



**The Institute of Geologists of Ireland
are delighted to announce that**

EurGeol Dr. Eibhlín Doyle PGeo

will receive the

**Institute of Geologists of Ireland
Medal of Honour 2020**

Award ceremony details to be announced

The Institute of Geologists of Ireland officially recognizes those who have excelled in the advancement and promotion of the profession of geoscience in Ireland and internationally through the President's Medal of Honour. The 2020 recipient of the Medal of Honour is **EurGeol Dr. Eibhlín Doyle PGeo** in recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of professional geology.

Eibhlín received her BSc (Hons) from NUI (UCD) in 1977. This was followed by an MSc from Acadia University (Nova Scotia Canada) in 1979 and a PhD in 1985 from NUI (UCD). Eibhlín began her mineral exploration career with Conroy Petroleum and Natural Resources in 1985 and went on to recommend drilling of the discovery hole at Galmoy, the first commercial mineral discovery in Ireland since the Navan deposit in 1970. This proved to be the first of a series of zinc-lead discoveries by various companies along the Rathdowney Trend. Eibhlín subsequently played a prominent role in the delineation of the Galmoy orebody, as well as engineering studies, planning and development of the mine.

Eibhlín continued in industry with BHP, working on base metal and gold exploration in Ireland and abroad until joining Geological Survey Ireland as a geologist in the Minerals Section. In 2003 she was promoted to Senior Geologist in the Marine Geology Section, and then to Principal Geologist with responsibility for the INFOMAR Programme and subsequently the Minerals and Groundwater Programmes. One of her primary duties was to lead a feasibility study into the holistic rehabilitation of the historic Avoca mine site which involved much community engagement. Upon the completion of this study she was transferred to the Exploration and Mining Division (EMD) of the Department to lead its Technical Unit. While in EMD she oversaw a resurgence of exploration activity, introduced biannual mine inspections at the operating mines in Ireland, implemented new EU environmental legislation on drilling and greatly developed Ireland's presence at the annual Convention and Trade Show of Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada.

Eibhlín played a significant role in volunteering for the Irish Association for Economic Geology (IAEG) and the Institute of Geologists of Ireland (IGI). She served on the Committee of the IAEG as an ordinary Member (1994), as Secretary (1995 – 1996) and finally as President (1997). However, it will be as President of the IAEG that she made perhaps her most significant and lasting contribution. Eibhlín set up the Professional Affairs Committee which comprised geologists from all the major disciplines in the geosciences. This led to the proposal to establish the IGI which was endorsed by the great majority of geologists working in Ireland. Eibhlín became the Inaugural President in 1999 and set the IGI on a solid footing by developing a number of initiatives including a recruitment drive and the implementation of the CPD scheme to support the professional membership.

From both her professional career and her volunteering work Eibhlín has made significant and lasting contributions and is a worthy recipient of the Medal of Honour of the Institute of Geologists of Ireland.



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