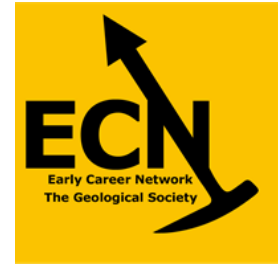


EARLY CAREER NETWORK

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



Date: Tuesday, 13 February 2024 (17:00 UTC)

Location: via Microsoft Teams

Present: Matt Sharp (Chair), Dan Hope (Vice-Chair), Jean-Jacques Ferguson (Secretary), Awei Mabi, Elisha McCowan (Geological Society Events Team), Harriet Warnock (Specialist Group Liaison), Alex Christopher, Simon Groom, Ayesha Landon-Browne, Jocelyn Barker.

Apologies: River Adler Stewart (Treasurer), Huw Richards.

1) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Actions Arising

- Sharing of Google Drive & Social Media account details
 - i. All committee members should have access now, if not please contact DH.
- Geoscientist magazine advert – EC Geo Award
 - i. DH - Missed deadline for current issue of Geoscientist, next issue targeted and instead of spread exclusively on EC award maybe a better use of space to advertise other events for the year.
- “Meet the Committee” social media posts.
 - i. Priority given to EC award awareness initially, but will be looked at ***AP* JB**
- Event “Task Force” divisions
 - i. DH - Names out of hat for taskforces now, if you request a change, contact DH directly.
- ECN pop-up banner designs
 - i. Preliminary design sent out, call for comments and edits ***AP* ALL**.

2) FUTURE EVENTS

- GENERAL
 - i. Taskforces to be decided by DH ***AP* DH**. It would be valuable to re-strike up communication with the regional groups - ***AP* HW**.
- Early Career Award – Wildcard – April 2024
 - i. DH – Planning can be done beforehand, need a list of regional groups definitely not putting someone forward. Looks to be >4-5 finalists. Still looking at 1-2 wildcards potentially.
 - o Reaching out to Regional Groups to find out about heats ***AP* Relevant taskforce**.
- Early Career Award – Final – May 2024
 - i. Date pencilled in for Thursday 23rd May.

- ii. ***AP* DH** to get final rates through from Emilia (River and Alex to be cc'd for budget)
 - iii. EC award trophy – ***AP* DH** to follow-up with group.
- Early Career Conference – Sep/Oct 2024
 - i. Elisha McCowan (Geological Society Events Team) gave some info:
 - No date as of yet, planned Q3-Q4 (Maybe '25).
 - Looking for collaboration between GeolSoc Events Team and ECN to create conference specifically designed as space for early-career researchers and professionals to talk about their projects and work.
 - Either 1 or 2 days, AM-PM sessions each day would cover 4 themes (of a total of 5)
 - MS – does the geolsoc have a theme for the year?
 - a. EM – not one theme but 5 themes now.
 - JJF – how do we collaborate?
 - a. GeolSoc take on Marketing and logistics, abstracts and that forwards to be taken on by ECN – be the “brains” for the conference.
 - MS – what are next steps?
 - a. Emilia requests a follow-up meeting – with the relevant taskforce to discuss marketing, reimbursement, fees etc.
- ECN Public Lecture – 10th Sep 2024
 - i. Elisha McCowan (Geological Society Events Team) gave some info:
 - Topic TBC – “Digital Geologists”? There is already a digital geoscience themed talk in July.
 - Talks are for 6pm for an hour.
 - GeolSoc are easy-going for topics / ideas / choices for speaker.
 - Open to the public – so perhaps not too technical.
 - GeolSoc reimburse travel up to £150.
 - GeolSoc offer a dinner after lecture.
 - ii. ***AP* ALL** Think of potential speakers.
- ECN Winter Social
 - i. DH – We ought to start thinking about a date, to not miss it this year.
 - ii. MS – can try to combine an in-person committee meeting (Burlington house?).
 - iii. ***AP* JB and AC** (London leads) to take point.
- Other future events?

- i. MidDLLe - Networking event in “spring”. Information sent out by DH. For those wishing to network.
- ii. JJF – Proposed career-pathways day
 - o Technical-field-agnostic, to bring together senior geoscientists and highlight career progression pathways (traditional and un-traditional) for students and ECs. No date or time proposed, potentially in line with other events already in this year (EC conference, careers fair).

3) CHARTERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Chartership committee seat – MS looking into getting DH a seat in his place as an “Early Career Network Seat”. Looking to continue in this vein going forward for chair. ***AP* MS.**

4) SCIENCE & PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

- ALB working towards Science Committee seat, again, for seat to become permanent fixture rotated by ECN-representative – ***AP* ALB** to follow-up.

5) MARKETING / ADVERTISEMENTS

- Pop-up banner design
 - i. Funded by Geolsoc – design ongoing. Feedback requested from team.
 - ii. Double check ECN terms of reference to see if there are any statements worth copying over ***AP* DH**
- Social Media
 - i. Things to be posted:
 - o Events broadcasting.
 - o Networking events re-sharing.
 - o “Meet the committee” posts.
 - ii. Looking to set-up Instagram – ***AP* JB**
 - o Begin with “meet the committee”(?).
 - iii. LinkedIn – DH everyone in the committee has admin rights.

6) TREASURER UPDATE

- Get EC final date early in as a pencil in. Secure fee now for transparency.
 - i. ***AP* AC / RAS** to develop a budget, and secure fixed prices / early-wins for events going forward.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ***AP* JJF** to look into shared calendar on google account for easy access to calendar.

8) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – W/C MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024

- Meeting polls – best meeting times?
 - i. ***AP* JJF** to sort ECN doodle account, use from then onwards.
- Best meeting times?
 - i. Post 5pm works best for UK team – more detail in next doodle poll.