

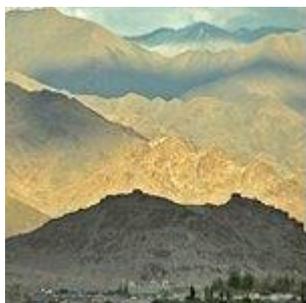


Welcome to the fortnightly Geological Society newsletter.

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Sustainable Resource Development in the Himalaya: Post-Conference Report



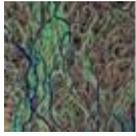
In June, the Geological Society & IERT University of Jammu brought together scientists from the Himalayan nations & around the world for a conference in Ladakh, to discuss with policy-makers & community representatives how to develop sustainably the rich & varied resources of the Himalaya, to benefit the local communities & nations to which they belong.

Much of the dialogue focused on the challenges of balancing factors which may be in conflict, and interdisciplinary approaches with effective community engagement emerged as key to addressing these challenges, by combining cutting-edge science with local knowledge.

The organisers are committed to ensuring the Conference has a practical legacy, as well as advancing scientific understanding. We were delighted to welcome His Excellency Shri N N Vohra, Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, and Nawang Rigzin Jora, Minister for Urban Development & Urban Local Bodies, who indicated their wish to continue a dialogue with those involved. An educational programme attended by local school students addressed topics which directly affect the students - natural resources, climate change, geology of landslides & earthquakes, and risk reduction.

The Conference will lead to publication of scientific papers and resources for local communities, as well as a Geological Society policy briefing.

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Membership

Burlington House Closed on 30 July

Please note that Burlington House will be closed on Wednesday 30 July for staff training purposes.

The London offices will be closed to all business.

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Publications

European Association of Science Editors (EASE) Member Sponsored



The Society has agreed to support a European Association of Science Editors (EASE) member from a less-well-off country each year. This year Yateendra Joshi has benefited.

Yateendra has a background in agricultural sciences and copy-edits research papers. He often contributes to [Editage Insights](#) and has been certified by the Board of Editors in Life Sciences, USA, as an editor in life sciences with diplomate status (only 22 editors worldwide are so qualified at present). He spent many years with The Energy and Resources Institute in New Delhi, and currently works part time for a small NGO, the [World Institute of Sustainable Energy \(WISE\)](#), in Pune, India.

The Society is pleased to enable Yateendra to keep in touch with the science editing community.

More about EASE at: www.ease.org.uk
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William Smith Map Prints Now Available on the Online Bookshop

The Publishing House is delighted to announce the availability of William Smith county maps on the Online Bookshop. With a choice of 20 counties originally published between 1819 and 1824, each print is available individually on sheets of varying sizes approximately 53cm by 62cm.

Also available is a folded map of the William Smith 1815 Geological Map of England and Wales with part of Scotland, reproduced by the British Geological Survey from an original held in its archives.

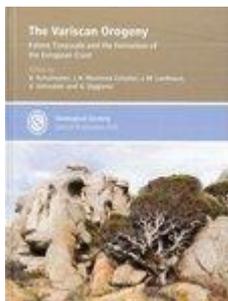


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New Publications:

The Variscan Orogeny: Extent, Timescale and the Formation of the European Crust



Edited by K. Schulmann, J.R. Martı́z Catal, J.M. Lardeaux, V. Janousek and G. Oggiano

This volume addresses the main processes shaping the European Variscides. The Variscan belt consists of two orogens: the northern, dominated by Devonian-Carboniferous accretion and collision; and the southern, formed by Late Carboniferous collision followed by Permian wrenching. This reflects a major switch in plate configurations at the Early-Late Carboniferous boundary.

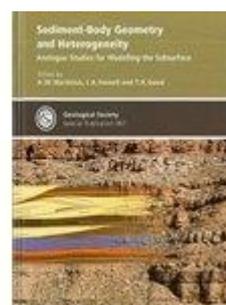
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Sediment-Body Geometry and Heterogeneity: Analogue Studies for Modelling the Subsurface

Edited by A.W. Martinius, J.A. Howell and T. Good

This volume discusses the challenges of extracting relevant data from different types of sedimentary analogue and its application for improving predictions from subsurface static and dynamic models. The volume is aimed at geologists, geological modellers and engineers interested in how these characteristics are modelled and influence subsurface predictions.



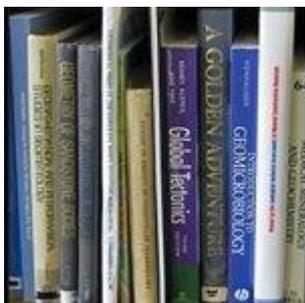
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Library and Information Services

Library Book Sale



The Library's summer sale of duplicate and out-of-scope stock is now available to browse online. There are over 400 items in the sale, including publications from the Geological Society, AAPG, SEPM and Geological Society of America.

Topics covered include regional geology from the UK and around the world, sedimentology and stratigraphy, plate tectonics, geophysics, environment, historical geology and much more. There is also a selection of Spanish geological maps for sale, all at low prices.

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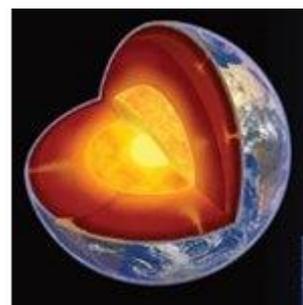
Events

Deep Earth Processes

Date: 15-16 September 2014

Venue: The Geological Society, Burlington House, London

Our understanding of the Earth's deep interior has changed fundamentally in the last decade. The widely held view that the mantle is layered with respect to different geochemical reservoirs, and that the lower mantle has remained unchanged since the formation of the Earth 4.5 Ga, has been challenged by diverse evidence from geophysical images, mineral physics, the geochemistry of erupted melts, diamonds and their inclusions.



The meeting will draw together the latest ideas and results in a discussion of the key features of the inaccessible depths of our planet.

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Policy & Media

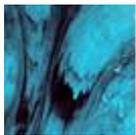
Implementing Geological Disposal of Radioactive Waste



The UK government has published a White Paper following a review of the siting process for a geological disposal facility for radioactive waste.

The Geological Society has issued a short statement on the White Paper.

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Groups & Networks

Home Counties North Regional Group: Field Trip to Harrold-Odell Country Park

Date: 2 August 2014

Venue: Harrold-Odell Country Park, Bedfordshire

In the morning, a Country Park Ranger from Bedford Borough Council will lead the guided tour in the Harrold Odell Country Park to see Quaternary glacial landforms, river terraces and post-glacial river features. We will discuss the local underlying geology (Middle Jurassic Great Oolite).

In the afternoon we will have a guided walk to see the ancient and modern history of Harrold village as well as the geomorphology and flood sedimentology of the River Great Ouse.

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Hong Kong Regional Group: Technical Site Visit to Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2A



Date: 16 August 2014
Registration Deadline: 30 July 2014
Venue: Victoria Harbour, Stonecutter's Island, Hong Kong

The on-going construction activities at HATS Stage 2A include upgrading works for Stonecutter's Island Sewage Treatment Works (the worlds largest underground pumping station for chemically enhanced primary treatment works), eight preliminary treatment works in Hong Kong Island, & construction of a sewage conveyance system including a new effluent tunnel.

Prior registration is required; please contact Ms Kitty Chan (kitty.chan@arup.com)

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Northern Ireland Regional Group Field Trip: Visit to the Cavanacaw Gold Mine & Curraghinalt Gold Project

Date: 28 September 2014
Venue: Meet at the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh

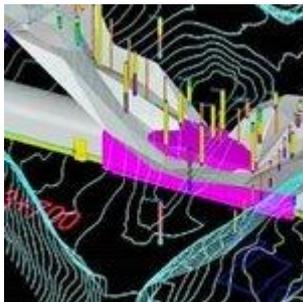
A field excursion and mine visit to the Cavanacaw gold mine and Curraghinalt gold project, County Tyrone.

Numbers are limited so please confirm by [emailing Sarah Coulter](#).

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Engineering Group: Advances in Geological/Geotechnical Data Handling & Modelling



Date: 2 October 2014
Venue: The Geological Society, Burlington House, London

A one day conference that endeavours to explore advances in geological and geotechnical data handling and modelling. Speakers from leading consultants, ground investigation contractors, Client Organisations and research institutes will present different techniques and case studies, whilst looking to the future and considering the overall benefits.

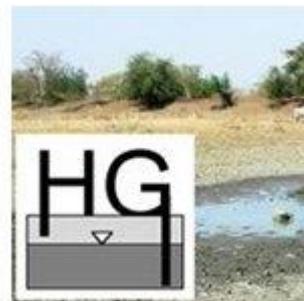
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Hydrogeological Group: The Ineson Lecture 2014: Hydrocarbons and Groundwater

Date: 6 October 2014

Venue: The Geological Society, Burlington House, London

A day of presentations focusing on evolving issues related to groundwater from hydrocarbon exploitation and use to include conventional and innovative hydrocarbon oils, shale gas and oil sands. The Ineson Lecture will be presented by Professor Jim F. Barker from the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of Waterloo, Canada.



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British Sedimentological Research Group AGM 2014



Date: 20-22 December 2014

Venue: Nottingham Conference Centre

The British Geological Survey is delighted to be convening this year's British Sedimentological Research Group (BSRG) AGM. As in previous years, we anticipate a strong turn-out from research students and early-career researchers, together with our knowledgeable and diverse community of academic and industry experts.

Highlights include core workshops at [BGs National Geological Repository](#) & sessions sponsored by [PESGB](#) and the [Clay Minerals Group](#), plus a local fieldtrip to Charnwood Forest.

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West Midlands & Southern Wales Regional Groups Photo Contest

The West Midlands Regional Group in partnership with the Southern Wales Regional Group and the Black Country Geological Society is re-launching their Photographic Contest in 2014.

The first prize is 200, and it is open to anyone within the Group catchments - not just Society members.

The theme for this year is 'What Lies Beneath Our Feet', and the deadline is **31 August 2014**.

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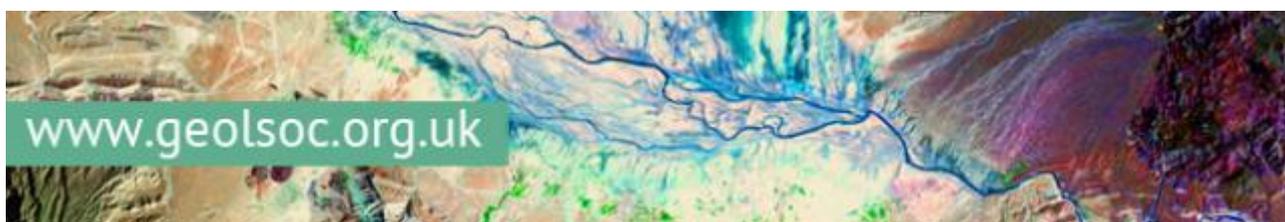
New Blog Post: 100 Great Geosites nomination: Eglwyseg Escarpment



A 100 Great Geosites nomination from Raymond Roberts, Senior Geologist at Natural Resources Wales.

A dramatic landscape stretching for nearly 10km and rising high above the valley floor, the Eglwyseg Escarpment features one of the finest exposures of late Dinantian limestones in Wales.

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