



ENGINEERING GROUP OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TERMS OF REFERENCE 2013

Aims

The Engineering Group of the Geological Society of London (EGGS) is a Specialist Group of the Society and the UK National Group of the International Association of Engineering Geologists and Hydrogeologists (IAEG). The aims of EGGS are to advance the study and understanding of engineering geology and to communicate and promote to other professionals, academic institutions, Government and the public, the importance and value of engineering geology and geo-environmental engineering anywhere where there is the interaction between human activities and the earth's surface and subsurface. We aim to do this by:

- Holding meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops;
- Representing and promoting the Society nationally and internationally in respect of engineering geological issues;
- Representing the interest and promoting the study and understanding of engineering geology nationally and internationally;
- Representing the Society on the British Geotechnical Association (BGA);
- Representing the interest and promoting the affairs of the Ground Forum (GF) and the International Association of Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG);
- Publishing papers and other communications and encouraging research and teaching in engineering geological issues;
- Promoting the interests of professional engineering geologists and encouraging Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Terms of reference

EGGS is responsible to Council through the Science Committee for delivering the Society's Science Strategy with respect to engineering geology and geo-environmental engineering through the aims listed above. Key activities include:

Technical Meetings

EGGS convenes technical meetings, either evening meetings or one or half day on a variety of topics relevant to engineering geology.

The Engineering Group Forum

Every two years the Group hosts the Engineering Group Forum, which provides an opportunity for the members to meet and discuss a topical theme.

Working Parties

EGGS convenes technical Working Parties to address pertinent technical themes of interest to current practice.

Engineering Group Special Publications

The Engineering Group Special Publications are a successful and popular series devoted to engineering geology and geotechnical topics published by the Society. Most Engineering Geology Special Publications

have been the result of EGGs conferences or Working Party reports, but proposals from other sources are welcomed. The volumes are highly regarded both within the UK and internationally, and one has been translated into Spanish.

Awards

The Engineering Group confers a number of awards including:

- Glossop Medal - to recognise the contribution of a leader in the field. The Glossop Medal winner presents the annual Glossop Lecture, usually held in November.
- Glossop Award - presented to an engineering geologist or geo-environmental engineer under the age of 30. An open competition is held for submission of abstracts and a short list selected to give presentations before a selection committee. The winner receives the Award and gives their presentation before the Glossop Lecture.
- The Engineering Group Award - presented in early to mid career to mark a significant contribution to research, publication or practice in the field of Engineering Geology.

Training and CPD

EGGS provides a Training Guide for engineering geologists and geo-environmental engineers to support and measure progress against a series of objectives with the intention of preparing Fellows for chartership through the Society. CPD support is provided through technical meetings and conferences throughout the year.

Communication

There is an active JISmail account through which EGGs members share information and publicise meetings. There is also an active LinkedIn group belonging to the IAEG. EGGs produces a newsletter, currently distributed in an online blog format, to provide book reviews, meeting reports, news and technical notes.

Finance

Financial income is obtained through delegate fees for meetings and conferences, return on investments and through royalties for publications. Major expenditure is typically for large meetings such as the Glossop evening and Forum.

Structure

The Engineering Group Committee is led by a Chair, assisted by a Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee includes a minimum of 4 elected members plus up to 12 co-opted members. The term of membership is up to three years.

Sub-committees exist to facilitate particular events or processes and include Technical Meetings, Publicity, Glossop Lecture and Award and Training Guide. EGGs committee members will have individual responsibilities for working with regional groups, associated organisations and committees and other specialist groups.

Membership of the group as a whole is open to Honorary Fellows, Fellows and Candidate Fellows of the Society whose interest in the Group is registered with the Society.

Method of working

The Engineering Group Committee will usually meet 5 times a year. Meeting dates are scheduled in the July of the previous year to facilitate availability and travel planning and follows an academic year style programme starting in September. An AGM is held towards the end of the academic year.

Technical meetings, including evenings and day meetings, occur throughout the year usually monthly. A field trip is held annually during the summer.