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HONG KONG

## **Chairman's Report 2017–2018**

### **Hong Kong Regional Group**

The 2017-18 has been very active, productive and rewarding.

With some 300 fellows about 35% of whom are women, and more than 100 Chartered Geologists we are a unique Regional Group with an ever broadening range of interests and talent. World-wide the Fellowship is over 12,500 in 80 Countries, with 2500 Chartered.

On behalf of all Fellows, my sincere thanks to our out-going Committee for their zeal, enthusiasm, good humour and wise counsel. As Chair, it has been a combination of fun and pleasure to work with Trudy Kwong (Hon. Sec), John Perry (Hon.Treas), Dickson Leung, Steve Power, Olivia Lam, Sally Lam, Momo Cheung, Kan Tam, Mike Tracy, and Eric Cheung (Chair, Young Fellows Group).

In addition to our main Committee, our Young Fellows Group continue to be very active and progressive. Our sincere thanks to our co-opted Fellows: Kevin So, Emily Kai, Mandy Tso, Jane Lee, Dennis Wong, Fergus Cheng and Sarah Kong.

We need to continue promoting the GSL – the oldest Geological Society on the planet and helping to demonstrate why geology is so relevant today, particularly to young people.

### **Summary of Major Activities**

This year most of our events have been posted on the GSL website with images and script available for all. Some of our activities were:

- Committee Meetings – 7;
- Guest Lectures – 6;
- Field/Boat Trips – 2;
- Scrutineers Evenings – 2;

- Chartership Evening – 1;
- Annual Dinner – support from 11 corporates and 160 attendees;
- Representations to Joint Professional Bodies Meeting with Slope Safety Technical Review Board;
- Representations at Conferences, Meetings & Functions – including HKIE Geotechnical Division Annual Dinner, IoM3 Annual Dinner, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Geological Society Conference, Slope Safety Summit 2018;
- Representations and nomination to HK Government Development Bureau– Core Logging Geologist Assessment Panel;
- Representation on GSL Professional Division Committee; and
- Young Fellows Group – 9 events including: Invitation to inauguration day for the Society of Earth Sciences HKU; Information day at HKU; career talks at HKU & CUHK; 3 Mentoring Gatherings (one with international students from Portsmouth); and two field trips with secondary students.

### **Interaction with Headquarters**

Apart from routine correspondence with Headquarters on membership, financial planning, chartership and other administrative matters, I would like to record our appreciation for the special efforts to further develop closer ties with our Hong Kong Fellowship. The decision from Headquarters to offer two sponsorships for local Fellows to visit Burlington House for familiarization with facilities, staff and officers was an outstanding initiative which we hope will continue. We may seem a long way away but are close in spirit.

Our Young Fellows Chair, Eric Cheung and Trudy Kwong, our Hon Sec were nominated.

### **Chartership**

Chartership remains a priority with considerable focus in support of:

- outreach to students about career prospects and educational pathways;
- individual applications;
- accredited training schemes; and
- scrutineers.

We should also do more to encourage our more mature geologist colleagues to take Chartership through the abbreviated pathways available.

We should also explore opportunities to explore Accredited Specialist status for Chartered Geologists with special expertise and experience.

Honorary Fellowships should also be explored in recognition of some who have made outstanding contributions over a long period.

### **Expanding Societal Relevance**

Early in 2017, the decision by Council to add “Society” to our descriptors was a milestone – *“to serve Science, Profession & Society”* became an all embracing raison d’etre – a position that had evolved over some 210 years.

The ability to balance Geoscience to address societal issues, whilst preserving professional and scientific integrity, is our great challenge and perhaps, our greatest reward.

- As geologists - we deal with “Uncertainty” on a day to day basis in a way that few professions understand;
- As geologists - we “Make the Past Relevant”; and
- Therefore, as geologists - we are in a unique position to engage science and with skillful education, training and professional endeavour, benefit society.

In as much, we should have a keen interest and voice in Hong Kong’s ability to supply and develop a strong long term geological profession to serve societal needs.

### **The Way Forward**

2018 is dedicated as the GSL “YEAR OF RESOURCES”

Our Fellows are our greatest resource and our future.

The *“Geoscience Man-Power Resource Cycle”* is a delicate balance of education and training fuelled by sustainable long term employment underpinned by projects that recognize the value of sound geology and the need to advance knowledge.

With this in mind, we should be very supportive of any initiatives to stimulate a shared Government, Private-sector and Academic “vision” to enhance geological knowledge and standards and further promote ways to do so for the benefit of Hong Kong.

Go well everyone, may the Year of the Dog be rewarding for you all.

Kevin Styles

Chair, Hong Kong Regional Group

28 February 2018





# Hong Kong Regional Group

## 2017-18 Session Chairs Report



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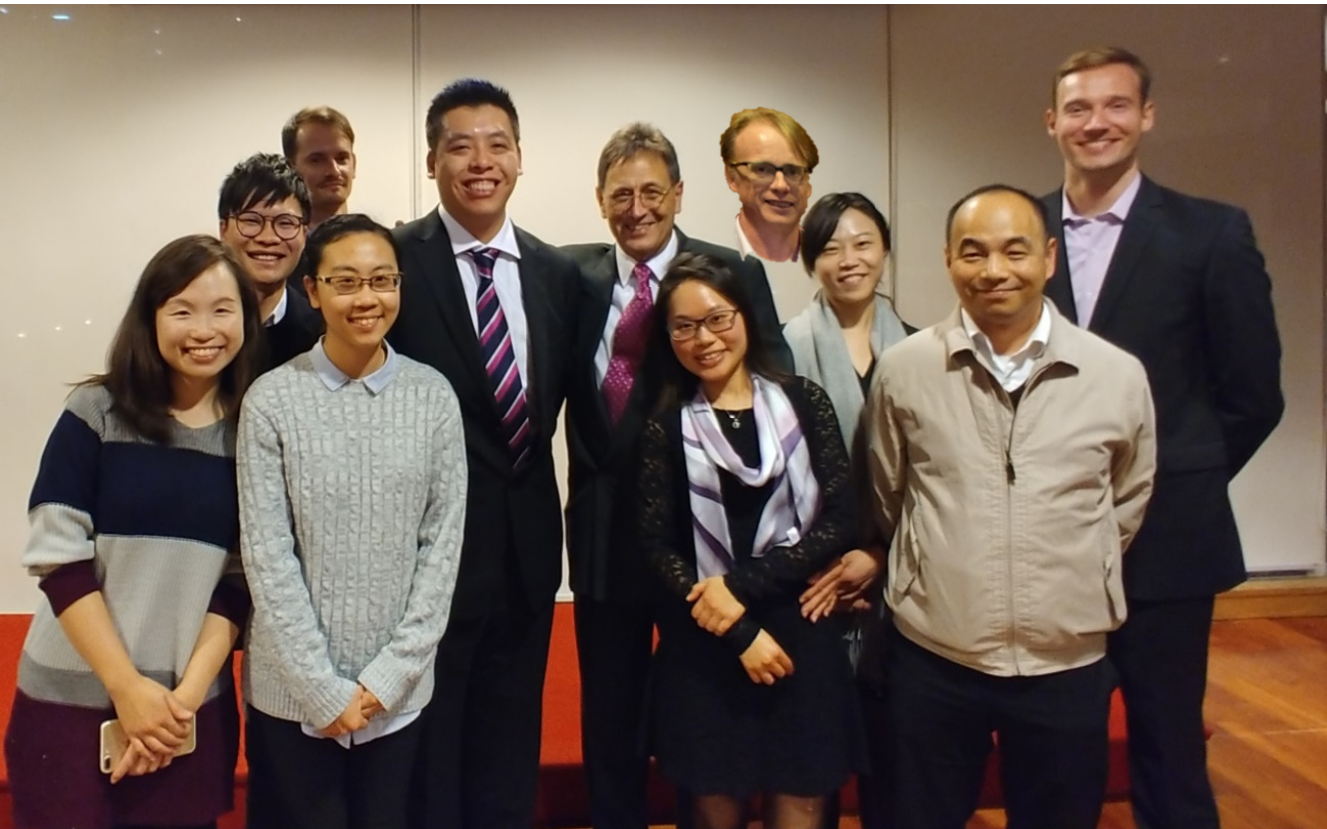
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# HKRG Committee 2017/18 Session

**Chair:** Kevin Styles (Fugro)  
**Hon. Secretary:** Trudy Kwong (BMI)  
**Hon. Treasurer:** John Perry (Atkins)

## **Ordinary Members:**

Dickson Leung (Penta Ocean)  
Eric Cheung (Fugro)  
Kan Tam (GEO)  
Michael Tracy (Fugro)  
Momo Cheung (Jacobs)  
Olivia Lam (Fugro)  
Sally Lam (Jacobs)  
Stephen Power (Motts)



# HKRG Committee 2017/18 Session

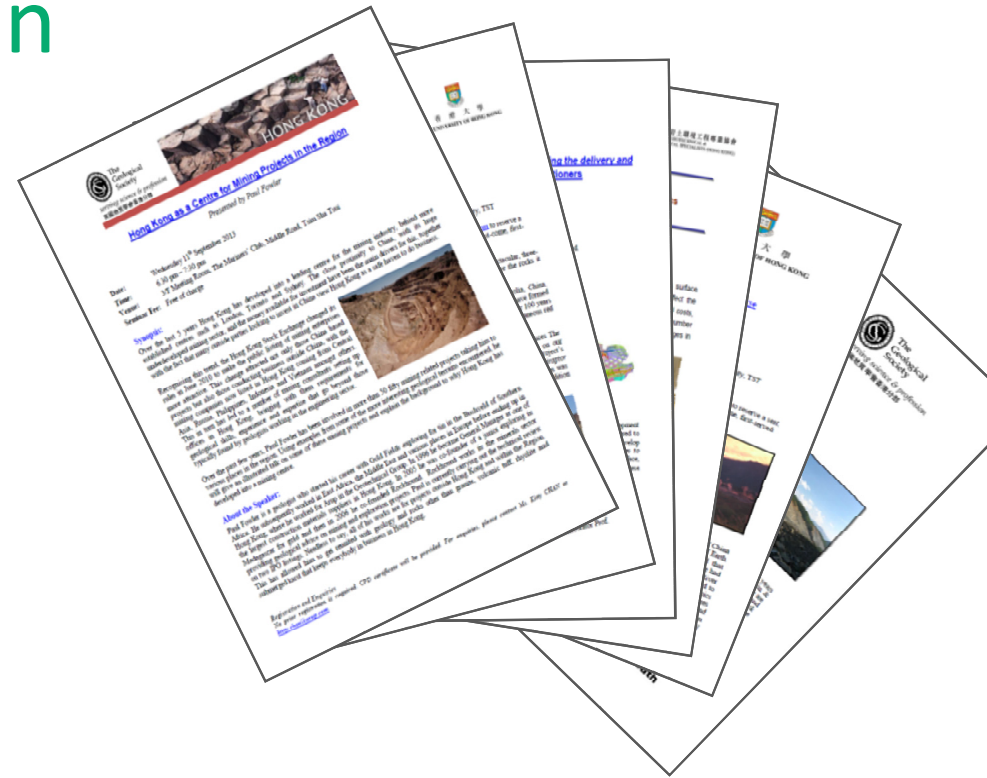
The committee met 7 times throughout the 2017/18 session in order to arrange a variety of events.

My thanks to the following for giving up significant amounts of their time in support of the Regional Group:

- The Committee
- CGeol Scrutineers
- Speakers at evening talks
- All those who facilitated site visits and field trips this year

# Events held in 2017/18 Session

- 8 Technical Talks
- 2 Field Trips
- 1 Core Logging Course
- Young Fellows Activities
- Annual Dinner







28/3/2017 Prof. LS Chan - Facade Stones in Hong Kong: Geology and Problems

6/4/2017 Dr. Nick Koor - The Rapid Identification of Weathering in Paleogene Clay Using Near Infrared Spectroscopy



Bill Gaskarth's visit

19/4/2017 - Scrutineers Seminar

20/4/2017 - Chartership & New CPD System



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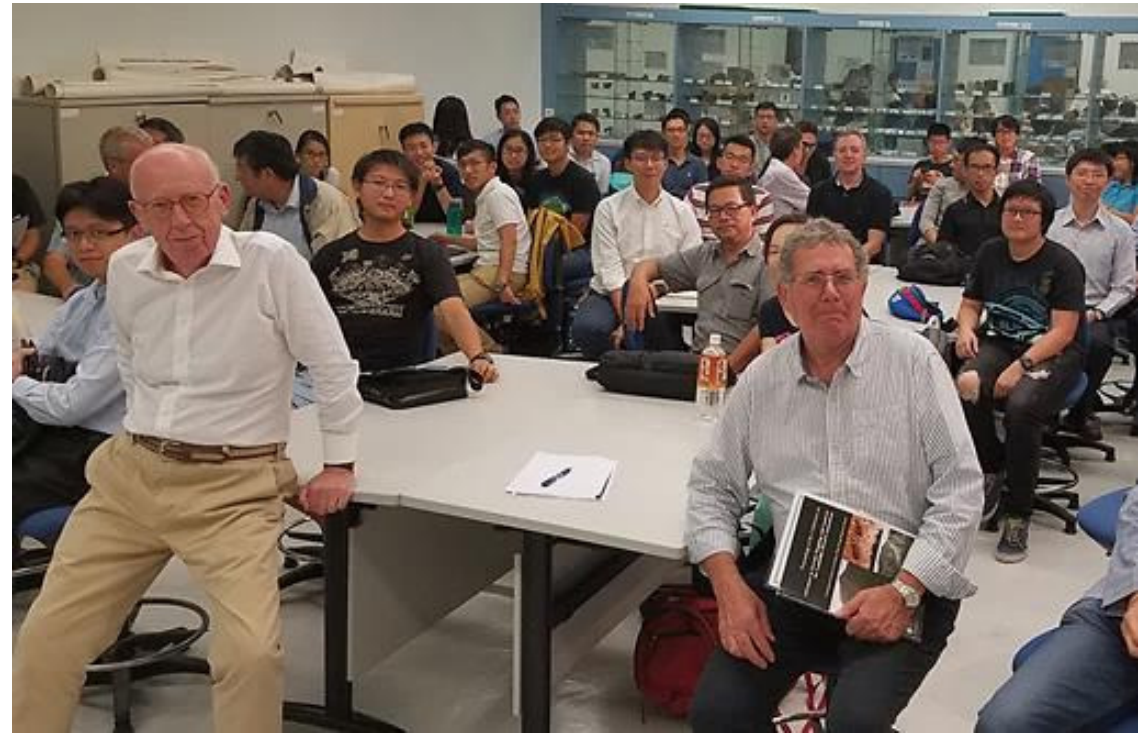
4/5/2017 Prof. Michael Stephenson - Shale Gas and Fracking: the Science behind the Controversy

13/6/2017 Debbie Tsang - U–Pb zircon geochronology and fluid inclusion studies in the Cerro Colorado porphyry copper deposit, northern Chile, suggest shallow syn-volcanic mineralisation



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16/8/2017 Stuart Millis - Landslide Hazard Mitigation at Mt Umyeon, Seoul

1/9/2017 Steve Hencher - Rock Joint Characterisation and Shear Strength



1/4/2017 Trudy Kwong & Kevin So - Field Trip to Ap Chau, Kat O, and Harbour Island

14/10/2017 Prof. LS Chan & Denise Tang - Field Trip to Yim Tin Tsai and Sharp Island



8/7/2017 Phoebe Lau & Kevin So - Introductory Course on Core Logging

# Young Fellows Activities

- 27/2/2017 Kam Hung Wong - Young Fellow Evening Talk: The origin of the North Kostobe gold deposit, eastern Kazakhstan
- Invitation of Inauguration Ceremony of The Society of Earth Sciences, DES, HKU
- Career Talk in HKU
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mentorship Gathering
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mentorship Gathering with overseas students
- Fieldtrip to Tung Ping Chau (Secondary School Student)
- HKU Information Day
- Fieldtrip to High Island (Secondary School Student)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mentorship Gathering
- Career Talk in CUHK





9/2/2018 Annual Dinner



# HKRG Financial Situation

Bank balance as of 28/2/2018 - **HK\$ 56,046 \***

2017/18 Session Surplus of **HK\$3,139 \***

**GSL Grant:** *HK\$18,822*

## **Net Income / Expenditure:**

2 Field Trips: *HK\$1,719*

Annual Dinner 2018: *-HK\$941\**

Young Fellows Group: *-HK\$4,445*

Admin (bank, Insurance, etc.): *-HK\$5,376*

Core Logging Course: *HK\$4,630*

Evening Seminars: *-HK\$6,233*

GSL visits (to/from London): *-HK\$5,037*



\* After annual dinner income and expenditure reconciled

All values rounded to the nearest integer



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# Election of Committee for 2018/19 Session

# HKRG Committee 2018/19 Session

- Call for nominations made on 12 January 2018
- Closing date for nominations on 20 February 2018
- 1 nomination for Chair (1 position available)
- 1 nominations for Secretary (1 position available)
- 1 nomination for Treasurer (1 position available)
- 8 nominations for Ordinary Committee Member (8 positions available)



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# HKRG Committee Nominations for 2018/19 Session

**Chair:** Kevin Styles (Fugro)

**Hon. Secretary:** Trudy Kwong (BMI)

**Hon. Treasurer:** Raymond Sung (Arcadis)

**Ordinary Members:**

Ada Chan (AA)

Alex Al-Nuaimi (Fugro)

Eric Cheung (Fugro)

Kan Tam (GEO)

Dickson Leung (Penta Ocean)

Sally Lam (Jacobs)

Stephen Ng (HKU)

Xavier Shum (Fugro)

As the number of nominations received matches the spaces available, no voting is required and the above people are duly elected to the HKRG Committee.



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# Young Fellows Sub-Committee for 2018/19 Session

**Chair:** Eric Cheung (Fugro)

**Committee Members:** Kevin So (GEO)

Emily Kai (Jacobs)

Mandy Tso (Jacobs)

Jane Lee (Jacobs)

Dennis Wong (Jacobs)

Fergus Cheng (Arup)

Sarah Kong (AECOM)



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