

London & Southern Counties Minerals Industries Institute



ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL - YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2018

The Council of the London & Southern Counties Minerals Industries Institute (MinSouth) has pleasure in presenting its Report for the 2017-2018 session, ending 30th June 2018.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

President:	Angus Morrison
Vice Presidents:	Stuart MacGowan Susan Struthers
Honorary Treasurer:	Paul Griffin
Honorary Secretary:	Ian Jackson
Membership:	Andrew Hindmarch
Sponsorship:	Clive Hallett

Continuing Past Presidents:

Roger Emmott	2017
Robert Bacon	2016
Andrew Hindmarch	2015
Stephen Barnett	2013

Elected Councillors:

Gavin Bowyer
Geoff Hooper
Clive Hallett
Alan Stainer
Martin Griffin
Geoff Hammond
Dennis Vega Garcia
Iain Duncan
Mike McLoughlin
Alan Bozeat
Simon Kocher

Co-opted Councillors:

John Monhemius
Michael Forrest
Ian Townsend

Councillors Resigned During Year:

Natalie Staffurth
Katie Hill
Steve Kennedy
Ian Townsend
David Waring

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

On the 22nd of January 1958, The Southern Counties Institute of Mining Engineers held its first meeting. Several name changes later, the London and Southern Counties Mineral Industries Institute (MinSouth) held its 60th anniversary dinner on the 22nd of January 2018. It was attended by 11 past presidents of MinSouth, representatives of 9 of our sponsors, and over 20 students from the Royal and Camborne Schools of Mines. We were pleased to welcome Craig Sellars of the Department of Trade and Industry as our after-dinner speaker, and to have one of our longest-standing sponsors, Pat Willis from Bara Consulting, present a cheque to one of our 2017/18 MinSouth Scholars, Hannah Burt of the CSM.

Our 60th anniversary dinner was heroically organised by our Vice-president Stuart MacGowan, who managed somehow to find a catered venue in the City at short notice. He was assisted by our long-suffering Honorary Secretary, Ian Jackson, and Treasurer, Paul Griffin. MinSouth stalwart and unofficial historian, Gavin Bowyer, organised a commemorative business card holder to mark the occasion. I'd like to thank all of them for making so important a milestone for the Institute so memorable.

In this, our 60th anniversary year, we won our second Local Society of the Year award from the IoM3 in my time as a Councillor. Paul Griffin and I attended the Awards Ceremony at the IoM3 headquarters on the sweltering evening that the English football team narrowly made it to the semi-finals of the FIFA World Cup. Fortunately, I accepted the award on behalf of MinSouth in the break between extra-time halves, and so the guests had briefly put down their smartphones when I did. This Local Society Award recognises the contribution that MinSouth as an organisation, its Councillors, and its members have made to the minerals and mining community over the last year; something that we have been doing for the last six decades.

This year, we continued with our program of technical talks at the Counting House in Cornhill, and hosted two editions of our popular Mining Masterclasses at the law firm Simmons & Simmons. These Masterclasses, organised by Past President Michael Forrest and Councillor Iain Duncan, have become a mainstay of the Institute, and have allowed us to extend our reach beyond our traditional technical membership. I'd like to thank Michael and Iain for their hard work. This year we also held two joint meetings, with the British Tunnelling Society and with Women in Mining. It is through events like this that we continue to engage with members of allied professions, and thus ensure our ongoing relevance to our members.

This year, we not only hosted our annual heat of the Young Persons' Lecture Competition, but also the southeast of England regional final. I'd like to thank our long-time YPLC sponsors, Golder and St Barbara LLC for their continued support. I'd also like to thank Past President Robert Bacon for stepping in to organise the SE regional final at very short notice, and on a very tight budget.

This year, as well as Hannah Burt, we awarded two more sponsorships to scholars at the University of Oxford, and at the Camborne School of Mines. We also sponsored student societies at the University of Bristol and the Royal School of Mines to enable them to undertake fieldtrips with a focus on economic geology. MinSouth is only able to fulfil this role through the generosity of its sponsors, and through the increasingly-hard work of our sponsorship secretary, Past President Clive Hallett.

This year, too, we finally updated our website to make it mobile-ready and easier for future Councillors to maintain. I'd like to thank former Councillor Steve Henley who has hosted and maintained our old website for as long as I can remember for his patience with us over the years, and Councillor Mike McLoughlin for volunteering as our first Webmaster.

In many ways, 2017/18 has been a good year for MinSouth, but it has also been a challenging one. In particular, the growing expense of hosting events in central London, compounded by one-off expenses that we incurred this year and by dwindling sponsorship, forced us to make some difficult decisions. I'd like to thank my kitchen cabinet of Treasurer Paul Griffin, Secretary Ian Jackson, and Vice-president Stuart

MacGowan for weathering the storm with me. They will continue on the Council next year with Stuart as President. I know that MinSouth is in good hands.

MEMBERSHIP:

The society now has 1,094 members (794 - 16/17). Of these 1,074 (758 - 16/17) are IOM3 members and 20 (36 - 16/17) affiliate (non-IOM3) members.

Regarding IOM3 “members” these are people who have indicated to IOM3 their preference of MinSouth as their preferred local society. As part of the process of compliance with newly introduced GDPR data regulations the notice list was revalidated to include only people who have positively consented to be included. This list currently stands at 287 persons which includes both IOM3 and Affiliate members.

MEETINGS:

General Meetings:

The MinSouth AGM was held at The Counting House on Monday 9th October 2017 where Angus Morrison was appointed President.

A total of 8 technical meetings and 1 social (mining quiz) event was held during the year. These included joint events held with the British Tunnelling Society (February) and Women in Mining (May). Average attendance for the technical meetings was 34 persons (39 - 2016/17).

The MinSouth presentations given were:

Oct:	The UNEXMIN Project	Stephen Henley
Nov:	Perspectives on a career in the mining sector	Kurt Budge
Dec:	The Mining/Geology Xmas Quiz	
Jan:	Artisanal, small-scale mining in sub-Saharan Africa	Gavin Hilson
Feb:	The Yorkshire Polyhalite project	Simon Carter (BTS Joint Event)
Mar:	Young Persons Lecture Competition (Local)	
Mar:	Young Persons Lecture Competition (Regional)	
Apr:	Underwater Mining	Steff Kapusniak
May:	The feasibility of re-use/recycling of mine tailings	Susan Struthers (WIM Joint Event)

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.

Masterclasses:

In addition, two “Masterclasses” were held in partnership with Simmons & Simmons entitled:

Dec 2017	Eastern Europe
June 2018	Mining Finance Update

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:

- The Nature and Distribution of Tungsten in Non-ore Minerals within Metasedimentary Rocks (Drakelands Tungsten Deposit, Devon, UK). Jo Speer
- Lithium Mining from Pegmatites. Daniel Lindsay.
- Magmatic controls on the formation of giant porphyry Cu deposits: lessons from modelling. Oliver Higgins.

The winner was Oliver Higgins.

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 60th Anniversary Dinner:

The local branch of the IMinE, the Southern Counties Institute of Mining Engineers was inaugurated on 22nd January 1958 at a meeting at Hobart House, then the headquarters of the IMinE. To celebrate 60 years since the society was first formed a dinner was held at the The Mercer Restaurant in London. A total of 54 people attended the event. The guest speaker was **Craig Sillars** of the Mining and Infrastructure Group.

Xmas Quiz:

For the 7th year running a mining/geology themed quiz was held at the December meeting. The Council wishes to thank Julian Aldridge for making the arrangements and compiling the questions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Web Site:

The web site provides comprehensive information and news on MinSouth activities. The site has now been updated and moved to a new server. The Council expresses its thanks to Stephen Henley for his long period of assistance with the original site, and Mike McLoughlin for his help with the new site.

Social Networking:

MinSouth continues to have contact groups on LinkedIn with 486 members (475 – 16/17) and Twitter with 509 followers (414 – 16/17)

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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

FUNDING:

The IOM3 sponsored the society a total of £3,469 in 2017/18 (£5,269 - 16/17). However, this excludes the payment of the 3rd tranche of the IOM3 grant (£846) which is delayed until 2018/19 financial year.

MinSouth received corporate sponsorship of £4,200 (before costs) compared to £6,150 in 2016/17.

Gold:

Bara Consulting

Silver:

Auramet
Golder
Knight Piesold
St Barbara

Bronze:

Roger Emmott
Hatch
Rockmate
SP Angel
Wood

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. Specifically, this involved maintaining contact with the Earth Science Teachers Association, (ESTA) and including information and teaching materials for both teachers and students on the MinSouth website.

STUDENT PROGRAMME:

Sponsorship and Support:

MinSouth is continuing to sponsor university students. The total support given to Students over the past 8 years now totals £24,000. This year MinSouth sponsored three students between £500 - £1,000 each to assist them through their undergraduate studies:

Hannah Burt	Camborne School of Mines	Mining Engineering	£1,000
William McKenzie	Oxford University	Earth Sciences	£ 500
Yvan Teddy Chegang Kwebou	Camborne School of Mines	Mining Engineering	£ 500

MinSouth also has actively promoted student membership of the IOM3. A total of 86 (35 - 2016/17) students were sponsored during the year.

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:

Society of Economic Geologists (Bristol University) Field trip - Ireland	£600
Society of Economic Geologists (Bristol University) Field trip - Portugal	£600

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Income for the year to June 30 th	£10,445	£12,420	£14,471	£13,088
Total Expenditure for the year to June 30 th	£16,531	£14,690	£15,564	£14,731
Excess of income over expenditure	(£6,085)	(£2,270)	(£1,093)	(£1,643)
Total Cash held as of June 30 th	£14,729	£20,814	£23,084	£24,177

Summary of MinSouth Accounts 01/07/17 - 30/06/18

		2017/2018	
Opening Cash		RBS	20,794.76
		Paypal	19.35
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			20,814.11
Receipts	IoM3 funding	3,469.00	
	Sponsorship	4,200.00	
	Memberships	450.00	
	Merchandise	378.00	
	Dinner	1,940.00	
	Raffle	-	
	Other	8.42	
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			10,445.42
Payments	YPLC	1,208.00	
	Student IoM3 Membership	828.00	
	Sponsorship	3,200.00	
	Meeting Rooms	2,789.27	
	Items for Sale	437.70	
	Prestige Lecture	2,063.28	
	Honorariums	1,500.00	
	Website	241.00	
	Dinner	4,057.37	
	Misc	147.30	
	Charges	58.61	
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			16,530.53
Surplus/Deficit			-
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			6,085.11
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			14,729.00
Closing Cash		RBS	13,524.26
		Paypal	1,204.74
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			14,729.00

The Society saw a significant deficit for the year. This was partly due to the cost of holding the 60th Anniversary Dinner in January 2018. In addition, there was a delay in the final payment of the IOM3 grant which will now fall into the next MinSouth financial year. Corporate Sponsorship also was lower than previous years.

Cash reserves stand at £14,729 as of 30th June 2018

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 Stuart MacGowan every success in his year of office.

Angus James Morrison
President 2017 – 2018

September 2018.