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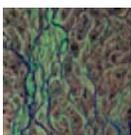
Award Citations and Replies now Available



The Award Citations and Replies from President's Day (3 June 2015) are now available on the Geological Society website along with pictures of the recipients of the 2015 Awards and Medals.

[Read the 2015 Award Citations and Replies](#)
[Find out more about the Society's Awards, Grants and Medals](#)

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Society News

The Geologists' Association joins our Associated Societies



Since its formation in 1858, the Geologists' Association (GA) actively promotes the study of geology to all who are interested in the past, present and future of the natural world. It is a friendly and inclusive organisation and welcomes everyone, regardless of the level of their knowledge.



[Find out more about our Associated Societies](#)

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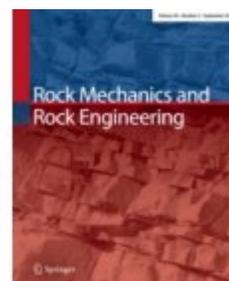
Library and Information Services

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.

- [Anisotropy of rock](#)
- [Ediacaran environments and ecosystems](#)
- [Exploration of the crust and upper mantle in China: progress from SinoProbe](#)
- [Geology and uranium resources of the Central Jordan](#)
- [Karst water under global change pressure](#)
- [Mediterranean karst hydrogeology](#)
- [Petroleum in the Adriatic and Ionian Seas](#)
- [Slag valorisation](#)
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Athens authentication can also be used to access 100 journals and 21 books from leading publishers.

[Visit the Virtual Library for more information](#)

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Society Meetings

William Smith Meeting 2015 (Part 2) - Travel Grant



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Sponsorship has been secured to fund attendance to the second William Smith meeting. The focus of this meeting is the future of geological mapping.

Up to £350 (per application) is available to support two undergraduate students to attend, participate in and present posters at the conference.

To be considered for a William Smith Grant 2015, please [download and complete the Grant Application form](#), including the following:

- A 300 word abstract describing the scientific outcomes of your independent mapping research/dissertation
- An answer to the following question in no more than 300 words:
How and why should we continue to teach geological mapping to geology students at first degree level?

Please return your completed grant application form to [Jess Aries](#) no later than 5pm on Friday 28 August 2015.

[For more information and to download the form visit the William Smith event page](#)
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Society Meetings: Registration Open and a Call for Posters



Arthur Holmes Meeting 2015: Tsunami Hazards and Risks: Using the geological record

Date: 25 September 2015
Venue: Burlington House, London

LAST CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

With Earth's growing population clustered increasingly on coastlines, tsunami hazards are of concern worldwide. Within the framework of the bilateral agreement between the Geological Societies of London and Japan, a linked pair of one-day symposia is bringing together geoscientists and risk assessors to assess tsunami hazard in an integrated manner, with a view to facilitating more quantitative and evidence-based evaluation of their scale, nature, location and timescales.

Call for Posters

We welcome poster presentation contributions for this meeting. To be considered for a poster presentation please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to [Jess Aries](#) no later than 5pm on Friday 7 August 2015.

[Visit the Arthur Holmes 2015 page for more information](#)
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The Geology of Geomechanics

Date: 28 - 29 October 2015
Venue: Burlington House, London

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

This conference aims to bring together geologists and engineers from the petroleum, radioactive waste disposal, carbon sequestration,



mining and geothermal communities to discuss the links between the geomechanical disciplines and mainstream geology.



Call for Posters

We welcome poster presentation contributions for this meeting. To be considered for a poster presentation please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to [Jess Aries](#) no later than Friday 28 August 2015.

[Visit the Geology of Geomechanics page to submit an abstract and for more information](#)
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William Smith Meeting 2015 (Part 2): 200 years and Beyond: The future of geological mapping

Date: 5 November 2015
Venue: Burlington House, London

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The first William Smith Meeting in April 2015 chronicled the history and development of the geological map from its earliest beginnings to the digital maps of today.

This second William Smith Conference will look to the future of geological mapping, and will open with a keynote by Professor Iain Stewart on the grand challenges for geoscience that will motivate the 'William Smiths' of tomorrow. It will showcase the new science, technologies and information systems that are changing and broadening the whole concept, purpose and impact of geological mapping. A concluding panel discussion will focus on the skills and roles of the field geologists of the future.

Call for Posters

We welcome poster contributions for this meeting. If you would like us to consider you for a poster presentation, please send an abstract of no more than 400 words to [Jess Aries](#) no later than Friday 4 September 2015.

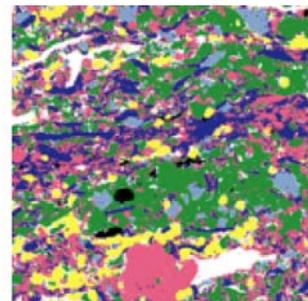
[Visit the William Smith meeting page to register and for more information](#)
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Geomechanical and Petrophysical Properties of Mudrocks

Date: 16 - 17 November 2015
Venue: Burlington House, London

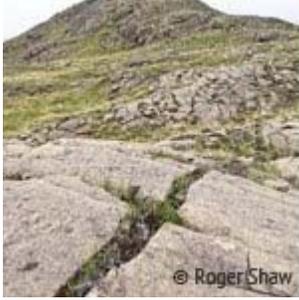
CALL FOR POSTERS

A surge of interest in the geomechanics and petrophysical properties of mudrocks (shales) has taken place in recent years following upon the development of a shale gas industry in the United States and with the prospect of similar developments in the UK and elsewhere.



We welcome poster presentation contributions for this meeting. To be considered for a poster presentation please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to [Jess Aries](#) no later than 18 September 2015.

[Visit the Properties of Mudrocks page to register and for more information](#)
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Groundwater in Fractured Bedrock Environments

Date: 10 June 2016

Venue: Queens University, Belfast

FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

This conference will focus on the role of fractured bedrock aquifers in catchment management and in managing subsurface resources.

The conference invites contributions that address effective methods to characterise these challenging aquifer systems and also seeks insights into the key processes driving the groundwater flow regime and contaminant transport in such formations. Links to the structural geological framework and geomechanics that shape the nature and extent of effective flowpaths in these aquifer systems are also of interest.

Call for Oral Abstracts

We welcome oral and poster presentations for this conference. To be considered for a slot in the programme or a poster presentation please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to [Jess Aries](#) no later than Friday 27 November 2015.

[Visit the Fractured Bedrock page for more information](#)
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Education

Explore Accredited Degree Programmes on our relaunched webpages



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accredited degree programmes



The Society's Accreditation Scheme for Geoscience degree programmes has been a benchmark of quality since 1997. Holding an accredited degree or Masters reduces the experience required to apply for Chartership, as they are approved by an independent body of academics and industrialists.

Our degree accreditation webpages have recently been relaunched. Prospective students can now explore degrees by subject area, region, placements and part time options, with detailed guidance for University Departments on requirements for accreditation.

[Visit the new Accreditation pages to find out more](#)
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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.

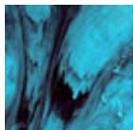


A full time Education Assistant is needed as soon as possible, for an initial period of 6 months (with the possibility of an extension). The job will be mainly focused on our activities with schools.

Application Closing Date: 14 August 2015

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

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Specialist and Regional Group Events

Visit the individual event pages for more information.



Home Counties North Regional Group: [Field Trip - Bradwell to Newport Pagnell Railway Geotrail](#)

Date: 1 August

Venue: New Bradwell Windmill, Milton Keynes

A half day Geoheritage excursion looking at Jurassic geology and railway history of North Buckinghamshire.

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South West Regional Group: [Visit to Linhay Hill Quarry](#)

Date: 15 August

Venue: Linhay Hill Quarry, Ashburton

An opportunity to visit the E & J W Glendinning owned Linhay Hill Quarry at Ashburton. The quarry shows predominantly dark-grey with some medium-grey well-bedded limestones of the Chercombe Bridge Limestone Formation of Middle and possibly also Upper Devonian age.



In the afternoon the group will also visit the disused quarries of the Buckfastleigh area.

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Photo Competition's in 2015



The Joint Photo Competition (West Midlands, North West and Southern Wales Regional Groups and the Black Country Geological Society) is still ongoing. The competition is celebrating the bicentenary of the [William Smith Map \(1815 - 2015\)](#) and is open until 1 December.

The theme is Geologica Britannica - Exhibiting the Geology of the British Isles & Applied Geology in the British Isles

To see the prizes and find out how to enter, [visit the photo competition page](#).
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100 Geosites Photo Competition

Following on from last year's launch of [100 Great Geosites](#) we are running a Photo Competition to create a 2016 calendar. The 2016 [#100geosites](#) calendar will feature 12 of our sites, with some background information about them and how to visit.

Enter your images by 21 September to have a chance of winning! Winners will be announced in Earth Science Week.

[Read the GSL Blog piece to find out how to enter](#).
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Other Events



Museums Association: [Conference and Exhibition 2015](#)

Date: 5 - 6 November 2015

Venue: Birmingham ICC, Birmingham

The Museums Association Conference & Exhibition is the largest event of its kind in Europe for museums and heritage professionals. Over 1,500 senior staff discuss the latest issues, discover new practice and meet the world's leading suppliers and consultants. The theme this year is Radical Futures.

Book now - Early Bird Rates end 7 August 2015

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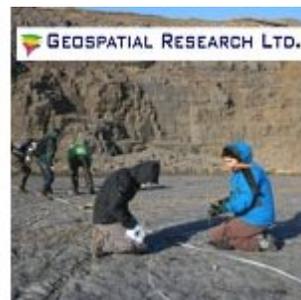
Geospatial Research Ltd: [Shales of the Cleveland Basin: a multi-disciplinary field trip](#)

Date: 15 - 16 September 2015

Venue: North Yorkshire Coastal Outcrops

Registration Deadline: 10 August 2015

Understanding the geology of shale-rich sequences is critical to the success of traditional and unconventional petroleum plays and has attracted increased interest as a result of the shale gas revolution. This workshop adopts a holistic approach and presents an integrated field and laboratory based investigation of a well-exposed hydrocarbon source rock and unconventional reservoir analogue; the Early Jurassic (Toarcian) Whitby Mudstone Formation, North Yorkshire.



To sign up: contact Susie at field_trips@geospatial-research.co.uk

Cost will be £210 (GBP) per person for the two days, hotel and evening refreshments not included.

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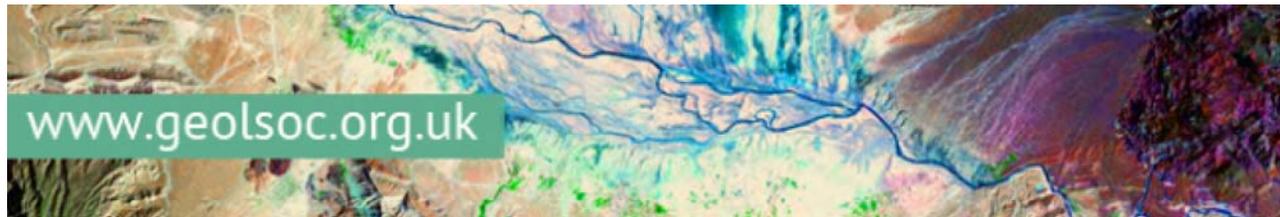
Geology and Lego: Vote for the Research Geology Set



Support for this [Research Geology Lego set](#) which includes a female (and male!) researcher (and a dog!), Scanning Electron Microscope and Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectrometer is growing with almost 3500 votes! However it needs more to make it a reality.

Lego are looking to add more Women in Science sets and for this proposal to be approved it needs your vote. The way it works is a proposal goes in, gathers support (needs more than 10,000 votes), Lego review it and if it passes it gets produced!

You can vote at: ideas.lego.com/projects/93813
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