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## 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

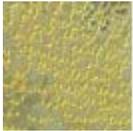
### Awards Citations and Replies now Available



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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## 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 the August section.

- [Construction processes and installation effects](#)
- [Geochemistry of unconventional shale gas](#)
- [Glacier fluctuation in northern and High Asia](#)
- [Procurement of lithic materials and archaeological problem](#)
- [Quaternary studies from New Zealand to Southern Asia](#)
- [Rates of soil forming processes and the role of aeolian influx](#)
- [30th SEGH Conference on Environmental Geochemistry and Health](#)



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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### Four New Online Journals added to the Library



Geological magazine, Journal of paleontology, Paleobiology, and Tectonics have been added to the Library's offsite e-journal collection.



Offsite access to these is available using the Library's 'Athens' logins.

[Visit the Virtual Library E-journals section](#) to find out more about our new e-journals, over 100 other e-journals and e-books, and how to apply for an Athens account.

Email: [library@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:library@geolsoc.org.uk)

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## Society Meetings

### William Smith Meeting 2015 (Part 2) - Travel Grant

#### LAST CHANCE TO APPLY

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

#### Call for Posters

We welcome poster 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 4 September 2015.

[For more information and to download the form visit the William Smith event page](#)

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### 8th Petroleum Geology of Northwest Europe Conference



Date: 28 - 30 September 2015

Venue: Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre

The Petroleum Geology Conferences (PGC) organised by the Energy Institute, the Geological Society of London and the Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain, have been a source of inspiration for the generations of geoscientists that have worked in the NW European Petroleum Industry.

This year's conference, the 8th in the series, marks the 50th anniversary of the North Sea's first commercial discovery, the West Sole Gas field, which was found by Amoco in 1965. The programme, as is traditional for this conference series, is a very strong one and unashamedly technical. It has been put together by petroleum geoscientists for petroleum geoscientists on behalf of the three professional societies. It will include a core workshop and an extensive poster session as well as three parallel oral sessions and topical plenary sessions.

[View the Conference Programme online](#)

Registrations to date are well up on previous years and support from sponsors has been strong, demonstrating the resilience of the professional community even in tough times. If you are able to attend one conference this year, make it this one!

[Prices are frozen at 2009 rates, register now!](#)  
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## Society Meetings: Registrations and a Call for Posters

Meetings at the Geological Society, Burlington House, London

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

Date: 25 September 2015

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER**

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 2015 Arthur Holmes page for more information](#)

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**Puzzle of Earth's Uninterrupted Habitability**

Date: 11 November 2015

**FINAL 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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**Lyell Meeting 2016 - Paleoinformatics: Synthesising data from the past to illuminate the future**  
Date: 9 March 2016



#### FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

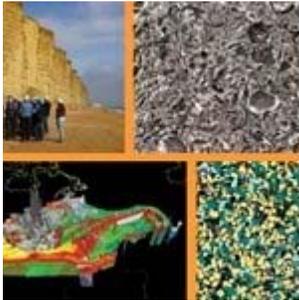
Synthesising palaeontological occurrence data and taxonomy into useable databases and web-systems will be one of the major challenges for palaeontology over the next couple of decades. The purpose of this meeting will be to bring together leading researchers to share experience and show-case good practice.

#### Call for Abstracts

We welcome oral and poster abstract contributions for this meeting. 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 16 October 2015.

[Visit the Lyell meeting page for more information](#)

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**Janet Watson Meeting 2016: The Future of Hydrocarbon Exploration**

Date: 27 - 28 April 2016

#### FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

This two-day meeting aims to bring together early career geoscientists with leading industry and academic experts to discuss and show case recent and potential future innovations in hydrocarbon exploration geoscience.

The meeting will provide an excellent forum for networking and an opportunity for graduate students and young professionals to present their research. The conference offers more experienced hydrocarbon exploration geoscientists new research, ideas and concepts plus the chance to add their experience to the panel discussion.

#### Call for Abstracts

We welcome oral and poster presentations on the Future of Hydrocarbon Exploration featuring the four themes outlined above. To be considered for a slot in the programme, please send an abstract of 400 words (max) to Jess Aries no later than Friday 27 November 2015.

[Visit the Janet Watson page for more information](#)

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## Geological Society's Careers Days 2015

Date: 18 and 25 November 2015

Venues: BGS, Keyworth, Nottingham (18th November)

Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh (25th November)

### Exhibition stands are going fast!!

Book your stand now for 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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## Education

### Geoscience Education Academy - see the Class of 2015 in action!



Now in its 6th year with continued support from BP, our free training course for UK teachers ran from 23 - 26 July.

32 delegates spent the weekend learning classroom techniques and exchanging teaching ideas to inspire future geologists. The programme included workshops ranging from measuring dinosaur strides to predicting party popper eruptions - plus urban fieldwork, microfossils at the Natural History Museum, and a lecture by Iain Stewart.

For photos from the weekend, plus details of a LinkedIn group where past attendees can stay in touch, please [visit the education pages](#).

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## Jobs at the Geolsoc

### Library

The Geological Society is seeking to appoint two Library Assistants on a 3-month contract to provide support to the Library team working on a major collection management project.

The closing date for applications is Friday 28 August.

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

### Education

Last chance to apply for the Education Assistant post. The Education Department of the Geological Society is looking for an additional temporary member of staff to join its existing 2-person team. The job will focus mainly on our activities with schools.

Application Closing Date: 14 August 2015

[Apply now through the website](#)

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## Other Events



Geologists' Association: [Building Stones of St Albans](#)

Date: 16 August

Venue: St Albans

The walk will be looking at a variety of building stones of various ages including those of the cathedral. Afterwards it should be possible to visit the Verulaneum museum with its collection of Roman and related artefacts.

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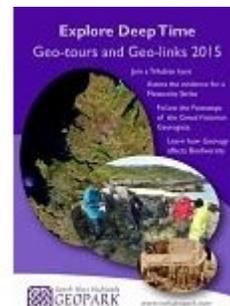
Northwest Highlands Geopark: [Geolinks Festival 2015](#)

Date: 21 - 24 August

Venue: Northwest Highlands Geopark, Scotland

A long-weekend festival celebrating the links between wildlife, culture and the landscape. Join experts in geology, ecology and geo-archaeology as they explore the North West Highlands Geopark.

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Geologists' Association: [The Geology of Reculver Country Park](#)

Date: 23 August

Venue: Reculver Country Park, Kent

This trip will study the early Palaeogene sediments of the Thanet Sands Formation and the overlying beds along the stretch of coast in North Kent between Bishopstone and Reculver. In the afternoon the group will visit the wall of the Roman shore fort of Regulbium and St Mary's Church, Reculver, to see the range of building stone used and

to consider the provenance of the material.

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Geological Repository Network: [Geological Repositories, Subsurface Labs and other Subsurface environments: High Technology Transfer](#)

Date: 12 - 14 October 2015

Venue: Edinburgh, United Kingdom

The STFC Network, GeoRepNet, will hold its third conference in Edinburgh focusing on exploring all aspects of high technology transfer into geological repositories and other deep subsurface facilities and laboratories. This meeting aims to create a legacy for GeoRepNet by generating an international community working on understanding processes in geological repositories and generating new groups working on proposals.



There is no registration fee and registrants selected for talks will have travel and accommodation costs paid. We welcome abstracts for talks and posters.

Registration deadline is 15 September 2015.

Abstract deadline: 31 August 2015. Abstracts should be half a page maximum.

Please send abstract or posters to [info@georepnet.org](mailto:info@georepnet.org)

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## Other News

### New Brochure from the European Federation of Geology



[Chartership](#) and professional titles are a sign to clients, regulators, employers and the general public that you are a competent professional who can demonstrate a high level of knowledge, skills and experience, and that you are bound by a strict code of professional conduct.

The European Geologist title (EurGeol) is a professional title created by the European Federation of Geologists which recognises the ability to deliver a high quality of services within the practice of geology.

[The newly released brochure from the European Federation of Geologists explains more](#)  
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### Geology and Literature: 'Strata' Edited Collection

The editors of the [Strata Conference 2015](#) invite proposals for essays on the theme of 'strata' across English literature in the period 1860-1930.

Essays which marry the two threads of physical (geological / archaeological) and psychological strata are of particular interest.

Deadline: 30 September 2015

[More information is available on our William Smith Bicentenary pages](#)  
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### Funding Opportunities with the Geological Repository Network



Funding is available for satellite workshops and travel awards between labs or organizations to advance science and technology collaborations related to Geological Repositories. A small amount of funding is allocated to test instrumentation.

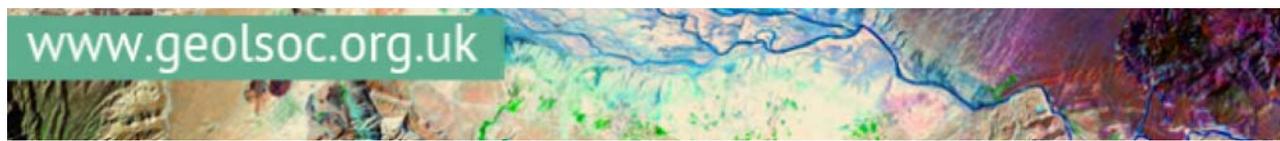
This is an open call with no deadline.

This funding opportunity is provided by the Geological Repository Network (GeoRepNet) under the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) Futures Programme Global Challenge Networks.

Funding for each award would typically be £1,500.

[Find out how to apply on our Grants and Awards page](#)  
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