue: Lapworth Museum of Geology, University of Birmingham

The West Midlands Regional Group is hosting a meeting titled 'The use of Quarried Stone as Leachate Drainage Media on a Landfill Site in the Middle East'.

The speaker will be Keiron Finney, Director of Exea Associates Ltd.

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Hong Kong Regional Group: Seminar - 'Application of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in Surveying' and a First Call for Papers



Date: 16 October 2013

Venue: Y301 Hong Kong Polytechnic University

The Hong Kong Regional Group is hosting a seminar on the Application of Aerial Systems (UAS) in Surveying. In 2011, the survey division of CEDD commissioned a German UAS specialist firm to carry out a feasibility study of the application of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in surveying for CEDD projects.

The study covered various kinds of project sites, such as quarry, landfill site, landslide site and breakwater and the results of the study were encouraging.

This seminar will discuss the implementation, operation and constraints of UAS.

[Visit the website for more information](#)

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First Call for Papers

In February 2014 the Geological Society of London (GSL), Hong Kong Regional Group (HKRG), will hold a one-day conference on the theme of 'Advances in Terrain Mapping and Analysis for Landslide Hazard Assessment.'

The conference will include a keynote address from the 2013 Glossop Lecturer, Professor Jim

Griffiths of The University of Plymouth, U.K.

Prospective authors are requested to submit a brief (250) word abstract by 31 October 2013 to the Conference Programme and Proceedings Coordinator, Bob Sas.

[Visit the website for more information](#)

Email: [Bob Sas](#)

Northwest Regional Group: Reflections on the Residual Strength of Clay Soils

Date: 16 October 2013

Venue: Renolds Lecture theatre, Manchester University

The Northwest Regional Group is hosting a joint lecture with the ICE Northwest Group titled 'Reflections on the Residual Strength of Clay Soils with Special Reference to Bedding-Controlled Landslides'.



This Glossop Lecture is about landslides and their slip surfaces at residual strength in clays.

[Visit the website for more information](#)

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Home Counties North Regional Group: Double Event - Curry and Speakers



Date: 17 October 2013

Venue: Sir Robert McAlpine, Hemel Hempstead

The Home Counties North Regional Group is hosting a double event on Thursday 17 October. Join us for an extended evening with a curry between speakers.

George Tuckwell, Director at RSK will be speaking on 'Clandestine Nuclear Weapons Tests' while Bill Gaskarth, Chartership Officer at the Geological Society will be discussing the road to chartership.

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Hydrogeological Group: The Continuing Challenge of Nitrate and Pesticide in Groundwater

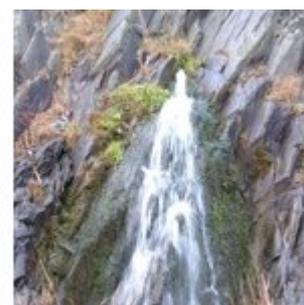
Date: 17 October 2013

Venue: The Geological Society, Burlington House

The Hydrogeological group is hosting a joint meeting with the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) titled 'The Continuing Challenge of Nitrate and Pesticide in Groundwater.'

For more information and to pre-register [visit the website](#).

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Other News

The Hub: A new Soil Treatment Hub in Wales



The Hub is a unique facility in the region and our bespoke Environmental Permit enables acceptance and treatment of a wide range of contamination. A secure and fully permitted facility it utilises proprietary remediation technology to provide bespoke solutions that can enable material re-use on development projects.

Set up by industry professionals it is a joint venture partnership between geo-consultant and remediation specialists. Professional staff include Chartered Environmental Geologists, Chartered Chemists and Chartered Engineers.

The Hub has received support from the Local Authority, Natural Resources Wales (EA), WRAP and CL:AIRE since its inception. The CL:AIRE Code of Practice & Cluster Register is a key element of The Hub process.

Visit the website: www.treatment-hub.co.uk

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