

Newsletter of the Extractive Industry Geology Conferences

EIGConferences



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EIG 2024 - The University of Hull Wednesday 4th to Thursday 5th September, 2024



EIG '24 is now firmly on its way and is shaping up to be a fantastic event in true EIG tradition, but with new and exciting topics relating, in various ways, to the overall theme of the contribution of geoscientists to meeting society's needs in the transition to Net Zero.

For 2024, EIG is holding the conference in Middleton Hall at the University of Hull on 4th and 5th September 2024 with social events plus pre- and post-conference field trips as previous conferences.

The **HEADLINE SPONSORS** of EIG 2024 will, once again, be the Mineral Products Association, whose long standing and continued support is gratefully acknowledged.

Alongside the MPA, we are also delighted to announce that Land and Minerals Consulting Ltd. will be sponsoring the full cost of this year's **ICEBREAKER RECEPTION**, to be held in the spectacular venue of 'The Deep' at the waterfront in Hull (including food, drinks and coach transport to and from the University campus).



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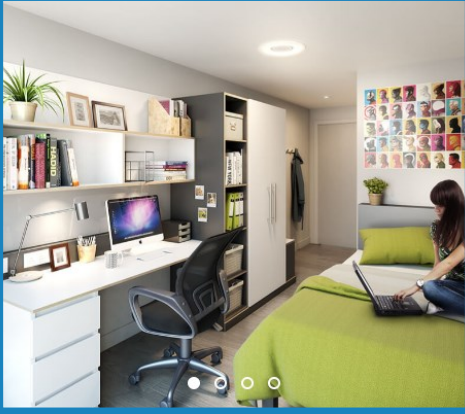


Adrian Wilkinson, the company's managing director, originated from Hull and, as a long-standing supporter of EIG, decided that this would be the perfect opportunity to make EIG '24 a special conference.



Mineral Products Association





Sponsorship Opportunities

Multiple **SPONSORSHIP** opportunities are available including sessions, coffee and lunch breaks, the conference dinner, and promotional literature. Information on this will be following soon, however if you are keen to secure this opportunity to advertise your company please contact anne@apsgs.co.uk now. The generosity of all our sponsors helps to keep our delegate costs to a minimum.

Ansel Dunham Lecture

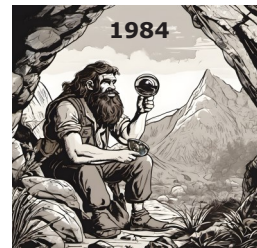
Following the submission of six excellent nominations, voting by the Papers sub-committee and endorsement by the main EIG committee, Adrian Charters has been chosen to present this year's prestigious lecture on the opening day of the conference.



2024 Ansel Dunham Speaker
Adrian Charters, C.Geol

As a Chartered Geologist, Adrian has been closely involved with EIG since the late 1980s, serving on the organising committee since 1989 and acting as Chairman of the 2006 conference in Edinburgh. After graduating in 1984 in Industrial Mineralogy (MSc) from the University of Hull, where he was taught by Ansel and Peter Scott, he has worked for quarry operators (on both sides of the Atlantic) and for leading consultancies in the UK. Recently semi retired he remains as a Principal Associate with Land & Minerals Consulting Ltd.

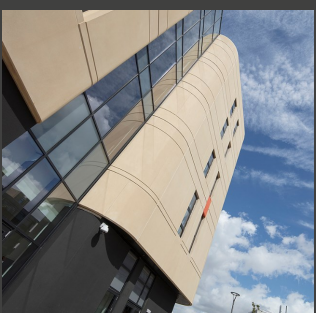
The topic of his lecture will be based on his experience over 40 years on the evolution of the digital geologist from paper analogue to AI.



Papers



The Call for Papers for 2024, which expired on the 5th of January, produced an excellent response, as always. The 'Papers' sub-committee has since gone through the submitted abstracts and expressions of interest and has compiled a full programme of prospective presentations. Individual authors will be contacted by members of the sub-committee during January to confirm whether or not their papers have been accepted and to assist them in fitting their suggestions into the various themes that have emerged. As with previous conferences, there will be a mixture of plenary and parallel sessions, this time covering a total of 10 different themes, as follows:





- **Optimisation** of mineral extraction
- Practical methods of achieving **Net Zero** in the minerals sector;
- **Climate Change Adaptation** for the minerals industry
- The role of quarries in **Local Nature Recovery Strategies**
- **'Back to Basics'** workshop for early career extractive industry geologists
- Quarry design **Case Studies**
- **Mineral Resources** in the UK
- **Marine and Coastal** sand & gravel extraction
- Innovative methods of **Waste Reduction**
- **Professional Practice** in the minerals industry (including commercial, safety, ESG and professional insurance issues)

For the traditionalists amongst you, topics such as 'Geotechnics', 'Hydrogeology', 'Restoration' and 'Geodiversity', which have been a main stay of previous conferences, will still be covered, but within the context of these forward-looking, integrated themes. Further details of the content of each of the sessions will be revealed in the next newsletter.

Following feedback from the previous Exeter EIG conference we are in the process of finalising a new online registration system with information on how to register to follow over the coming months.

Trade Stands



Hull will provide exhibitors with an excellent opportunity to promote services or products with a Trade Stand; located within the heart of the conference receiving high footfall from delegates

during the conference programme. The space will allow for a good number of stands; but please be aware they will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Costs for the stands have been capped at £395 representing excellent value; we also have for Hull a unique external opportunity near the

welcome area that could be explored and tailored to suit a static display or dynamic presentation. Please get in contact with Marcus Dorey or email if you are not on the previous traders mailing list or wish to discuss the bespoke opportunity.

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In a change to align with the rest of the conference, booking went live from the 31st of January 2024 for trade stands only. Thank you to all those who have supported the EIG in the past, we look forward to welcoming you Hull 2024. **Book one of the remaining spaces now via this hyperlink:**

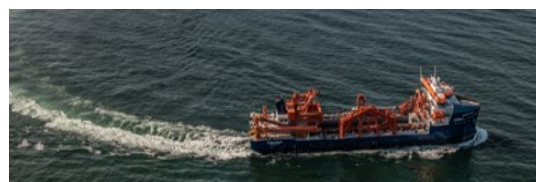
<https://www.eigconferences.com/store3>

Field Trips



As always, an exciting programme of field trips is being planned on the Tuesday before and the Friday after the conference.

Details of these are still being finalised but will hopefully include visits to an operational North Sea aggregate dredger; historic and modern Chalk extraction sites; a clay pit and tile factory; a sand & gravel operation; a Magnesian Limestone quarry and Drax Power Station though others are being explored.





Scholarships



Finally, take up of the EIG Scholarship has declined over recent years and so it will be undergoing a revamp. The new scholarship funds will initially be used to provide a bursary to enable attendance at the Hull Conference to those who would otherwise be unable to attend. The intention is to focus financial support to geologists looking to return to work after a career break and students nearing graduation looking to pursue a career in the extractive industries. It is hoped that this will enable them to gain the networking opportunities and exposure to the diverse range of topics to be delivered and discussed at the conference. Depending on uptake of this we will also be looking to fund student bursaries to aid with the cost of university education. A new subcommittee is in the process of being formed to run the scholarship scheme, should you be interested in joining then please email :

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The Humber Bridge,, opened in 1981 by HM Queen Elizabeth II. It held the world record for the longest single span until 1998.

