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## Society appoints new Executive Secretary



The President of the Geological Society, Professor David Manning, is delighted to advise that an appointment has now been made to replace Executive Secretary, Edmund Nickless on his forthcoming retirement. The new Executive Secretary will be Sarah Fray, who will be joining the Society from her current role as Director of Engineering and Technical Services at the Institution of Structural Engineers.

Sarah is a Chartered Engineer and Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, with experience in geotechnical engineering, especially foundation design and tunnelling. She has a wide understanding and considerable experience of the challenges and opportunities faced by organisations such as the Geological Society.

The Geological Society welcomes Sarah to her new role, at the start of October. The President also takes this opportunity to sincerely thank Edmund Nickless for his long and loyal service to the Society.

## Society bids farewell to Edmund Nickless

Edmund Nickless is retiring at the end of September after eighteen years as Executive Secretary, and I would like to take this



opportunity to thank him most sincerely for his long and loyal service to the Society.

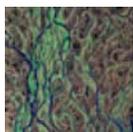
I am sure that many Fellows will want to send Edmund their best wishes. Please send these to Stephanie Jones; by email [stephanie.jones@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.jones@geolsoc.org.uk) or by post to Burlington House (written on a piece of plain paper) and they will be included in a bound book.



If you wish to make a contribution towards a gift please send a cheque, payable to the Geological Society, to Stephanie Jones before the end of September.

*David Manning*  
*President of the Geological Society*

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## Society News

### A New Honorary Fellow is Elected



Dr Gabi Schneider was elected to Honorary Fellowship on 17 June 2015. Her professional experience covers economic and exploration geology, mineralogy and geochemistry as well as management and administration.

She is an honorary life member of the Geological Society of Namibia, and is a registered Scientist with the South Africa Council for Natural Scientists.

[Find out more about her background and our other Honorary Fellows.](#)  
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### GSL signs American Geosciences Institute Professional Ethics Guidelines & Disability Statement

On 17 June, Council agreed that the Society should be a signatory to the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) guidelines for ethical professional conduct.

The guidelines address common ethical issues across the geoscience community, reflecting the critical role of geoscientists in ethical decision-making about the Earth's resources and environment.  
[Visit the website to read the guidelines.](#)

The Society will also sign AGI's consensus statement regarding access and inclusion of individuals living with disabilities in the geosciences. To read the



statement and find out more about our commitment to diversity and equal opportunities, please [visit the website](#).

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## We are Recruiting an Education Assistant



The Education Department of the Geological Society is looking for an additional temporary member of staff to join its existing 2-person team, based at our headquarters on Piccadilly, London.

A full time Education Assistant is needed as soon as possible, for an initial period of 6 months (with the possibility of an extension). The job will be mainly focused on our activities with schools.

[For more information and details on how to apply visit the website](#)  
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## Publications

### The Online Bookshop Sale Ends at Midnight (GMT) Tomorrow

Make your selection from over 40 titles priced from £25 each.

The Sale ends at midnight (GMT) on 15 July 2015. To make a purchase in our online bookshop [visit the Sale page](#).



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Some of these publications have limited stock - offer price is only available online and while stocks last!

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## Library and Information Services

### Recent Special Issues in the Virtual Library



The Recent Special Issues section of the Virtual Library contains details of thematic special issues from e-journals which are available to Fellows. These include both the [Library's 'Athens' login journals](#) and ones which are freely available online.



New special issues on the following topics have been added to July's section.

- [Characterization, Diagnosis and Conservation of Cultural Heritage](#)
- [Cretaceous Palaeontology of Latin America](#)
- [Geochemical Mapping](#)
- [Mesoproterozoic Orogens](#)
- [Natural Zeolites](#)

Athens authentication can also be used to access 100 journals and 21 books from leading publishers.

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## Events

### Geological Society's Careers Days 2015



Date: 18 and 25 November 2015  
Venues: BGS, Keyworth, Nottingham (18 November)  
Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh (25 November)

#### SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS WANTED

We are on the search for sponsors to help fund the Geological Society's Careers Days 2015.

The GSL Careers Days are the most recognised geological careers-based forum in the country, bringing together aspiring students and professionals in the industry. These events are an excellent opportunity for industry-leading companies to engage with prospective future employees in a fun and exciting environment.

[For more information visit the Careers Day webpage](#)  
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### Society Meetings: Call for Abstracts and Posters

Meetings at the Geological Society, Burlington House, London.

#### Puzzle of Earth's Uninterrupted Habitability

Date: 11 November 2015



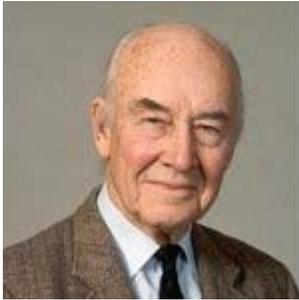
## CALL FOR POSTERS

This conference will bring together proponents of [the various views on the environmental conditions](#) of the Earth in an attempt to forge a consensus on how to move the debate forward.



We welcome poster presentation contributions for this meeting. To be considered please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to [Jess Aries](#) no later than **Friday 11 September 2015**.

[To register and for more information visit the Puzzle of Earth webpage](#)  
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### Arthur Holmes Meeting 2016: The Wilson Cycle

Date: 23 - 25 May 2016

#### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

This 3-day meeting will bring together geophysicists, structural geologists, and modellers in order to re-assess the legacy of the ['Wilson Cycle' concept](#) and how our understanding of inheritance in continental tectonics has evolved over the past 50 years.

We welcome both oral and poster presentation contributions from both surface and sub-surface settings. To submit a paper please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to [Jess Aries](#) no later than **Friday 18 December 2015**.

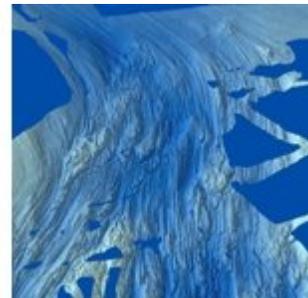
[For more information visit The Wilson Cycle webpage](#)  
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### William Smith Meeting 2016 - Glaciated Margins: The Sedimentary and Geophysical Archive

Date: 2 - 3 June 2016

#### FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The central themes of this conference are The Arctic and the Northern Hemisphere, Antarctica and the Southern Hemisphere, The Deep Time Archive and Resource potential: case studies and dilemmas.



We welcome oral abstract contributions for this meeting. To be considered for a slot in the programme please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to [Jess Aries](#) no later than **Friday 8 January 2016**.

[For more information visit the 2016 William Smith Meeting webpage](#)  
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### Martian Gullies and their Earth's Analogues

Date: 20 - 21 June 2016

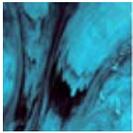
#### FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

This meeting follows on from an original workshop on Martin Gullies held in 2008 at LPI in Houston Texas. It aims to bring together researchers involved in gully-research on Mars and others studying

analogous environments on Earth.

We welcome oral abstract contributions for this meeting. To be considered for a slot in the programme please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to [Jess Aries](#) no later than Friday 29 January 2016.

[For more information visit the Martian Gullies webpage](#)



## Specialist and Regional Group Events

Visit the individual event pages for more information.

### Engineering and Near Surface Geophysics Specialist Groups:

[Geophysics for Critical Infrastructure](#)

Date: 16 July

Venue: BGS, Keyworth

The Engineering Group and Near Surface Geophysics Group are convening a joint 1-day meeting. The meeting is aimed at industry professionals involved in geophysical investigations for critical infrastructure projects and past or potential future end-users of geophysics (non-specialists).



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### Metamorphic Studies Specialist Group: [Shetland Fieldtrip](#)

Date: 17 - 23 July

Venue: Shetland Islands

The Metamorphic Studies Group is organising a Field workshop to the Shetland Islands. Organised by Rob Strachan (Portsmouth), Anna Bird (Hull) and Steph Walker (Royal Holloway), this week long workshop will start and finish in Lerwick.

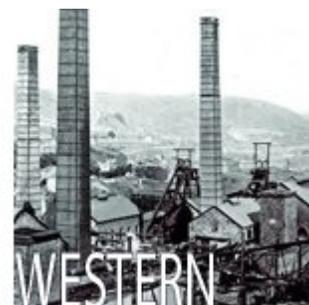
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### Western Regional Group: [The Geological Wealth of Wales: Past, Present and Future](#)

Date: 21 July

Venue: Atkins - The Hub, Bristol

Wales with its diverse outcrop geology dating from the Pre-Cambrian to the Jurassic has had a long association with minerals, mining and resultant population migration. Dr Peter Brabham of the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University will present the talk on the history of mining in Wales and the new areas of University research that are now being developed for the future.



### Home Counties North Regional Group: [Oundle Field Trip](#)

Date: 24 July

Venue: Oundle, Northamptonshire



This field trip will explore sequence stratigraphy, carbonate sedimentology, palaeontology, reservoir characterisation, and building stone of the 'Oundle Stone' of the Middle Jurassic Blisworth Formation.

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## Other Events

**Rotunda Museum:** [Animated Objects](#)

Date: 23 and 30 July 2015

Venue: Rotunda Museum, Scarborough

In celebration of the bicentenary of William Smith, the Rotunda Museum has organised for the Scarborough Theatre Company - Animated Objects to lead free children's activities linked to William Smith. [Find out more on the Rotunda event page.](#)



**Geologists' Association:** [Wealden Excursion](#)

Date: 26 July 2015

Venue: Rotunda Museum, Scarborough

Following the last two years' field visits covering the coastal sections between Cliff End and Fairlight Glen, the GA will be looking to complete the final section of this classic 5 mile lower Wealden coastline from Fairlight Glen to Rock-a-Nore. This is a joint meeting with the Hastings & District Geological Society.

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## Other News

### The European Federation of Geologists Awards the Medal of Merit to Peter Styles

During the summer Council meeting of the European Federation of Geologists (EFG) held on 13 and 14 June 2015 at Newcastle (UK), Professor Peter Styles (former President of the Geological Society) was awarded the 2014/2015 Medal of Merit for exceptional and distinguished contributions to the Federation and to the geological profession in Europe.

Peter Styles is one of Europe's leading applied and environmental geophysicists. He has fully engaged with professional development



and academic excellence within his field for some 40 years.

[Read out more about Peter Styles academic and professional background](#)

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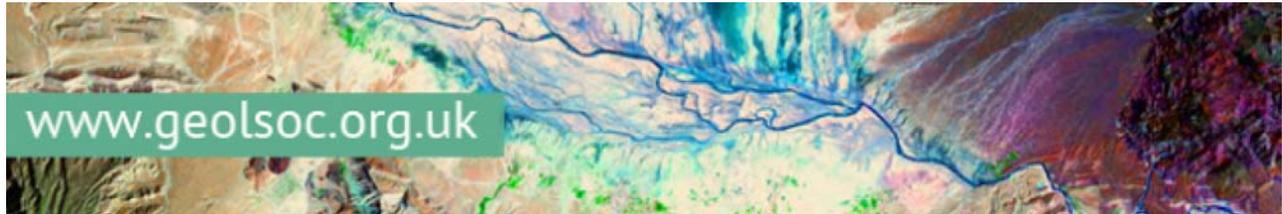
## SiLC Skills Development Framework Tool



The Specialist in Land Condition (SiLC) Register has developed the Land Condition Skills Development Framework (LCSDF) Tool to assist individuals and organisations to record and monitor capabilities which can be used as part of a performance review and/or appraisal processes and to drive the performance of individuals. [Find out more about the tool and how to download the document.](#)

The Specialist in Land Condition (SiLC) Register is an accreditation scheme for experienced practitioners working in land condition. [Read more about the SiLC on our website](#)

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