

## GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION 2008 QUESTIONNAIRE

In our 150th year the, Council has determined it is an appropriate time to take stock of the Association especially in terms of the membership profile, where the membership would like to see changes, improvements and (importantly) what the membership cherishes within the Association. This review comes at a time when membership numbers are falling (we are currently 1500 members strong but we were 2100 in 2000). Possibly this decline is due to the Association failing to address the evolving interests of the membership. You will note there are numbers of questions that seek out general demographic information to provide Council with a better profile of the membership - for instance, one concern to the Council is that very few young people are joining. Why is this? What can the Association do to improve this situation? Given that there are large numbers of post World War II children entering retirement and no doubt seeking mentally and physically stimulating pastimes, what can the Association do to encourage more of this generation to join?

Council hope this questionnaire is not onerous and is sure the collated results will prove of interest to all the membership but we do need sufficient returns to make this exercise useful! To encourage you to participate, the completed responses will be entered into a Prize Draw - the winning respondent will receive a £30 book token. Please send your completed questionnaire to the GA office before October 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.

To ensure we know who sent the responses for the Draw entry, we hope you won't mind either supplying your name or if you prefer your GA membership number. Individual results (especially personal details) will naturally be treated on an in-confidence basis and after the results are collated, all returns will be destroyed or deleted whichever is appropriate.

Whilst hard copy returns are perfectly acceptable, you may find it easier to complete it online on the GA web site.

### 1. ABOUT YOU

**1.1 Name (or if you prefer Membership Number)**

**1.2 Gender?**

Male   
Female

**1.3 To what age-group do you belong?**

Up to 30   
31-40   
41-50   
51-60   
61-70   
70+

**1.4 How long have you been a member of GA?**

0-5 years   
6-10   
11-20   
20-30   
30+

**1.5 What is your membership category?**

Full   
Retired   
Associate   
Student

**1.6 Do/did you earn your living from the earth sciences?**

Yes   
Yes, but now retired   
No

**1.7 (a related question to the above) How would you describe your interests in the GA?**

Professional   
Amateur –widest sense   
Student

**1.8 Have you an Email address?**

Yes   
No

**1.9 What other Geoscience societies or bodies (e.g. RIGS groups, Local Group, Affiliated Society, GS, etc) do you belong to?**

### 2. INDOOR MEETINGS

**2.1 How often do you attend the Society's indoor meetings?**

	London	Local Group
Regularly (> 3 times per year)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Occasionally (1-2 times per year)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2.2 Reasons for not attending?**

	London	Local Group
Too far away	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too busy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2.3 What do you enjoy about these meetings?**

**2.4 How could the meetings be improved?**

### 3. FIELD MEETINGS

#### 3.1 How often do you attend the Society's field meetings?

	London	Local Group
Regularly (at least one per year)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Occasionally (once every few years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rarely (once in a decade)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 3.2 Reasons for not attending?

	London	Local Group
Too far away	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too busy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 3.3 What do you enjoy about these meetings?

#### 3.4 How could the meetings be improved?

### 4. PROCEEDINGS OF THE GEOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

#### Do you find the 'Proceedings':

Very interesting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Generally interesting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not very interesting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too parochial	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not enough of local interest	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 5 GA CIRCULAR

#### 5.1 Do you find the circular:

Of interest	<input type="checkbox"/>
Useful for Field Trips	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Lectures & events	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 5.2 How could the circular be further improved?

### 5.3 E-mail circulars

#### 5.4 Have you asked to receive an email circular?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 5.5 For environmental reasons (for example), would you be happy to receive mail exclusively electronically?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If your answer is 'Yes', please write your email address here:

### 8. THE GA WEB PAGES

#### 8.1 Do you use the GA Web Pages?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 8.2 How could the Web Pages be further improved?

### 9. SUMMARISING YOUR VIEWS

On a scale of 1-7 (7 = most valued) please indicate how you value *each* of the various facets of your membership:

	1	7
Indoor Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Printed Circular	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email Circular	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any additional comments?