

London & Southern Counties Minerals Industries Institute



ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL - YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2017

The Council of the London & Southern Counties Minerals Industries Institute (MinSouth) has pleasure in presenting its Report for the 2016-2017 session, ending 30th June 2017.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

President:	Roger Emmott
Vice Presidents:	Angus Morrison Katie Hill
Honorary Treasurer:	Paul Griffin
Honorary Secretary:	Ian Jackson
Membership:	Andrew Hindmarch
Sponsorship:	Clive Hallett

Continuing Past Presidents:

Robert Bacon	2016
Andrew Hindmarch	2015
Stephen Barnett	2013
Nick Eastwood	2012

Elected Councillors:

Gavin Bowyer
Geoff Hooper
Clive Hallett
Alan Stainer
Natalie Staffurth
Martin Griffin
Steve Kennedy
Geoff Hammond
Iain Duncan
Mike McLoughlin
Alan Bozeat
Simon Kocher
Stuart MacGowan
Kaajal Desai

Co-opted Councillors:

John Monhemius
Chris Arnold
Prem Mahi
Michael Forrest
Ian Townsend

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

MinSouth has continued to provide a technical forum for our industry in the region and a valuable source of networking and support for members and importantly for those at the start of their careers in the mining sector. Some of the activity is public but much is done behind the scenes, and in this report, I want to pay tribute to all that make the organisation work so smoothly and efficiently for the benefit of the industry and especially younger members.

Whilst membership and attendance at meetings have not reached the levels of previous years, there has been lively debate and engagement at each of the monthly meetings, and many speakers have commented on the quality and enthusiasm of the audience. MinSouth is fortunate to have a loyal core of followers that attend regularly and a strong Council of experienced hands. There are too many to name; you know who you are.

A key goal of MinSouth is support to educational activities and each year much effort each year goes into sponsorship. Special thanks are due to Clive Hallett and his team for unstintingly keeping in contact with existing sponsors, finding new ones, and undertaking the administration that goes with this. There was a high standard of entries from students applying for MinSouth sponsorship again this year. The awards panel does much work behind the scenes to select the most deserving students, which numbered seven during this year.

Supporting school activities and for the Ecton Mine Educational Trust in their educational efforts continued during the year. Although the school activities were limited this year, there has been much interest at the events attended in mining as a career, and it is to be hoped that our efforts to raise awareness of the sector have been successful.

We were delighted that Nick Eastwood, past President of MinSouth and long-serving Council Member, received the IOM3 Outstanding Service Award from IOM3 President Martin Cox prior to the annual Prestige lecture in June. Nick has been an unfailing supporter of MinSouth and the IOM3 and has maintained strong connections with his alma mater, Cambourne School of Mines, bringing many former students on board to both organisations.

MinSouth has also supported a number of student activities in the form of field trips, student games (with a mining focus) and similar during the year, from Camborne School of Mines, Royal School of Mines and Portsmouth University. We are always keen to support such activities if they are relevant to professional development in the sector and where funding is otherwise difficult to obtain.

I thank wholeheartedly the Council for their support and acknowledge all those who have contributed to MinSouth's ongoing success. Special thanks to Paul Griffin, now Treasurer after many years as Secretary, and an invaluable source of advice, guidance and knowledge. Also to Ian Jackson who has most ably picked up the mantle of Secretary this year from Paul.

My best wishes to all in MinSouth for the coming year, and I know that Council will join me in wishing incoming President, Angus Morrison, a most successful year in office.

MEMBERSHIP:

The society now has 794 members (944 15/16). Of these 758 (904 15/16) are IOM3 members and 36 (40 15/16) affiliate (non-IOM3) members. The reduction in membership of IOM3 members is of particular concern.

MEETINGS:

General Meetings:

The MinSouth AGM was held at The Counting House on Thursday 13th October 2016 where Roger Emmott was appointed President.

A total of 9 events were held during the year. These include one joint event held with the BTS. Average attendance for the year was 39 persons (50 in 2015/16).

The MinSouth presentations given were:

Oct:	The Evolving Natural Resources Industry	John Murray
Nov:	Too many blast furnaces	Julian Allwood
Dec:	The Mining/Geology Xmas Quiz	Nick Eastwood
Jan:	Satellite Imagery & Remote Sensing in Mining	Charlotte Bishop
Feb:	Alaskan Way Tunnel Project Seattle	(BTS Joint Event)
Mar:	Young Persons Lecture Competition	
Apr:	Trends in Aluminium Production	Ross Freeman
May:	Innovations, Triumphs, Tragedies and Challenges	Andy Wells
Jun:	Making Sense of the Complex Commodity World	Colin Hamilton

The Council expresses thanks to all authors for their time and effort spent in preparing and presenting papers at MinSouth events. It is recognised that pressure of work leaves little free time for such voluntary, learned society contributions.

Master-classes:

In addition, two "Master-classes" were held in partnership with Simmons & Simmons entitled:

Nov 2016	Improving Operational Efficiencies
May 2017	A Review of the Market

The Council expresses its sincere thanks to Michael Forrest for organising these events, and the law firm Simmons & Simmons for making available the lecture theatre at their offices in Moorgate.

Young Persons' Lecture Competition:

The local heat of the Young Persons' Lecture Competition was again held at The Royal School of Mines. The selected presentations were:

- Carbonites: Their petrogenetic peculiarities and associated rare earth mineralisation. Chetan Nathwani
- The Risk of a Fukushima-Daiichi style disaster in the United Kingdom. Noah Hawkins
- From rock to particle, an explanation of lime reactivity. Theodore Ineich
- Limestone Dimension Stone. Cole Runnalls

The winner was Chetan Nathwani.

Council expresses thanks to all the student representatives for encouraging submissions. Also for the ongoing support from Golder Associates and Saint Barbara LLP who not only financially support the event but also provided expert judges for the evening.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Mining Sundowner:

Although the Sundowner is not formally a MinSouth event, it has traditionally been supported by MinSouth members. It is on the last Thursday of every month and continues to draw large crowds. Special thanks are due to Liv Carroll for her promotion of the event and for sending out reminders without fail every month. Thanks are also due to the companies that generously put money behind the bar for the benefit of the attendees.

Society Annual Dinner:

This season saw a break with no Annual Dinner held. It is hoped that it will be resumed in 2017-2018

Xmas Quiz:

For the 6th year running a mining/geology themed quiz was held at the December meeting. The Council wishes to thank Nick Eastwood for making the arrangements and compiling the questions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Web Site:

The web site provides comprehensive information and news on MinSouth activities. The Council expresses its thanks to Stephen Henley for continuing to maintain the site.

Social Networking:

MinSouth continues to have contact groups on LinkedIn (475 members) and Twitter (414 followers)

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Nine Council Meetings were held during the year. These are held before the General Meeting each month.

SPONSORSHIP:

The IOM3 sponsored the society a total of £5,269 in 2016/17 (£2,537 in 2015/16). However, this included payment of the 3rd tranche of the IOM3 grant (£846) delayed from the previous year and payment of a subsidy of £1,000 relating to the 2016 Prestige Lecture. The Grant income relating to this year was £3,423.

MinSouth received corporate sponsorship of £6,150 (before costs) compared to £6,100 in 2015/16.

Outotec	500
Knight Piesold	500
Golder	500
SP Angel	300
Bara Consulting	1000
Hatch	1000
St Barbara	350
Behre Dolbear	500
Chubb	1000
Auramet	500

(NB: the accounting practice is to show monies received in the year which may include payment for invoices raised in previous years but not include amounts invoiced this year but not yet received.)

MinSouth is most grateful to all sponsors for their support. This sponsorship allows MinSouth to pursue its objective of supporting the education and development of the next generation of mining professionals.

The Council wish to thank Clive Hallett as Sponsorship Secretary for his efforts in engaging with our sponsors especially in the difficult financial circumstances of the year.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME:

MinSouth continued its educational support through the year. This included;

- Promoting STEMNET who encourage and facilitate contact by professionals to schools.
- Maintaining contact with the Earth Science Teachers Association, (ESTA)

The website includes information and teaching materials for both teachers and students.

STUDENT PROGRAMME:

Sponsorship and Support:

Following on from last year, MinSouth is continuing to sponsor university students. This year MinSouth sponsored seven students between £500 - £1,000 each to assist them through their undergraduate studies:

The students were:

Penelope Wieser	Oxford University
Charles Singer	Royal School of Mines
Madeline Hann	Royal School of Mines
Liam Norwood	Camborne School of Mines
Stephen White	University of Southampton
Jacob Worthington	Camborne School of Mines
Virginia Gay	Camborne School of Mines

MinSouth also has actively promoted membership of the IOM3 by both undergraduate and postgraduate students. A total of 35 students were sponsored.

Student Sections:

MinSouth continues to support Student Sections at several universities including the Camborne School of Mines, Royal School of Mines and Oxford University. We continue to reach out to other institutions running appropriate courses with the aim of encouraging further student participation in our activities.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

The following donations were made during the year:

Camborne School of Mines "International Mining Competition"	£600
Camborne School of Mines "International Student Week"	£600
Society of Economic Geologists (Portsmouth) Field trip	£600
Camborne School of Mines "Mining Games"	£600
Society of Economic Geologists (Royal School of Mines) Field Trip	£600

A donation of £1,270 was made to Ecton.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Society's Annual Statement of Accounts are summarised below:

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Income for the year to June 30 th	£12,420	£14,471	£13,088	£15,427
Total Expenditure for the year to June 30 th	£14,690	£15,564	£14,731	£12,886
Excess of income over expenditure	(£2,270)	(£1,093)	(£1,643)	£2,541
Total Cash held as of June 30 th	£20,814	£23,084	£24,177	£25,820

Summary of MinSouth Accounts 01/07/16 - 30/06/17				
2016/2017				
Opening Cash	RBS		22,436.90	
	Paypal		647.21	
				23,084.11
Receipts	IoM3 funding	5,269.00		
	Sponsorship	6,143.00		
	Memberships	700.00		
	Merchandise	24.00		
	Dinner	99.00		
	Raffle	100.00		
	Other	85.24		
			12,420.24	
Payments	YPLC	1,122.79		
	Student IoM3 Membership	630.00		
	Sponsorship	9,270.00		
	Meeting Rooms	1,836.88		
	Honorariums	1,500.00		
	Dinner	-		
	Misc	274.92		
	Charges	55.65		
			14,690.24	
Surplus/Deficit			- 2,270.00	
				20,814.11
Closing Cash	RBS		20,794.76	
	Paypal		19.35	
				20,814.11

The Society saw a deficit for the year. However, this was mainly due to the higher than normal sponsorship of students in the year.

Cash reserves stand at £20,814 as of 30th June 2016

SPECIAL THANKS:

The President wishes to express his sincere thanks to all Councillors for their support throughout the year, despite often hectic work schedules. Without the willing support of the councillors the post of President would have been a lot harder.

Finally, Council wishes incoming President Angus Morrison every success in his year of office.

Roger Emmott
President 2016 – 2017

September 2017.