



**2025 - 2026**  
**ANNUAL REPORT and**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## Mission

To promote and advance the science of geology and its professional application in all disciplines, especially the geosciences and to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas in relation thereto.

To require its Members to uphold, develop and maintain the highest professional standards in the practice of their profession, as described in the Company's Code of Ethics and Conduct.

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## 1.0 Presidents Report

It's 12 months since our last AGM and since I had the honour of becoming President of this fine institution. Personally, it's been an eventful year, but unfortunately not in my IGI role. I don't want to say much about it nor dwell on it in the future but I was diagnosed with significant physical health issues in late 2025 which required surgery and various treatments, but I've responded very well and the future looks good for me. I'll be forever grateful to Yvonne O'Connell for taking an unexpected phone call from me from the hospital and then taking the reins while I recovered. This thanks is also extended to Denise Cunningham and the whole IGI board, but particularly to Yvonne.

The work carried on seamlessly throughout the year and I was delighted to see the increase in representation in the form of comments on the County Development Plans, hear about the lively discussion on Geothermal Energy at the IGN, and know of the presence of IGI at various meetings and conferences in Ireland and elsewhere.

The IGI's meetings and events continue to be held mostly online. As with everyday work, the hybrid model has many advantages such as increased participation and inclusion. Where possible we have continued to provide a hybrid option to meetings and events, but we still see the value in face-to-face interactions and events.

The IGI endeavours to continue to develop, promote and advance geoscience in all disciplines through facilitating information exchange. Much of this work is completed through the various committees and working groups which are member driven.

Our membership has continued to grow with both early career scientists through to established experts who have made the time to join in recent years. As always, the organisation welcomes and relies on new ideas and energy from members to keep the momentum growing.

### 1.1 Acknowledgements

I would like to sincerely thank the board members of the IGI this year who put in an enormous effort to keep the board running effectively: Vice President, Yvonne O'Connell; Honorary Secretary, Pól Ó Seasnáin; Treasurer, Emer Blackwell and Board Members Maeve McElligott, John Dillon, Kieran Craven, Tara Leacy Smith, Kirstin Lemon and Koen Torremans.

Tara Leacy Smith is retiring from the board this year. We thank Tara for her years of service to the Board and we wish her and her family all the best.

I'm afraid I don't have sufficient words to thank our Executive Secretary, Denise Cunningham, for her dedicated work, constant support and never-ending patience. Every year, we say it and it is true, Denise is, for most members (and board and committee members), the voice of the IGI. Her interactions and contributions are appreciated and valued. Thank you Denise.

I would like to convey my gratitude to all the IGI's Validation Committee members. The numbers of applicants continue to grow and there have been several Zoom interview sessions over the past 12 months. I would like to particularly thank Chairperson Morgan Burke, for tirelessly running the committee with great professionalism and commitment. Their invaluable work ensures the continuing growth of membership while maintaining high standards for PGeo admission. I would like



to take this opportunity to ask for volunteers for assistance in carrying out the PGeo interviews. Given the rising numbers of applicants, we are finding we have to carry out more interviews and as such we need to expand the pool of interviewers. If you are willing to volunteer, please send an email into the office.

I would like to sincerely thank Eamonn Kelly for his ongoing support as webmaster of the IGI website. Over the last year we held a number of webinars on Energy Geoscience, and thanks to Eamonn's efforts those are available on the IGI website.

I want to thank members who have volunteered their time and efforts to IGI Working Groups and Committees, and as representatives to external bodies (see Sections 4 and 9), ensuring that the activities of the IGI are member-led, collaborative, relevant and effective.

I also wish to thank the Past Presidents of the Institute who are always on hand to offer advice and help out.

The IGI acknowledges the continued support of our sponsoring bodies, the Irish Mining & Quarrying Society (IMQS), Geophysical Association of Ireland (GAI), Geotechnical Society of Ireland (GSI), Irish Association for Economic Geology (IAEG) and the International Association of Hydrogeologists (Irish Group, IAH).

## **1.2 The year in review 2025-2026**

### **1.2.1 Minerals Information Working Group**

The Minerals Information Working Group (MIWG) remains the largest working group established by the IGI in recent years.

The IGI, as head of the IGN, has representation on the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) Advisory Group on Mineral Exploration and Mining. The group began its work in 2022 and has 13 members representing the Environmental, Economic and Social Pillars. The inclusion of the IGI and IGN is testament to the relevance of the organisations and the valuable science-based contributions our members can impart to such important groups.

### **1.2.2 Courses, webinars & events**

The IGI continued to deliver a series of events in 2025-2026, mainly online via Zoom as well a couple of in-person courses. We have aimed to provide regular CPD opportunities throughout the year and, so far, have delivered:

- Soil and Rock Logging course – in conjunction with Equipe Group and Causeway Geotech – held in June 2025
- Energy Geoscience Webinars – 4 webinars held in October and November 2025 with each attended by between 30 and 40 people.
- PERC-IGI Training Event and Workshop held on 4th June 2026, attended by 35 in-person and 22 online.

IGI also extended its licence for the Geologize online course in Geocommunications which allowed members to continue to avail of this valuable resource and gain CPD hours.

In April 2026, the IGI Board and committee members also received refresher training on Inclusive Leadership from the Irish Centre for Diversity (ICFD) as part of our Bronze Award in “Investors in Diversity” certification reassessment, which is ongoing. Additional work is being undertaken by the IGI EDI committee to progress this.

Suggestions for courses or webinars which provide CPD learning hours are always welcome.

### 1.2.3 Governance

The IGI is a member of Charities Institute Ireland (CII). The CII’s mission is to provide leadership in the sector by empowering charities to maximise their impact, particularly through best practice in governance, finance and sustainable fundraising management. The CII provides valuable resources and training and all board members will be required to undertake the Certificate in Best Practice for charity trustees. Further information can be found on their website <https://www.charitiesinstituteireland.ie/>.

As a registered Charity, IGI is also required to follow procedures, guidance and legislation under those set out by the Charities Regulator (CR) [Home | Charities Regulator](#). The CR have a Register of Charities, which is the public’s source of information on a charity. The IGI can be found on that register here [Sonraí Carthanachta | Charities Regulator](#). An Annual Report must be filed with the CR in October each year and includes details on the IGI Board – who are the charity’s trustees - the financial returns, details of activities undertaken and level of adherence to the Charities Governance Code. The CR provides free webinars on a regular basis for all charities to attend and gain more insight into their obligations.

Webinars attended by IGI this year included:

- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – “Completing your Annual Report” – this webinar outlined how important it is that the information about your charity is up to date on the Register of Charities. The webinar also highlighted the importance of compliance with the Charities Governance Code.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 – “Charities (Amendment) Act 2024 – What to expect in 2026” – this webinar outlined the changes coming under the second commencement order of the Charities Act and aimed to give greater clarity to Charity Trustees and what is expected of them. Some changes outlined included updates to the governance (following more engagement) and requirement for the register of trustees to have more contact information for individual trustees.

There is a Charities Governance Code Document Checklist which helped IGI to identify gaps and note what we still need to do to comply fully with the Governance Code. Work is ongoing with this, including updating the Travel & Subsistence Policy, Terms of Reference for each board sub-committee, and other policies and procedures.

The IGI is continuing to improve on written procedures and policies. We will continue to update procedures as required during the next term.



## 1.2.4 Representation

This year the IGI maintained its public profile on a number of fronts, in line with the 2019-2024 strategy. We responded to a number of issues concerning geoscience in Ireland through the year via public consultations or direct representations:

- **Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2026-2028**
- **Louth County Development Plan**
- **Meath County Development Plan**
- **EPA Article 27 Brownfield**
- **Northern Ireland Future Minerals Call for Evidence (DfE NI).**

The IGI normally participates in key geoscience events each year as a sponsor and exhibitor. The IGI provided sponsorship for:

- **International Professional Geology Conference (IPGC)** in Zaragoza, Spain in November 2025. This event tied in with the EFG Autumn Council meeting, and was attended by IGI EFG Representatives Paul Mc Dermott and Pól Ó Seasnáin.
- **Tectonic Studies Group Annual Meeting** in UCD in January 2026
- **Irish Geological Research Meeting** in UCC in February/March 2026
- **International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) (Irish Group)** in Tullamore in April 2026

The IGI continues to facilitate collaboration in the geoscience community, through hosting the **Irish Geoscience Network** meeting which was held in March 2026. The IGI wishes to thank all participants who have given up their time during the year to make sure that the geoscience community in Ireland is connected and working together.

There is an intent to reconvene the **Heads of Geoscience Group** (or HoGGs) going forward which was previously an informal quarterly meeting to examine and address the current topics impacting our sector.

The IGI continues to be involved at a high level in the European Federation of Geologists (EFG). Members attended the last number of council meetings, including the recent Spring Council meeting in Milos, Greece and have joined a number of key working groups with the EFG.



### 1.2.5 Sad news of Colleagues and Friends

#### **Dr David Naylor, BSc. PhD.**

31 July 1935 – 15 June 2025

David (Dave) Naylor passed away in Kensington, Maryland, USA on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025, following a short illness. He was in his 90<sup>th</sup> year. During a career lasting almost 70 years, he worked in academia, the civil service and industry. He was a long-standing member of the IGI, serving for many years on the CPD Audit Committee.

Born in Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, he graduated from Leeds University with a BSc degree in geology in 1957, after which he spent three years working for De Beers / Anglo American Corp. as a field geologist in South Africa and Namibia (then South West Africa) mapping basement rocks and exploring for alluvial diamonds.



*Dave Naylor, in the hills above Gougan Barra, West Cork*

He came to Trinity College Dublin (TCD) in 1959 to undertake a field-based PhD project in southwest Ireland, and in 1961 he was appointed a lecturer in Sedimentology and Stratigraphy at TCD. In the autumn of that year news emerged of a major mineral discovery at Tynagh, Co. Galway. Dave was dispatched as a consultant to report on the drilling results. In December 1961 he logged the available core and gave an assessment of the likely reserves. Tynagh was to become the first large Lower Carboniferous-hosted “Irish-type” Zn-Pb mine to be developed, leading the way to Ireland becoming a globally important zinc and lead producer. Dave’s fee for doing the work and writing the report was £40. This went towards the cost of an engagement ring and in 1962 he married Verney Hickin, daughter of Norman Hickin, the renowned British entomologist, naturalist, wildlife artist and author.

After completing his PhD, Dave joined Chevron in 1964 as a petroleum geologist and moved to Calgary. He worked in Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, on well-site and field mapping projects at a time when maps of the region were virtually non-existent.

In 1968 he returned to the UK, spending a year as a Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham. The following year he co-founded Exploration Consultants Limited (ECL), a London-based consultancy company that worked worldwide in the oil exploration sector. He later became its Managing Director, with the company growing to a staff of more than 100. In 1971 he was involved in setting up, jointly with the geophysical contractor CGG, the first speculative seismic survey in the Porcupine Basin, offshore Ireland.

In 1976 Dave moved back to Dublin where, as Assistant Director of the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI), he oversaw the national geological field mapping and map production programme. He also had responsibility for the Survey's EC funded projects and was Irish technical representative on EC Raw Materials Committees and at the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference.

In 1981 he left the GSI to become General Manager of Oil & Gas at the Northgate Group of companies in Ireland – coincidentally the same group for which he did his first consultancy project on the Tynagh discovery 20 years previously. He had responsibility for oil and gas interests in Ennex International, part of the Northgate Group, which operated blocks offshore Ireland and had interests onshore in the UK, in Morecambe Bay and in the southern North Sea.

From 1990 until 2000 Dave worked as a consultant and Project Manager for ERA-Maptec, the natural resource and environment consultancy. From 2000 until his passing, he worked as a consultant to the 162 Group in Dublin, a group of natural resource companies with interests in Ireland, the Middle East and Africa. These included Petrel Resources which held licences in the Porcupine Basin, offshore Ireland.

In 2000 Dave and Verney moved full time from Dublin to west Cork where they had had a holiday home since the 1970s. In 2023 they relocated to Maryland, USA, to be near their two sons and families.

An expert on the geology of southwest Ireland and the Irish offshore sedimentary basins, he was Adjunct Professor at University College Dublin and a research associate at TCD. He was co-author of five books and more than 70 peer-reviewed journal articles and other publications. His first publication was in 1964 and, fittingly, 60 years later his final publication in 2024 was in the Irish Journal of Earth Sciences, of which he was a founding editor in 1978.

Dave worked across the globe, from Northern Canada when in his 20s, to Jordan and the Saudi Arabian border when he was in his mid-80s. He loved field work and believed that a geologist should never get too far removed from the rocks.

He had many interests outside geology, including playing the piano, enjoying jazz music, reading and writing poetry and especially travelling with Verney on many epic horticultural/botanical/archaeological expeditions. Together they visited dozens of countries across six continents. These included Nepal, Bhutan, China, Patagonia, Peru, Australia, New Zealand, India, Iran, Syria and Jordan. Their last trip, shortly before Dave's illness, was to sites along the River Nile in Egypt.

Dave treated everyone with courtesy and respect. Always approachable and patient, he was a true gentleman and a mentor to generations of geologists. He never lost his enthusiasm and scientific curiosity and possessed a treasure trove of fascinating stories from his worldwide adventures. He will be greatly missed in the geoscience sector in Ireland and beyond as a kind, generous and wise friend and colleague, with encyclopedic geological knowledge, who never sought the limelight. He left a lasting impression on all who were privileged to know him. He was a true explorer.

Dave is survived by Verney, his wife of more than 62 years, their sons Sean and Mark, daughters-in-law Jenny and Laura and grand-children Hannah and Duncan.

***Contributed by: Prof. Patrick Shannon of UCD***

The IGI would also like to extend our sympathies to the Naylor family, including Dave's wife Verney, his sons, Sean and Mark, all Dave's extended family, relatives, friends and former colleagues. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

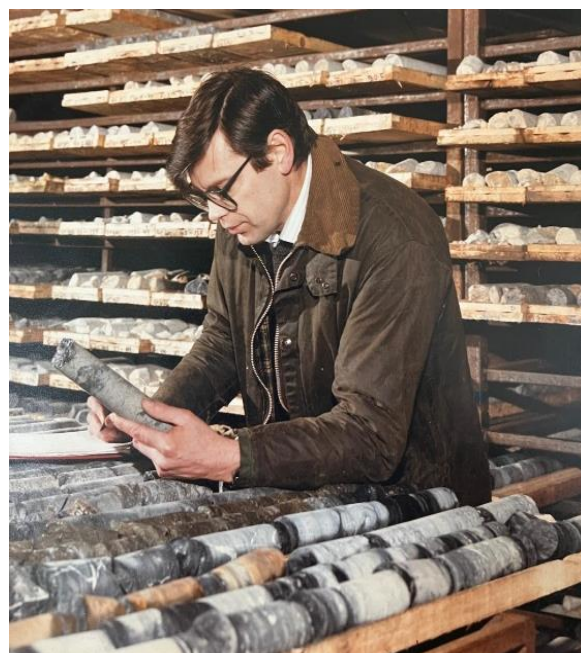
**Andrew Bowden, BSc. MSc.**

The death of Andy Bowden on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April came as a great shock to the Geological community. Andy graduated with a BSc in Geology from Leicester University in 1969 and was awarded an MSc in 1970 from Leeds University in Geochemistry. He came to Ireland in 1971 to work with Irish Base Metals. During his time with Irish Base Metals, he worked on the long abandoned Beupark copper deposit with Rick Parker, on the Moate lead-zinc prospect and on the tungsten and lithium mineralization in SE Leinster. After Irish Base Metals in 1980 he worked with Maugh Ltd and then Marathon Mining (Ireland) Ltd. He then worked briefly with Minworth in Britain but then returned to Ireland and took up a position with CSA

In 1987 he joined Conroy Petroleum and Natural Resources later to become Arcon and then taken over by Lundin Mining. Throughout this time Andy remained working on the Galmoy deposit and the immediate area.

At Galmoy, he worked on the exploration and the delineation programme of the Galmoy orebody. He subsequently added to the reserves with the discovery of the high-grade R zone located just south of the CW zone.

After Lundin Mining Andy set up his own exploration vehicle with Rick Parker, the company was called Bowpark Exploration Ltd which was made up of both of their names but also a nod to the Beupark deposit on which they both worked. The company held prospecting licences in the Ox Mountains and worked with Playfair Mining to progress this gold project.



Andy developed a particular interest in the mineral possibilities in SE Leinster and was involved in both lithium and tungsten mineral exploration which led to the discovery of the Aclare and associated lithium deposits and the Tinahely - Ballinglen tungsten prospects. Andy also participated in the Correlation of Caledonian Stratabound Sulphides (CCSS) international project which investigated Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide deposits from the USA right along the Caledonian Belt to Norway.

Andy was a dedicated geologist, promoting geology in Ireland. He was a founder member of the Irish Association Economic Geology (IAEG) and served on the committee from 1980 to 1982 and from 1986 to 1989, holding the post of Vice President and President in 1981 and 1988 respectively. He was also the first to write an article on the European Federation of Geologists (EFG) in the 1988 IAEG annual report. He was joint editor for 'The Irish Minerals Industry 1980-1990' published by the IAEG. Andy was also a founder member of the Institute of Geologists of Ireland (IGI), again serving on the committee from 2009 to 2013 contributing in particular to CPD (Continuing Professional Development).

Andy was a talented exploration geologist, known for his astute observational skills and deep knowledge of the Irish zinc orefield. His deep understanding of geology and the environment along with his empathy for people made him the perfect mineral exploration geologist fitting into the

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landscape of rocks, nature and people. He was always generous with his knowledge and engaging in conversation. His broad smile and good humour made him great fun to be with.

Andy lived initially in Dublin but made Kilkenny his home living first at Ballyduff and then in Thomastown. He carried out substantial renovations on both houses installing one of the first underfloor heating systems in Ireland at Thomastown.

Andy was a keen football fan and a Newcastle United supporter, just as his dad had been.

Andy lived most of his life in Ireland and it was no surprise that he applied for Irish citizenship which he obtained in 2021.

He was a dedicated family man and is survived by Sue, his wife; and children Tom, Jack, Sam and four grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís. There will never be another like him.

***Contributed by: Dr Eibhlín Doyle***

The IGI would also like to extend our sympathies to all of Andy's family, including his wife Sue, his children Tom, Jack and Sam and his grandchildren, extended family, friends, neighbours, former colleagues and all who knew him.

### **1.3 AGM 2026 & Closing**

As we look towards the 2026/2027 year, I wish us all good health to continue our work. I said last year that increased engagement in education, and involvement of public sector scientists in the IGI would be my goals. We made some progress towards these but I'll be looking forward to working more closely with the IGI board, universities, and government bodies on these.

Our other big task is to finalise the next IGI strategy. Work, led by Past Presidents Cian O'Hara and Eoin Wyse, has started on this and I'm looking forward to working with Cian, Eoin, the board, and the membership, on a strategy for the start of the mid-21st Century.

We will continue to hold board meetings mainly online for the next term which allows for more efficient participation as we thankfully have board members spread across the country. We will also endeavour to hold a mixture of online and in person talks and events to cater for members requirements and locations.

***EurGeol Siobhán Power PGeo***  
***11<sup>th</sup> June 2026***

## 2.0 Hon. Secretary's Report

The 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the IGI was a hybrid event held on 24th June. The meeting was chaired by the President, EurGeol Eoin Wyse PGeo.

At the AGM the following were elected to the Board of the IGI to serve during the year 2025-2026:

**President** Dr Siobhán Power

**Vice President** Dr Yvonne O'Connell

**Honorary Treasurer** Emer Blackwell

**Honorary Secretary** Pól Ó Seasnáin

**Board Members** John Dillon, Maeve McElligott, Kieran Craven, Tara Leacy-Smith, Kirstin Lemon, Dr Koen Torremans

### 2.1 Board Meetings

The IGI Board met on 10 occasions since the last AGM:

- 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025
- 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026
- 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026
- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### 2.2 Membership

The total membership, as of the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026, was 426 (up from 415 in June 2025) with the following membership numbers:

- 287 Professional Members (PGeo); 214 of whom are EFG members (EurGeol)
- 78 Members in Training (MIT);
- 22 Retired Members;
- 3 Associate Members; and
- 36 Student Members.

The membership grew by the following numbers in the year 2025 – 2026 (up to 8<sup>th</sup> June):

- 15 new professional members
- 9 new MITs
- 0 new retired members
- 0 new Associate Membership
- 2 new Student Members

During the period 2025-2026 (up to 8<sup>th</sup> June) the following changes occurred in the members database:

- 2 PGeos resigned their membership
- 1 EurGeol resigned their EFG membership but remains as a PGeo
- 6 MIT members resigned their membership
- 2 Retired members passed away
- 12 members changed their membership status:
  - 9 MITs became Professional Members
  - 1 Student member became an MIT
  - 1 Professional Member became an Associate Member
  - 1 Professional Members became Retired Members

### 2.3 Members in Good Standing

To be a 'Member in good standing' of the IGI you must have completed and returned your CPD record for the previous year and be fully paid up in terms of subscription. It is up to individual Members to ensure that they comply with these requirements.

The CPD form changed at the start of 2026 (for the 2025 CPD returns) with improved guidance notes, particularly the Geoethics and Professionalism sections, and updated dates for the 3-year summary.

General compliance with the IGI CPD requirements has continued to improve. To try to reduce the burden on the IGI office in chasing up CPD and fee de-defaulters, an administrative fine is levied on members who remain in default after 31<sup>st</sup> March each year. Communications are issued from the office to members in default. Please do ensure we have your up-to-date email address(es) on file.

### 2.4 IGI Administration

The 2025-2026 IGI Board, various committees, panels and working groups are supported by the IGI Executive Secretary Denise Cunningham. Denise has been working with the IGI since 2022, and her diligence and enthusiasm is key to helping the organisation run smoothly and to engage proactively with initiatives such as the co-hosting of the PERC Training event in June 2026.

### 2.5 Secretary's Appreciation

I would like to thank the Board Members for dedicating their time and effort to the work of the IGI Board throughout the year. Their dedication to the continued progress of the IGI and the geosciences in Ireland is recognised by the geoscience community in Ireland and Europe. As a result, the IGI continues to be a leader amongst national associations in Europe and its achievements have attracted the attention of EFG and wider afield.

I wish to thank the work of the various committees and working groups who volunteer their time. The success of these groups is entirely dependent on the commitment, knowledge and experience its members. In particular I acknowledge the invaluable work of Morgan Burke and the Validation Committee, which reviews the applications and carries out the validation interviews. In addition, I thank the CPD committee for their work in continuing to ensure CPD returns attain our high standards. These processes underpin the growth and reputation of the IGI.

Finally, and on behalf of IGI, I acknowledge the support of all the members for continuing to support the IGI through their attendance at our events.

*EurGeol Pól Ó Seasnáin PGeo Honorary Secretary  
June 2026*

### **3.0 Hon. Treasurer's Report**

The *Annual Report and Financial Statements for the for the financial year ended 31 December 2025*, as prepared by Kieran Ryan & Co., Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, is attached to the Annual Report. This is the sixteenth year Kieran Ryan & Co. has audited the IGI's accounts and prepared its financial statement.

As part of the auditing standards, auditors are now required to enquire about, and test, the controls in place over a company's finances and enquire about the use of IT (Information Technology) and any associated risks. This will be carried out by Kieran Ryan and Co. for the 2025 accounting year, with input from the IGI executive and the Executive Secretary.

The financial statement reflects the IGI's financial position at the year ended 31st December 2025.

Total income for 2025 was €75,695 compared to €64,231 in 2024. This reflects an increase in our membership numbers, which are the IGI's primary source of income. Total expenditure for 2025 was €63,429 compared to €100,900 in 2024.

The IGI therefore had a surplus (income versus expenditure) of €12,558 at the end of 2025 compared to a deficit of €36,495 at the end of 2024. The deficit was planned for in the 2024 budget and arose from holding a conference and publication of the factsheets.

The IGI held a cash equivalent of €82,007,449 at year end 2024 (compared with €69,449 in 2024), with approximately €43,000 in a low yielding savings account.

*Emer Blackwell PGeo Honorary Treasurer  
June 2026*

## 4.0 IGI Committee and Working Group Reports

### 4.1 Validation Committee

In the last 12 months, and similar to the last few years, there has been an increase in interest in professional membership with a total of 26 PGeo applications received during the year. In previous years typically 10 candidates were elected to professional membership each year. The IGI welcomes this increased level of interest in attaining membership of the organisation, whether due to enhanced awareness of the importance of the PGeo title, or due to growth of the number of geoscientists working in Ireland.

Given the increased number of Validation interview panels being convened each year, new members of the Validation Committee are needed in all geoscience disciplines. Interested members should contact the IGI office.

The Validation Committee held nine validation interview sessions since the last AGM in June 2025. A total of 26 applicants for Professional Membership were processed and interviewed during this period. 24 PGeo candidates were successful in being elected to Professional Membership. Two further applicants have not yet been interviewed due to (a) being on leave and (b) technical difficulties on interview day. At time of writing, a total of 11 candidates are scheduled for validation interview later in summer 2026. The IGI traditionally held in-person interviews, except in exceptional circumstances, but has continued with the online format since 2020.

#### 4.1.1 Newly elected Professional Members

On the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025, a panel consisting of Morgan Burke, Graham Reid and Paul Gordon interviewed a candidate who met the required educational and technical criteria and recommended him for acceptance as a Professional Geologist.

**i) Christopher Reynolds**

Mr. Reynolds was elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 a panel consisting of Morgan Burke, Jim Hodgson and Shane Lavery interviewed two candidates. The two candidates met the required educational and professional criteria and were recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as Professional Geologists.

- i) John Connaughton**
- ii) Dr Jacques Guigne**

They were elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 a panel comprising Morgan Burke, Marie Fleming and Dave Blaney interviewed four candidates. All four candidates met the required educational and technical criteria and were recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as Professional Geologists.

- i) Stephen Drew**
- ii) Emily Archer**

- iii) **Gabriella Horan**
- iv) **John Duggan**

They were elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 a panel comprising Morgan Burke, Marie Fleming and Eoin Wyse interviewed four candidates. All candidates met the required educational and technical criteria and were recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as Professional Geologists.

- i) **Michael Sheehan**
- ii) **James McSweeney**
- iii) **Sean Toomey**
- iv) **Alex Orrell**

Candidates (i) to (iii) were elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Candidate (iv) was elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 a panel comprising Morgan Burke, Gery Baker and Cecil Shine interviewed one candidate. This candidate met the required educational and technical criteria and was recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as a Professional Geologist.

- i) **Sarah Raymond**

Ms. Raymond was elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 a panel comprising Morgan Burke, Marie Fleming and Eoin Wyse interviewed one candidate: This candidate met the required educational and technical criteria and was recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as a Professional Geologist.

- i) **Ian Higgins**

Mr. Higgins was elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 a panel comprising Morgan Burke, Jim Hodgson, Peter O'Connor and Graham Reid interviewed four candidates. All four of these candidates met the required educational and technical criteria and were recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as Professional Geologists.

- i) **Dr Diako Hariri**
- ii) **Myles Watson**
- iii) **Brice Le Comte**
- iv) **Ellen Lavelle**

These candidates were elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 a panel comprising Morgan Burke, Paul Gordon and Graham Reid interviewed four candidates. All four candidates met the required educational and technical criteria and were recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as Professional Geologists.

- i) John Guven**
- ii) Oscar Ryan**
- iii) Patrick Kelly**
- iv) Dr Halleluya Ekandjo**

These candidates were elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 a panel comprising Morgan Burke, Cian O’Hora and Robbie Meehan interviewed two candidates. Both candidates met the required educational and technical criteria and were recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as Professional Geologists.

- i) Dr Alex Russell**
- ii) Corine Oggel**

These candidates were elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 a panel comprising Morgan Burke, Dave Blaney and Graham Reid interviewed one candidate. This candidate met the required educational and technical criteria and was recommended by the interviewing panel for acceptance as a Professional Geologist.

- i) Patrick Cochran**

Mr. Cochran was elected to membership by the Board at their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.

#### **4.1.2 Newly elected Members-in-Training**

Ten applicants for the Member-in-Training category were approved since the last AGM in June 2025. These new MITs are:

- i) Robert Pearson MIT**
- ii) Eve Furlong MIT**
- iii) Shona Furlong Whitfield MIT**
- iv) Lin Moriarty MIT**
- v) Tristan Martin MIT**
- vi) John Dyar MIT**
- vii) Olalekan Alabi MIT**
- viii) Lauren Heyes MIT**
- ix) Dr Martin Nauton-Fourteu MIT**
- x) Radoslaw Mroz MIT**

#### **4.1.3 Newly admitted Student Members**

Two applicants for the Student Membership category were approved since the last AGM in June 2025. These new Student Members are:

- i) Gráinne McManus STU**
- ii) Daniel O’Driscoll STU**

The mix and competence of candidates interviewed and assessed in the past year has demonstrated the varied disciplines in the IGI, extending from mineral geology and exploration, to hydrogeology, to environmental geology, to engineering geology and geotechnics, to geophysics. The elected candidates are a welcome addition to the collective experience of IGI members.

*EurGeol Morgan Burke PGeo  
Chair of the Validation Committee  
June 2026*

## **4.2 IGI Strategy Working Group**

The IGI undertook a comprehensive strategic review in 2018 and an updated strategy was launched at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in 2019 and can be found on the IGI website [Strategy – The Institute of Geologists of Ireland](#)

A review of the existing strategy was commenced in 2025 and in February 2026 a strategy review meeting was held between the IGI board and the two previous past presidents Eoin Wyse and Cian O’Hora. An initial review of the current strategic goals and associated priority actions was undertaken and a briefing document has been prepared. The next stages in the review process are to establish a working group who will undertake member and stakeholder organisation consultation. The strategy will then be updated and published. It is planned to complete this work before the end of this year.

*EurGeol Cian O’Hora PGeo*

## **4.3 Ethics Committee**

The Ethics Committee in 2025– 2026 comprised EurGeol. Sean Moran PGeo (Chair), Mags Keegan PGeo, and EurGeol. Mark Holdstock PGeo. The Code of Ethics is available on the IGI Website [Code of Ethics – The Institute of Geologists of Ireland \(igi.ie\)](#) along with the Complaints Form - outlining the mechanism and procedures via which a complaint can be made against a registered member and the steps that will be taken thereafter - which was prepared in 2022. The form can be viewed at [The-Institute-of-Geologists-of-Ireland-Complaints-Form.pdf \(igi.ie\)](#)

The Ethics Committee can confirm that no complaints were adjudicated upon in the last year

## **4.4 Disciplinary Committee**

The Disciplinary Committee currently has one member (EurGeol Teri Hayes PGeo) and two vacancies following the retirements of two members.

The Disciplinary Committee can confirm that it did not meet in the past 12 months.

#### 4.5 Contaminated Land Working Group

The Contaminated Land Committee members are from public sector and industry at various career stages and with a range of experience.

One of the primary roles of the Committee is the oversight of the Register of Professional Qualified Geoscientists/Competent Persons: Regulated and Unregulated Waste Disposal/Contaminated Land Assessments. There were a number of new admissions to the register during the recent board term – they are:

- EurGeol. Alex Cox PGeo.,
- EurGeol. Colin Fitzgerald PGeo. and
- Laura McGrath PGeo.

Members of the register are required to demonstrate their continual professional development in areas related to risk assessments on an annual basis.

A key objective of the Committee is identifying opportunities for training that can be provided to members and responding to consultations on behalf of the IGI, such as to the EPA Stakeholder consultation on the Development of guidance for brownfield soil and stone by-product material, incorporating a PFAS screening tool

The Contaminated Land Committee invited IGI members to take part in a committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026, to discuss the EPA Stakeholder Consultation. 14 IGI members attended the meeting and EurGeol Olivia Hall PGeo summarised the proposed response and asked for comments and suggested changes. The IGI response was submitted to the EPA on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May and can be found on the IGI website here:

[EPA-Position-Paper-Art27-Brownfield-SS-Byproduct-material-May-2026-IGI-Consultation-Response.pdf](#).

Another Contaminated Land Committee meeting is planned for late June 2026 which will focus on the committee organisation and its focus for the coming year. As contaminated land management requires inputs from a range of technical specialists the Committee is always looking for new members and ideas, so please get in touch via the office.

*EurGeol Cian O’Hora PGeo, (acting) Chair of the Contaminated Land Committee*

#### 4.6 Environmental Impact Assessment Reporting Working Group

The IGI Environmental Impact Assessment Reporting Working Group has not met since the last AGM. It is hoped that the working group can be reestablished in the coming years to keep abreast of developments in this area and update the IGI’s EIA Guidelines.

## 4.7 Continuing Professional Development

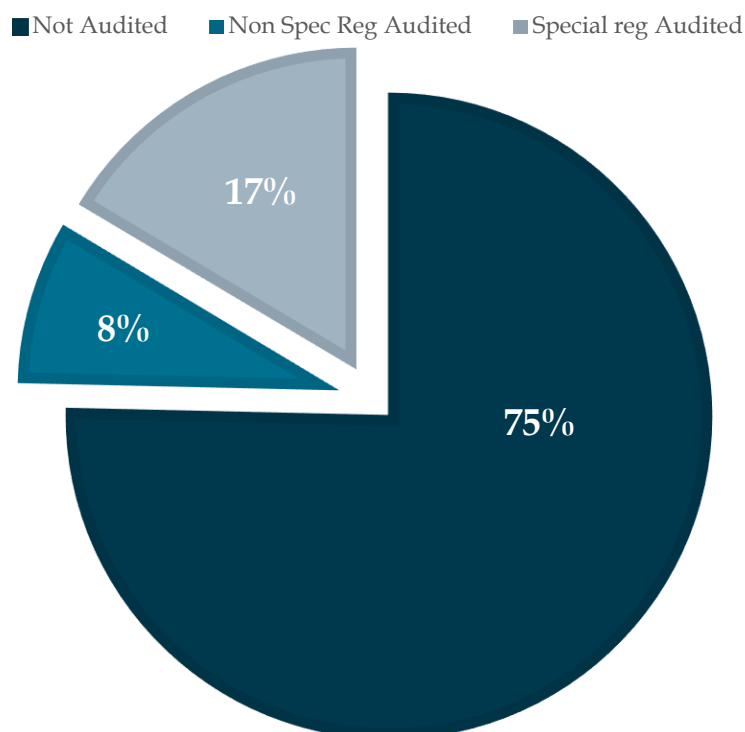
All IGI members are required to participate in its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme. The aim of the CPD programme is to maintain high standards of professional competence as Professional Geologists. It also assists in tracking and documenting the skills, training requirements, knowledge and experience gained as our careers progress and we plan future career progression.

Completing and returning your annual CPD is compulsory and should be returned by the 31<sup>st</sup> March deadline each year. Failure to do so may result in a member being de-listed. Members are required to undertake a minimum of 45 hours CPD each year as well as to complete a Personal Plan.

A selection of CPD returns are selected for audit annually by the IGI. In general, approximately 25% of the membership are audited each year. The purpose behind the audit is to maintain the integrity of the CPD system. By auditing members, the IGI gives confidence to our members and the wider community that we are operating a professional system and carrying out appropriate due diligence. This includes, but is not limited to:

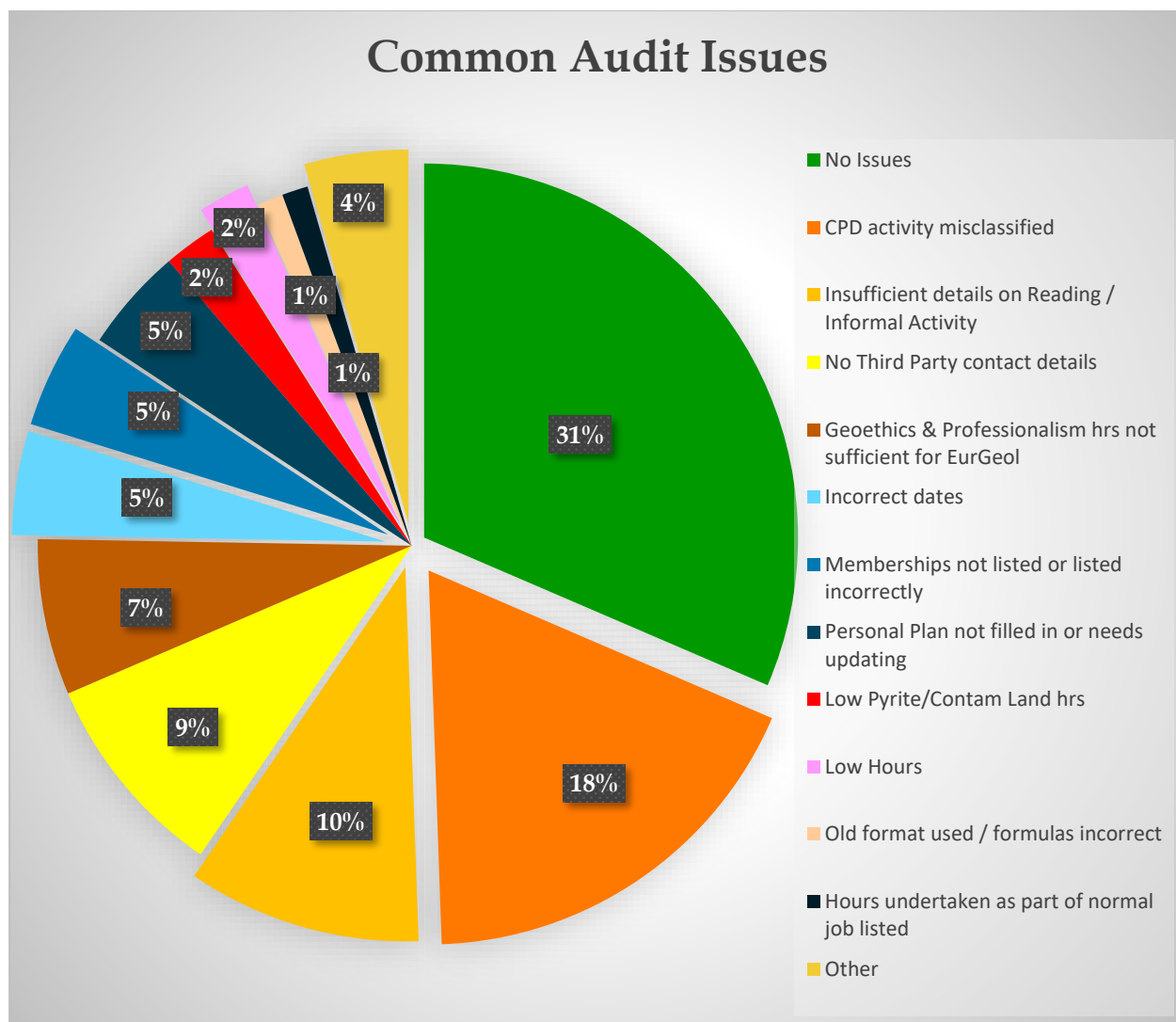
- New professional member’s first return
- CPDs below the required hours (45 hours) and
- Members on Special registers

### MEMBERSHIP 2024 CPD RETURNS AUDITED IN 2025



In addition, all members on professional registers have their CPD returns checked. This is to ensure that these members are continuing to maintain skills and develop their expertise in the specialities for which they are registered. The audit is carried out by the members of the Audit committee on the relevant registers or members sitting on the approval’s panels for the registers.

In general, CPD returns comply with requirements. Where inconsistencies do occur the IGI contacts the member to discuss the issue and offer guidance. It is for this reason that new members’ returns are audited. Most inconsistencies are around the misclassification of activities, for example formal v informal or a lack of hours claimed. If you are unsure, please contact the IGI for assistance.



Helpful hints in completing your CPD Form:

1. **Memberships:** EFG, IAEG, IGA, IQMS and IAH membership etc counted for 1 hour of CPD each – More information on memberships eligible for CPD hours in this category is available in the CPD form worksheet *How to Complete*
2. **Informal Activity:** Technical reading must include the journal name, issue, and topic to be assigned CPD hours. Just stating “Reading” will not suffice. Similar for webinars



3. *Formal Training*: Training from member's employer, IGI, our founding organisations can be counted as formal CPD hours
4. **Geoethics and Professionalism**: EurGeol members are required to complete a minimum of four hours CPD in Geoethics and Professionalism annually. More information on courses eligible for CPD hours in this category is available in the CPD form worksheet *How to Complete*
5. Watch for incorrect years listed and / or hours not updated in **3 Year Summary** / 3-year average. If copying from a previous year, please check this
6. Please complete the **Third-Party Details** in the *Personal Details* worksheet and the Training Courses requested in the *Personal Plan* worksheet – the training courses requested helps identify training requirements in the following years

The Audit committee has completed the guidance document for CPD auditors. The guide assists the CPD auditors in reviewing the returns of members and allows for greater consistency among the different auditors. If any members are interested in assisting the Audit Committee, please contact us at [info@igi.ie](mailto:info@igi.ie). It would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly the CPD committee asks members to complete and return your CPD by the annual **31<sup>st</sup> March** deadline. While this is a requirement to continue as a member in good standing, it also helps in the effective administration of the system and allows for a timelier audit process.

*John Dillon PGeo, Chair of CPD Audit Committee*

#### **4.8 Minerals Information Working Group (MIWG)**

The Minerals Information Working Group (MIWG) is currently composed of thirteen members: Christian Schaffalitzky, Miller O'Prey, John Clifford, Mark Patton, Ed Slowey, Eamonn Grennan, Barry Balding, Hannah McGillicuddy, John Barry, Pól Ó Seasnáin, Emma Brosnan, Tara Leacy Smith and Emer Blackwell (chair). The MIWG has had two online meetings and been in active communication over the last year.

The year's activities have focused on contributions to national and local policy consultations and keeping up to date with developments within the minerals industry. The MIWG contributed to the IGI submission on the DCEE publication consultation on the Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2026 -2028, in November 2025. Submissions were also made on the draft County Development Plan reviews for counties Meath and Louth in November 2025. These submissions were acknowledged in the respective Chief Executive reports on submissions. Both Councils will look to engage with resources from Geological Survey Ireland as suggested in the submissions.

In May 2026, the MIWG made a submission to the Department of the Economy (Northern Ireland) on their Review of Mineral Licensing - Call for Evidence. The aim of the review is to seek views and evidence to inform the development of a future minerals policy for Northern Ireland. The call is in the form of 26 questions covering the breadth of mineral exploration and mining, from licence sizes to social impacts. Members of the MIWG and the IGI board with any conflict of interest, such as working on a minerals project in Northern Ireland, were recused from involvement in the submission. The aim of the MIWG submission was to provide a balanced summary of current practise in the industry and provide additional sources of information.

Future activities planned include continuing to make representations on the other upcoming County Development Plans as they open for submissions and outreach to other Irish professional organisations to offer information on minerals related topics such as Critical Minerals.

The IGI would like to thank the members of the working group for their contributions throughout the year.

*Emer Blackwell PGeo*

#### **4.9 Energy Geoscientists Working Group**

The Energy Geoscientists Working Group aims to increase awareness of the geoscientist's role in the energy sector; and to support geoscientists so their skills and experience can be applied in achieving a Just Energy Transition for Ireland.

The group is made up fourteen members who work in the fields of consultancy, renewables (hydro-, solar, wind and geothermal), environmental protection, exploration, research, policy and academia with members based in Ireland and the UK. The spectrum of skills provides a broad range of knowledge in energy geoscience. The group meets quarterly and continues work on its agreed Terms of Reference. The group actively participates in and submits materials for consultations relevant to energy geoscience. The group ran a series of webinars in Q4 2025 with four expert speakers highlighting the role of geothermal, carbon capture and storage, hydrogen, and offshore energy development in Ireland's sustainable development. The group also has a member on the Geothermal Energy Advisory Group which advises on geothermal policy development in Ireland.

IGI's Energy Geoscience Working Group hosted a series of lunchtime webinars between October and November 2025. The online seminar series focused on the energy transition. This four-part lunchtime webinar series spotlighted key areas of energy geoscience, and featured expert speakers from academia, government agencies, and industry. Attendees gained an understanding of how geoscience supports Ireland's energy security and sustainability, and insights into cutting-edge research and industry developments.

The topics were aimed at early- to mid-career geoscientists, engineers and planners and included:

- "Seafloor mapping in support of offshore renewable energy development" – Dr Aaron Lim, University College Cork
- "Geothermal energy in Ireland - recent developments and future plans" – Dr Sarah Blake, Geological Survey Ireland
- "Renewable Resources to Hydrogen: storage and end-use" - Keith Byrne, Aspen Energy
- "GeoStorIE. Update on the assessment of Ireland's offshore geostorage potential" – Dr Kara English, Dr Pablo Rodriguez Salgado, Dr Gustavo Martins, University College Dublin

Online attendance during the webinar series was approximately between 30 and 40 per webinar. Recordings of the webinars can be found on the IGI website here [Conferences/Courses – The Institute of Geologists of Ireland](#)

*Conor O'Sullivan, Chair of Energy Geoscientists Working Group*

#### 4.10 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee has the objective of increasing and promoting equity, diversity and inclusion among IGI membership and in the broader geoscience profession. The EDI WG objectives are strategic objectives of the IGI for the 2025 period and beyond.

The committee comprises both PGeo and MIT members: Cian O’Hora, Mairéad Fitzsimons, Méabh H. Bannrion, James Symons, Aisling O’Donnell, Fani Papageorgiou, Alex Russell and Michelle Wong. The committee has met online (Zoom) on a number of occasions throughout the reporting year (since last AGM).

During the past 12 months the EDI committee has progressed a number of initiatives as follows:

- Continued partnership with Irish Centre for Diversity (ICFD). The EDI committee has maintained the Bronze Level “Investors in Diversity” certification process for 2026 award. Members of the IGI Board and IGI Committees and Working Groups received Inclusive Leadership Refresher Training from ICFD in April 2026. The IGI EDI committee also undertook a review of our policies that aim to promote inclusivity and diversity within the IGI and hopefully other stakeholders.



- Ongoing support of the iCrag EDIG project (<https://www.icrag-centre.org/edig/>). EDIG’s mission statement aligns with IGIs, being to promote effective, long-lasting change to help make the geosciences as welcoming, equitable, and accessible as they can be. IGI will support EDIG by being a sponsor (media and financial) and an EDI committee member has and continues to attend EDIG meetings.
- There is an ongoing initiative regarding Early Career Geoscientists, and a Fieldwork initiative. A Code of Conduct for appropriate workplace behaviour onsite has been developed. A survey to understand EDI experiences of workers from different backgrounds/sectors/sites will be published, after being reviewed from the Irish Centre for Diversity. The anonymized survey results will serve as a foundational metric to assess progress of EDI issues faced by geoscientists and related employees from institutes/companies in Ireland. The survey will also provide information on what issues people face and inform where support is needed.
- The EDI committee have an ongoing initiative to connect MIT’s with IGI mentors. We would like to draw members’ attention to the Geoethics and Professionalism section of the CPD return form and ask you to consider whether there is anything you could be doing to change the profile of the geoscience community for the better.

For the next 12 months the EDI committee is hoping to progress a driver’s licence bursary on behalf of the IGI to aid a grant awarded student or asylum seeker gain a driver’s licence as part of their access to geoscience employment in Ireland.

The committee is seeking new members and anyone interested in joining or contributing can contact the committee chair via the IGI office.

#### ***EurGeol Alex Russell PGeo (Chair), EDI Committee***



#### 4.11 Education Working Group

An Education Working Group was in 2023 to look at how geoscientists can support the teaching of geoscience-related subjects in the curriculum. The group members include representatives from the universities involved in geoscience teaching, national museums, geological surveys, and interested industry partners. The aim of the group is to encourage more students into the geosciences through increased exposure at second level. With the awareness that teachers need support, encouragement, and improved teaching resources in order to inspire students to take up geoscience at third level, the Working Group hopes to work with teachers to assist them in their work, and to allow them to teach the value of geoscience in climate change and natural resources management subjects.

The Education WG was rather quiet in 2025/2026 due to scheduling issues and the duplication of similar groups sourcing from the same small pool of people. Siobhán Power represented IGI on a Geoscience Education group on the future of Geography in the Irish Curriculum hosted by the RIA.

*EurGeol. Dr. Siobhán Power PGeo.*

#### 4.12 Early Career Geoscientists Network

The IGI are establishing an Early Career Geoscientists Network within our membership. This has come about from the suggestions of a number of our members and the network will provide an opportunity for early career members to come together and discuss various topics and initiatives including:

- Information Sharing
- Support Network
- Identify learning opportunities and training requirements
- Workshops, Professional Development
- Outreach, Community and Education
- Social events and Fieldtrips

The network membership is based on an individual's experience, as opposed to age, and is open to Student Members, Members-in-Training and Professional Members who are within 3 years of being elected. We are currently engaging with iCrag on some new developments in the Get into Geoscience group and trying to expand our student membership.

*EurGeol. Siobhán Power PGeo.*



## 5 IGI Specialist Registers

### 5.1 RoGEP

The UK Register of Ground Engineering Professionals (RoGEP) which is a specialist register maintained by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IoM3) or the Geological Society of London (GSL), provides a means to identify individuals who are suitably qualified and competent in ground engineering from the background of consultants, contractors, public bodies or academia. Those on the register may be involved in various disciplines or on various projects that fall within the broad heading of ground engineering. They must have an appreciation of other disciplines and interests that extend beyond, but interface with, ground engineering. They must be able to demonstrate how ground engineering interacts with other technical professions.

The IGI along with Engineers Ireland have signed an agreement which will allow the setting up of an Irish branch of RoGEP. There are currently 30 individuals on the RoGEP register based in Ireland. These individuals may act as references and also assessors for the next wave of RoGEPs from Ireland.

Please note that the RoGEP agreement has been renewed this year.

One of the purposes of the register is to provide a means of demonstrating the ground engineering competences, for example those required for the roles of Ground Engineering Professional, Ground Engineering Specialist and Ground Engineering Adviser, as defined by the Site Investigation Steering Group (SISG) and other specifications, codes and standards.

There are three grades of registrants:

- Registered Ground Engineering Professional
- Registered Ground Engineering Specialist
- Registered Ground Engineering Adviser

We have had no further applicants in the past year. The office can provide letters of sponsorship if required and can put applicants in contact with other sponsors as required. If you are interested in applying, please don't hesitate to contact the IGI office.

*EurGeol Eoin Wyse PGeo*

### 5.2 Pyrite Register

CPD returns for those members on the register will be checked for confirmation that each Professional Member meets the competency requirements and to self-regulate as a Competent Person as per the Code of Practice.

All of the current members of the register were successfully renewed for 2025, up until March 2026. The register is currently being updated as CPD and Fees are received. A completed 2026 register will be uploaded to the IGI website soon.

There is an intention to revise the application document later this year to take into account issues surrounding other potentially deleterious materials, and this will be circulated to those on the register prior to publication.

In addition, this year the panel was expanded with additional members to reflect the issues associated with other deleterious materials within aggregates along with the ongoing management of the Specialist Register. We would like to welcome EurGeol Ciara Bannon PGeo, EurGeol Martha Buckwalter-Davis PGeo and EurGeol Tom Moore PGeo to the reviewing panel and thank them for their input to date.

*EurGeol Eoin Wyse PGeo*

### **5.3 Register of Professional Qualified Geoscientists/Competent Persons: Regulated and Unregulated Waste Disposal/Contaminated Land Assessments**

The IGI continues to maintain the Contaminated Land Register for Professional Members who meet the competency requirements as set out in the EPA Code of Practice Environmental Risk Assessment for Unregulated Waste Disposal Sites.

The Register lists professionally competent and accredited geologists (Professional Geologist, PGeo, or equivalent international mutually recognized title, such as Chartered Geologist, CGeol (UK)), who have demonstrable experience and expertise to carry out risk-based assessments of historical unregulated landfill sites and contaminated lands sites.

CPD returns for those members on the register will be checked for confirmation that each professional Member meets the competency requirements and to self-regulate as a Competent Person as per the Code of Practice.

There have been three additions to the specialist register in the past 12 months - they are

- EurGeol. Alex Cox PGeo.,
- EurGeol. Colin Fitzgerald PGeo. and
- Laura McGrath PGeo.

*EurGeol Cian O’Hora PGeo*

## 6 IGI Events

The IGI held a number of events and training opportunities in the past 12 months. The online format (webinars) has allowed members to sign up to courses given by IGI, regardless of their own location.

Should any member have a particular training need or be willing to offer their time to deliver a lecture or short course to our membership please contact the IGI office at [info@igi.ie](mailto:info@igi.ie).

### 6.1 Energy Geoscience Webinars

IGI 's Energy Geoscience Working Group hosted a series of lunchtime webinars between October and November 2025.

The online seminar series focused on the energy transition. This four-part lunchtime webinar series spotlighted key areas of energy geoscience, and featured expert speakers from academia, government agencies, and industry. Attendees gained an understanding of how geoscience supports Ireland's energy security and sustainability, and insights into cutting-edge research and industry developments

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Online attendance during the webinar series was approximately between 30 and 40 per webinar.

### 6.2 PERC-IGI Training Course

IGI co-organised a training course with the Pan European Reserves and Resources Reporting Committee (PERC) which was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Tom Johnson House, Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE), Dublin.

The training course, entitled “Critical Raw Material Resource Classification and Reporting using UNFC and CRIRSCO” was attended by 35 people in-person with a further 22 online, with the objective of gaining a better understanding of the requirements of governments, industry and investors.

The participants were welcomed by Antonio Maldonado, PERC Chairperson and the morning session included talks by John Clifford (Minco Exploration), Edmund Sides (CRIRSCO), Erika Ingvald (UNECE, Geneva), Tom Bide (BGS), Robert Tomas (DG-Grow, Brussels) and Simone Manfredi (Joint Research Centre, Italy). Following a coffee break and some opportunities for networking, the next session

comprised a series of very interesting Case Studies, presented by Bart Jaworski (Group Eleven Resources), Oued Herod (Imerys) and Ally O'Brien (Boliden).

After lunch, the afternoon workshop, for in-person attendees only, was led by Ed Sides. The workshop provided practical guidance on the use of CRIRSCO-type codes and the UNFC, and included a number of group exercises undertaken by the participants which led to some nice discussions.

More information on the content of the training event, and the PERC AGM which followed it on the 5th June is given in Section 9.4 of this report and will also be soon available on the PERC website.



## 7 Communications and Outreach

### 7.1 The IGI Office

The IGI office is generally the first point of contact for members and indeed prospective members enquiring about joining the Institute. Whilst the office is not open fulltime, the IGI is committed to ensuring a quick and speedy response when a member does need to make contact. Enquires are generally responded to within a day or two.

The IGI office had another busy year since our last AGM. Tasks included:

- Supporting the 2025-2026 Board with their responsibilities
- Processing membership applications and liaising with the Validation Committee to organise PGeo interviews
- Supporting the CPD Audit Committee in their annual audit of CPD returns
- Generating invoices for the membership and processing fees & CPD returns as they come in
- Organising the Annual Irish Geoscience Network Meeting and compiling the various contributions to the IGN report submitted by IGN Members.
- Producing regular reports for the Board to update them on office activities for their Board meetings
- Part of the organising committee for PERC-IGI Training course event which took place on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at DCEE – handled registrations, liaised with sponsors, liaised with venue and catering, managed Zoom meeting for online attendees on the day
- Compiling information for our Annual National Association report for EFG
- Working with the Treasurer to provide up to date financial information for the Board and for compilation of the annual audited accounts
- Organising the AGM and compiling contributions from the Board, Working Groups and Committees to the Annual report
- Keep membership informed of items of interest and upcoming events through the weekly Bulletin and liaising with the webmaster to keep the IGI calendar on the website updated
- Regular posting on the IGI Social Media channels, especially advertising events such as the Energy Working Group’s Energy Geoscience Webinars and the joint PERC-IGI Training Event as well as promoting the events being organised by other geoscience organisations within the IGN and beyond.

The IGI Board and members of the committees and working groups give very generously of their time on a completely voluntary basis, which is not an easy task given their various work and family commitments. I wish to thank the outgoing Board, especially Tara who is retiring from the Board this year – it has been very rewarding working with you all again this year. I look forward to supporting the work of the incoming Board, Committees and Working Groups and communicating with all our members in the coming 12 months.

The IGI is an organisation that is for its members and is driven by its members. Interactions with the office are very welcome and are encouraged.

*Denise Cunningham -IGI Executive Secretary*

## 7.2 Weekly Members Bulletin

The Weekly Bulletin continues to serve as a useful communication tool, identifying upcoming course and lectures as well as advertised job positions in the geosciences. The Bulletin is particularly useful to new members in assisting them with the understanding of the organisation and the regular events held across the country.

The IGI office appreciates being notified of any events that members feel would be of interest to other members, please forward relevant information to the office at [info@igi.ie](mailto:info@igi.ie). The Weekly Bulletin has offered members with a means of staying on touch with events in the geoscience community and the IGI office is grateful to all members who engaged during this time and sent details of various events for circulation.

## 7.3 IGI Website

The IGI website ([www.igi.ie](http://www.igi.ie)) is maintained by Eamonn Kelly, SLR Consulting Ltd. The website shows all upcoming events, and provides easy links to latest news and the IGI LinkedIn page. Recent activities have focused on the upload of recordings of the Energy Geoscience webinars; uploads of our consultations and representations; upload of the 2026 IGN report; regularly updating Events Calendar, Members Directory, Specialist Registers and the employment section with job vacancies which the office is notified of. Some updates have also recently taken place within the External Relations section and IGI Events sections.

The events calendar on the IGI website also lists events hosted by members of the Irish Geoscience Network (IGN) as well as any events that the IGI office is notified about.

## 7.4 Twitter / X



The IGI Twitter / X account had a decrease in its followers this year, currently at 1,120 (down from 1160 in 2025). IGI no longer engages with followers or others on Twitter / X. The IGI can be found on Twitter, at [IGI \(@IGI\\_PGeo\) / X](https://twitter.com/IGI_PGeo), but we are mostly using LinkedIn now as our primary Social Media platform. We may delete our profile from X in due course.

## 7.5 LinkedIn



The IGI's LinkedIn Group continues to be a useful forum for promoting events, news and new IGI initiatives such as factsheets, webinars, courses and reminders regarding fee and CPD deadlines. IGI currently has 1,692 connections and has 2043 followers. LinkedIn is a more flexible platform with fewer limitations (compared with Twitter / X) on the size of a post / number of characters in a post or the number of organisations or people who can be tagged in photos. This is more useful in the context of something like a post advertising the PERC/IGI Training Event or the Energy Geoscience Webinars where there are many organisations and individuals involved who need to be thanked or linked to.

A social media presence has become an essential aspect of any outward-facing communications strategy, providing a forum for the public dissemination of IGI news in an informal way. The account provides fast news, content and links to geoscience in Ireland.

**Denise Cunningham -IGI Executive Secretary**

## 7.6 Exhibitions and Outreach

IGI continues to improve outreach and promote and be involved with all aspects of geology and geological careers in Ireland.

IGI provided outreach support through sponsorship of conferences and meetings in Ireland throughout the 2025/2026 year. It provided financial support (€500 each) to the Tectonic Studies Group, Trinity College Dublin for their AGM and Conference in December 2025, and the 2026 IGRM in UCC in February/March 2026. IGI also provided sponsorship of €750 for the IAH (Irish Group) Annual Conference in Tullamore in April 2026. IGI representatives, Vice-President Yvonne O’Connell and Executive Secretary, Denise Cunningham attended and there was good interaction with existing members and potential new members at the IGI stand.

€1200 was also provided as sponsorship for the International Professional Geologists Conference (IPGC) in Zaragoza, Spain in November 2025, which was held alongside the EFG Council Meeting which was attended by IGI EFG Representatives Paul McDermott and Pól Ó Seasnáin.

*EurGeol. Dr. Siobhan Power PGeo.*

## 8.0 The IGI Mentoring Scheme

The IGI established a free, voluntary mentorship scheme for members in 2016 in order to support the career development of IGI members. The scheme has been supporting members in order to prepare for chartership, develop Personal Career Plans within the IGI CPD framework and to manage career changes which many of us experience as geoscience professionals. Participation in the scheme as a mentor or mentee is also eligible for CPD of up to 10 hours per year.

The mentor list currently has 20 members (6 female and 14 male) with a mix of both private and public sector backgrounds, various geoscience fields and mentors spread across the country. There are currently 27 mentees listed. The current list of mentors is available from the IGI office.

The IGI Mentoring Guidelines were revised in early 2023 by PGeo John Arthurs and Trudy Arthurs. The board would like to sincerely thank John and Trudy for their expertise and hard work in developing the document.

The IGI reminds EurGeol members about the EFG mentorship programme.

*EurGeol Siobhán Power PGeo*

## 9.0 Participation

### 9.1 European Federation of Geologists (EFG)

The European Federation of Geologists is a non-governmental organisation that was established in 1980 and includes 27 national association members representing over 45,000 geoscientists across Europe and two associated members – the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) and Geoscientists Canada. EFG is a professional organisation whose main aims are to contribute to a safer and more sustainable use of the natural environment, to protect and inform the public and to promote a more responsible exploitation of natural resources. EFG's members are National Associations (NAs), of whom is the IGI, whose principal objectives are based on similar aims. The guidelines to achieve these aims are the promotion of excellence in the application of geology and the creation of public awareness of the importance of geoscience for society.

The IGI Delegates to the EFG for 2025/2026 were Pól Ó Seasnáin and Paul McDermott.

During 2025/2026, the EFG continued to promote the professional mobility and status of geologists in the 27 member states across Europe through the expanding use and recognition of the EurGeol title, involvement in EU funded projects, making representations to the EU Commission and liaison with other international geological bodies. National and international awareness of the profession is maintained through publication of the European Geologist journal and the EFG newsletter, close liaison with the EU parliament and via its own website at [www.eurogeologists.eu](http://www.eurogeologists.eu).

The EFG is run by a Council comprising delegates from all member national associations such as the IGI, from which a 5-member Board is elected. Each member country has one vote at Council Meetings. President David Govoni whose term of office started in November 2022, continued as president for 2025/2026. The Council meets twice a year with a Winter Council meeting held in November/December in Brussels and a Summer Council meeting held in May/June in one of the member countries. The executive authority of the Council is enacted by the Board, which is appointed for a two-year term and comprises a President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer and External Relations Officer. The Board meets four to six times a year, mostly in Brussels, with the day-to-day business of EFG maintained within the Board by email.

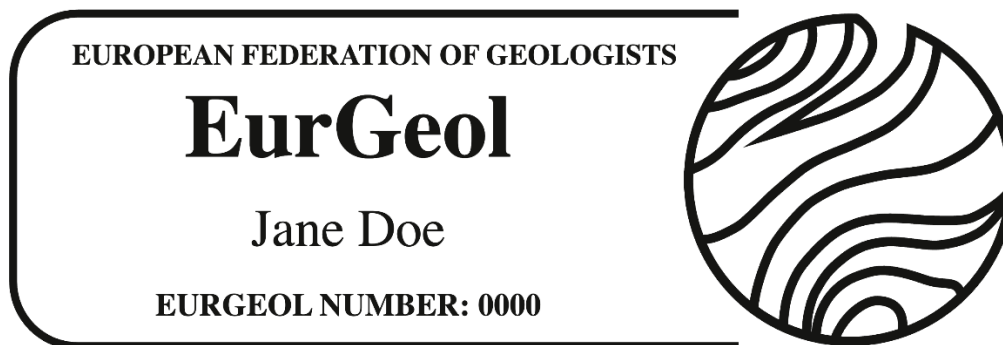
The Autumn council meeting held in November 2025 was held in Zaragoza, Spain. The Spring Council meeting took place on Milos Island, Greece in May 2026. There are generally 20 to 30 national representatives in person including this year from Ukraine. The meetings were attended by Pól Ó Seasnáin and Paul McDermott as delegates.

At the EFG Autumn Council Meeting in November 2025 in Zaragoza, activities of interest included co-hosting the 5th International Professional Geology Conference in Zaragoza, presentations by associate organisations from Canada, South Africa and U.S, approval of Macedonian Geological Society as a new National Association, representation at COP30 in Brazil, advocacy events in European Commission, development of the EFG's online 'Training Academy' which has courses with CPD and updates on supporting EU research projects in the geoscience area e.g. CO2 based electrothermal energy and geological storage system <https://ceegsproject.eu/>.

At the Spring Council meeting in Milos in May 2026, the EFG council discussed its influence on policy including positive feedback from the European commission on EFG's interaction with them on



geothermal and mine permitting issues. The EFG plan to appoint a policy officer who will be permanently based in Brussels. The EFG encouraged use of its office in Brussels (in Rue de Pascale) for meetings or other business which is open to all EFG members and National Associations to use. A 'Needs Assessment Working Group' was launched to ask members how the association can best serve them. Revenue diversification and promotion of the EFG title including the EFG stamp (sample image below) were discussed.



Please verify the EurGeol Title's validity here:  
<https://eurgeoltitle.eu/member/janedoe>  
 Title holder since 10.09.2022

There was also the election of a new Secretary General, Vice President, and Treasurer. There was discussion on AI in geosciences and EFG's code of ethics. Paul Hubley from Geosciences Canada presented on Professional Regulation in Canada and there were presentations from all the European National Associations. The Geological Society's 'This is Geoscience' website was of particular note.

### ***EurGeol Pól Ó Seasnáin PGeo***

## **9.2 EU Funded Projects**

While there are number of EU funded projects that EFG is involved with the IGI is only currently engaging in one of these projects.

The IGI have committed to assist in the circulation and dissemination of information related to the EFG Horizon Europe SPEC project: "Effects of CO<sub>2</sub>-stream impurities on CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage", led by IFPEN, with EFG leading the Communication and Dissemination work package. EFG are currently in the Grant Agreement preparation phase, and once that is finalised, they will prepare a detailed cooperation agreement covering all technical, administrative, and financial arrangements.

### ***EurGeol Pól Ó Seasnáin PGeo***

### 9.3 NSAI Work

Over the past 12 months work has been ongoing in a number of topics relating to the use of defective or deleterious material in construction products. EurGeol Eoin Wyse PGeo has been serving in the position of Vice Chairman of the Aggregates Panel.

The Aggregates Panel completed their review of SR16: Guidance on the use of IS EN 12620:2002 + A1:2008 - aggregates for concrete, but work remains on the specification of recycled aggregates. The Panel are also working towards the new Construction Product Regulations Aquis process throughout Europe.

The IGI would like to thank the following PGeos who have been involved in the work so far: EurGeol Cian O’Hora PGeo, Dr Robbie Goodhue PGeo, EurGeol Tom Moore PGeo, EurGeol Eoin McGrath PGeo and EurGeol Eoin Wyse PGeo. We would also like to welcome EurGeol Ciara Bannon PGeo to the NSAI Aggregates Panel.

*EurGeol Eoin Wyse PGeo*



## 9.4 PERC – Pan-European Reserves and Resources Reporting Committee



### 9.4.1 PERC overview

The Pan-European Reserves and Resources Reporting Committee (PERC) is constituted to promote best practice in the public reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. PERC is responsible for managing the PERC Reporting Standard and serves as the CRIRSCO National Reporting Organisation (NRO) for Europe. PERC was established in 2006 and has been registered as a not-for-profit association ('asbl') in Brussels, Belgium since 2013.

Further information is available at: <https://percstandard.org/>

The IGI is a founding member of PERC and has four representatives on the PERC committee. Edmund Sides, Job Langbroek, Emma Brosnan and Ally O'Brien served as the IGI representatives on PERC during the period.

David Dingemans is the coordinator of the Standard Update Sub-Committee.

Edmund Sides was appointed as Chairperson of CRIRSCO on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026. His mascot Lugh is now officially recognised as the CRIRSCO chairperson's mascot for the duration of his term in office and helps to promote his Irish links on the international stage!

### 9.4.2 PERC AGM 2026 Summary

PERC's 2026 AGM was held as a hybrid event on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026, with several members present in person at Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin. Thanks are due to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment for providing the use of a meeting room for the PERC AGM, as well as providing the use of a conference room for the joint PERC-IGI training event that was held in the same building the day before the AGM.

A summary of the matters discussed at the AGM is provided below.

#### **Summary of PERC's activities for the period May 2025 to June 2026**

##### **1. Executive and General**

The Executive meet regularly online with meetings including the coordinators of the four committees to facilitate coordination of activities. Biannual meetings with the Trustees are held mid-year and year-end to review activities and agree on priorities for the next six months.

##### **2. Communications committee**

The committee has streamlined PERC's communications, with the website being used as a hub and LinkedIn publicising new items as they are added to the website. News items are focused on topics related directly to PERC's activities or other matters that are relevant to the topic of minerals reporting in Europe.

In cooperation with the Standard Update committee, the PERC website has recently been reorganised to present this information in a more accessible manner.

See: <https://percstandard.org/>

Changes of interest on the PERC website include:

- The **PERC Reporting Standard** has been separated from related documents which are accessible using the **PERC Library** pull-down menu.
- What was previously called the Library has been renamed as **User Resources**.
- A training calendar has been added to the website which is accessible under the **Training** pull down menu.

Several useful documents are included in the **PERC Library**, and readers should inspect this to find out more

### 3. Standard Update committee

Several important documents were produced by the committee and released during the year. These include an updated version of PERC’s Mineral Project Evaluation Report (MPER) Template which provides a report format similar to the Form 43-101F1 whilst including comments on all the relevant items from the PERC Table 1.

Discussions are currently ongoing with respect to the nature and scope of the next update of the PERC Reporting Standard, which includes definitions based on the 2019 CRIRSCO Definitions rather than the more recent 2024 versions. A detailed draft of a proposed framework for updating the PERC Reporting Standard 2021 (PERC Concept 2027) has been prepared to provide a basis for discussions. Please contact the IGI’s PERC representatives if you want more information about this.

### 4. Training committee

PERC and its member organisations continue to develop and present training courses on a regular basis.

On 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026, a one-day course was held in Dublin (with the cooperation of the IGI) on the topic of “Critical Raw Material Resource Classification and Reporting using UNFC and CRIRSCO”. A report on this course is being prepared on the PERC website.



**PERC-IGI Training course at Tom Johnson House, DCEE, Dublin on June 4th 2026.** Speakers included in the group photo, from left to right, are front row: John Clifford (Minco), Erika Ingvald (UNECE), Edmund Sides (CRIRSCO); middle/rear: Owen Herod (Imerys), Bart Jaworski (Group Eleven), Ally O’Brien (Boliden), Tom Bide (BGS).

Other courses in which PERC was involved over the past year include the following:

- A training course held at the Meggen Raw Material Days in Germany (12 Sep '25):
- An inhouse course commissioned by Boliden which was presented at Boliden in Sweden (20-21 Oct '25):
- A presentation at the International Professional Geologists Conference in Zaragoza, Spain (5-7 Nov '25)
- A customised course for FAMMP prepared and presented by Alastair Moyes in Sweden (8 Apr '26);
- An event aimed at investors co-organised by IMEB in Madrid, Spain (11-12 May '26)

See: <https://percstandard.org/perc-training-update-october-2025/> for more information on several of these courses.

### 5. Finance and Regulatory committee

Unfortunately, the coordinator of this committee stepped down during the year so that it remained largely inactive. Efforts are being made to find a new coordinator so as to allow the committee to become more active.

### 6. Working groups

During the year, two new working groups were established, namely:

- The PERC valuation working group: This group is developing a valuation code termed The PERC Valuation Standard for Mineral Assets, which would be similar to valuation codes used in other jurisdictions. A summary of the proposed layout and content of the Valuation Standard was presented to the AGM
- The PERC Deep Mineralised Brines working group. This group was set up as a forum to discuss whether separate PERC guidance on the assessment and reporting on resources and reserves of deep mineralised brines should be developed. The group has held several online meetings and also provided comments on behalf of PERC to a consultation by the CIM in Canada on a proposed guidance document on lithium brines which they have issued
- See: <https://percstandard.org/deep-mineralised-brines-working-group/> for more details.

### Key outcomes of the 2026 PERC AGM

Key outcomes of the AGM included the following:

- Sofia Höglund's co-option as a member and appointment as Secretary was confirmed by the meeting.
- Michael Palmer who is acting as co-coordinator of the recently formed working group on deep mineralised brines was appointed as a co-opted member.
- The mechanism for formally recognising the large amount of effort that many volunteers spend on PERC's activities, as agreed at the 2025 AGM, has not yet been implemented.
- The accounts for 2025 were approved. The main source of revenue is the membership fees with some additional income from training and project work. The Treasurer noted that PERC needs to seek other additional sources of revenue and where possible to avoid putting large amounts of training related expenses through the PERC account to avoid incurring VAT liabilities.
- A PERC Concept 2027 document providing a proposal for the scope and format of the next update of the PERC Reporting Standard was presented and discussed. Concerns were expressed that the proposed concept would not be in line with PERC's obligations as a

member of CRIRSCO. Nevertheless, it was noted that the concept document included comments on several useful topics that would be worth disseminating. It was agreed that further discussions should be held with existing users and other interested parties in order to determine the best way forward.

- The meeting thanked the IGI for its assistance in organising the AGM in Dublin, and the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment for providing the use of a meeting room in Tom Johnson House for the meeting.

## PERC TRUSTEES

Following the PERC AGM on June 2026, the PERC Trustees remain unchanged as: Kerstin Brinnen; Neil Wells; Michael Neumann and Juan León Coullaut Sáenz de Sicilia

## PERC Executive and Members 2026 - 2027

Following its 2026 AGM, the PERC Executive members for the 2026-2027 term are:

- Chairperson – Antonio Maldonado
- Deputy Chairperson – Andy Birtles
- Secretary – Sofia Höglund
- Treasurer – Owen Herod
- CRIRSCO representatives – Edmund Sides\* and Mark Burnett
  - \* Edmund Sides took on the role of Chairperson of CRIRSCO from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## PERC Sub-committees 2026 – 2027

PERC has four sub-committees as indicated below:

Sub-committee	Coordinator
Standard Update	David Dingemans
Training	Alastair Moyes
Finance & Regulatory	[vacant]
Communications	Andy Birtles

The terms of reference of the sub-committees can be viewed and downloaded from PERC’s cloud storage system using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/53exx2ud>

Membership of the PERC sub-committees is open to any members interested in the minerals sector and would contribute to members CPD points. Interested persons can obtain further details about the activities of individual committees by contacting the PERC Chairperson or Secretary using the contact details on the PERC website.

***EurGeol Dr Edmund Sides PGeo, Chairperson CRIRSCO (and PERC representative)***  
***11<sup>th</sup> June 2026***

## 9.5 DECC Advisory Group on Mineral Exploration and Mining

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment formed an Advisory Group on Mineral Exploration and Mining in early 2022. It is organised by the Geoscience Policy Section and chaired by Mairead McCabe, Principal Officer of the Geoscience Policy Section (GPS). The group includes representatives from the regulatory (including land use planning), environment, academic, economic, industry and social pillars. The aim of the group is to provide a mechanism for a larger number of stakeholders with an interest in mineral exploration and mining to open up the possibility of discussing issues of mutual interest and concern. This is facilitated through online meetings. The IGI was invited to participate, and a member of the Minerals Information Working Group was nominated to attend meetings.

No meetings have been held since June 2024.

### *Emer Blackwell PGeo*

## 9.6 Geothermal Representations

The Geothermal Section of the IGI Energy Geoscientists Working Group (EGWG) has been actively involved in a variety of advisory roles across geothermal research and development projects on the island of Ireland, championing the role of geoscientists in the development of sustainable geothermal resources. EGWG members are part of two government-led, geothermal-focused advisory groups.

The first of these is the Geothermal Energy Advisory Group (GEAG) which advises the Department of Environment, Climate, and Communication (DECC) on the development of geothermal energy policy and resources in Ireland. The Government is now focusing on developing a regulatory design for shallow geothermal systems. This will be developed reflecting the new Heat Networks Bill 2024 which will pave the way for the growth of district heating.

The 4th National Geothermal Energy Summit, which included a fieldtrip, took place in October 2025.

EGWG members are also present within the Geothermal Advisory Committees (GAC) in Northern Ireland, which includes members from government agencies, academic institutions, and industry. The GAC is focused on developing a roadmap for the deployment of geothermal energy resources in Northern Ireland through consultation with government, public, academia and industry stakeholders. Their flagship demonstration project, the Geothermal Energy Momentum on the Island of Ireland (GEMINI). This project, led by Codema and funded by a €20 million grant from the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), has a variety of government, academic, and industry partners. The initial collection of subsurface data (seismic reflection, gravity, and magnetotelluric data) is underway. EGWG members are actively involved and supporting this project.

EGWG members are also involved in a variety of other on-going geothermal research projects, including:

- De-risking Ireland's Geothermal Potential (DIG), which includes DIAS, SEAI, and UCC in partnership with GeoServ, UCD, and GFZ Potsdam.
- Geonorm.
- The National Geothermal Database.



- MOD3L THERM and GRANNUS, both led by DIAS and aiming to updating geothermal energy maps.

The work of the Geothermal Section of the IGI EGWG will continue through 2026 and into 2027 with future engagement with public sector bodies and industry representatives and engagement in active research projects.

*Dr Conor O’Sullivan, Chair of IGI Energy Geoscientists Working Group*

## 10.0 Irish Geoscience Network (IGN)

The Irish Geoscience Network (IGN) is an informal network of geoscience organisations, learned societies, universities and those involved in various aspects relating to the Earth Sciences in Ireland. It was established in 2012 to represent all geo-related disciplines on the island of Ireland, and to provide a forum for discussion, exchange of ideas and improved communication among the extended geoscience community.

The IGN held its annual meeting as a hybrid meeting, in-person at Merrion Square and via Zoom, on 25th March 2026. Twenty-one organisations were represented by 14 in-person attendees and an additional 9 people attending online. Those present in Merrion Square were able to enjoy some food, drink and social interaction afterwards.

The main topics discussed were:

- Role of IGN
- Update from Government – DCEE and DfE (NI)
- Supporting Educators, EDI Initiatives and early career geoscientists
- Geoscience information gaps and initiatives to address
- Open forum/Round Table
- Collaboration Opportunities
- Activities & Events Calendar

**EurGeol Yvonne O’Connell PGeo**

## 11.0 Heads of Geoscience Groups (HOGGs)

The Heads of Geoscience Groups or HOGGs, has not convened since the last AGM.

The objectives of the forum are:

- Increase the response of the geoscience sector to consultations that concern the geoscience sector.
- Cooperate in awareness-raising of upcoming and live consultations and share responses.
- Respond to misinformation relating to geoscience practice and profession in the news media.
- Cooperate in the coordination of suitable spokespersons and statements responses.
- Provide a forum for other topical matters of mutual interest to the geoscience sector.

Discussions have resulted in participation across the geoscience disciplines, collaboration on consultations and better communication between the main voices of geoscience in Ireland on geoscience matters of public interest:

- Institute of Geologists of Ireland
- Geological Survey Ireland
- iCRAG
- Geological Survey of Northern Ireland
- Irish Mining and Quarrying Society
- Irish Association for Economic Geology
- Geotechnical Society of Ireland – a society of Engineers Ireland
- International Association of Hydrogeologists (Irish Group)
- Geothermal Association of Ireland
- Geoscience Policy Division
- Geoscience Regulation Office
- Geoscience Ireland

The forum respects the right of members to make their own representations in the manner that best supports their interests.

#### **EurGeol Siobhán Power PGeo**

## **12.0 Mutual Recognition Agreements**

The IGI now has six MRAs with the following organisations:

- i) Australian Institute of Mining Metallurgy – AusIMM (Australia).
- ii) Geoscientists Canada – GC (Canada).
- iii) European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers – EAGE (International).
- iv) Southern Africa Institute of Mining and Metallurgy – SAIMM and the Geological Society of South Africa – GSSA jointly sponsoring the SAMREC and SMVAL Committee – SSC (South Africa).
- v) Geological Society of London – GeoSoc (United Kingdom).
- vi) American Institute of Professional Geologists – AIPG (USA)

The importance of maintaining these MRAs, based on continuing professional development (CPD) and ethically good professional practice cannot be overstated, given the international nature of geological practice and the mobility of IGI’s members.

There has been recent interaction with AIPG to review the application process for professional membership of our respective associations, including Pól Ó Seasnáin’s presentation at their quarterly Board meeting in Colorado (online) and meeting with Geosciences Canada to discuss further collaboration, Codes of Ethics and ties to the IAPG (International Association for Professional Geologists).

#### **EurGeol Pól Ó Seasnáin PGeo**



## 13.0 Notice of AGM

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Geologists of Ireland Limited will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 and via Zoom, for the following purposes:**

- i) To receive and consider the Directors' Reports.
- ii) To receive and consider the Audited Accounts for year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- iii) To elect Directors.
- iv) To transact any other ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting whereby members will have the option of attending in person or remotely via an online meeting platform (Zoom). Detailed joining instructions will be circulated closer to the date.

The Nominating Committee nominations for the 2026/2027 board are attached. Additional nominations may be made in writing, signed by at least two (2) Professional Members in good standing and consented to by the nominee, and delivered to the Secretary (at [info@igi.ie](mailto:info@igi.ie) OR IGI, 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2) not later than six weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. **The deadline for receipt of additional nominations is Wednesday 6th May 2026.** Please note that only Professional Members who are in good standing (i.e. up-to-date with fees and CPD) are entitled to vote; Members-in-Training, Associate, Student and Retired Members are non-voting members.

The AGM agenda and draft minutes from last year's AGM are also attached.

The annual report will be circulated in early June and members are welcome to ask questions and make comments, should they have any, by email to [info@igi.ie](mailto:info@igi.ie) for inclusion in the business of the meeting.

**After the meeting, there will then be a social gathering with some food and a chance to catch up. You must register your wish to attend, either online or in-person. Should you wish to attend the AGM, please let me know by email ([info@igi.ie](mailto:info@igi.ie)) by close of business on Wednesday 10th June 2026.**

- **Members who are attending in person will be requested to indicate their preference for attending the social event so that catering can be organised.**
- **Members who wish to attend the AGM remotely must also indicate this preference as Zoom and telephone joining details for the AGM will only be sent to members who register this option.**

***By Order of the Board***

***EurGeol Pól Ó Seasnáin PGeo  
IGI Secretary, Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026***



## 14.0 Nominations for IGI Board 2026 - 2027

The Nominations Committee, via the Chair of the Nominations Committee Eoin Wyse (immediate Past-President), has presented the following list of candidates to stand for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026:

### **Executive Directors:**

<b>President:</b>	EurGeol Dr Siobhán Power PGeo	(2nd year of 2-year term)
<b>Vice-President:</b>	EurGeol Dr Yvonne O’Connell PGeo	(2nd year of 2-year term)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Emer Blackwell PGeo	(2nd year of 2-year term)
<b>Secretary:</b>	EurGeol Pól Ó Seasnáin PGeo	(2nd year of 2-year term)

### **Non-Executive Directors:**

EurGeol Maeve McElligott PGeo	(4th year as a Board Member)
John Dillon PGeo	(4th year as a Board Member)
EurGeol Dr Kieran Craven PGeo	(3rd year as a Board Member)
Dr Kirstin Lemon PGeo	(2nd year as a Board Member)
EurGeol Dr Koen Torremans PGeo	(2nd year as a Board Member)
EurGeol Graham Parkin PGeo	(1st year as a Board Member)

### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

EurGeol Eoin Wyse PGeo (Chair)  
EurGeol Cian O’Hora PGeo  
EurGeol Morgan Burke PGeo

No additional nominations to those above made by the Nominations Committee were received by the IGI Secretary by the deadline of the 6th May 2026.

## 15.0 IGI CORPORATE STRUCTURE

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<b>AUDITORS</b>	Kieran Ryan & Co. Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 20 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2
<b>BANKERS</b>	Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin 2
<b>IGI REGISTERED OFFICE</b>	63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2
<b>COMPANY NUMBER</b>	31440
<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	CHY 13580
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	20042721

### IGI Board Members (2025-2026: Outgoing)

#### Executive Directors

<b>President:</b>	EurGeol Dr Siobhán Power PGeo
<b>Vice President:</b>	EurGeol Dr Yvonne O’Connell PGeo
<b>Secretary:</b>	EurGeol Pól Ó Seasnáin PGeo
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Emer Blackwell PGeo

#### Non-Executive Directors:

EurGeol Maeve McElligott PGeo  
John Dillon PGeo  
EurGeol Tara Leacy Smith PGeo  
EurGeol Kieran Craven PGeo  
Dr Kirstin Lemon PGeo  
EurGeol Dr Koen Torremans PGeo

### EFG National Licensed Body

The IGI is licensed by the European Federation of Geologists to award the professional title of European Geologist (EurGeol). The IGI’s NLB Licence was renewed in 2023.

### Standing Committees (2025-2026)

#### Ethics Committee

EurGeol. Sean Moran PGeo (Chair)  
EurGeol. Mark Holdstock PGeo  
Mags Keegan PGeo

#### Disciplinary Committee

EurGeol Teri Hayes PGeo

#### Validation Committee

EurGeol Morgan Burke PGeo (Chair)  
EurGeol David Blaney PGeo  
Sean Finlay PGeo C.Eng PGeo

Company No. 314400. Registered Charity No.: 20042721 Directors: Siobhán Power, Yvonne O’Connell, Pól Ó Seasnáin, Emer Blackwell



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EurGeol Cecil Shine PGeo  
EurGeol Marie Fleming PGeo  
EurGeol Catherine Buckley PGeo  
EurGeol Mairéad Fitzsimons PGeo  
EurGeol Robbie Meehan PGeo  
EurGeol Gerry Baker PGeo  
EurGeol Cian O’Hora PGeo  
EurGeol Graham Reid PGeo  
EurGeol Paul Gordon PGeo  
Dr James Hodgson PGeo  
EurGeol Shane Lavery PGeo  
EurGeol Eoin Wyse PGeo  
EurGeol Peter O’Connor PGeo

#### **CPD Audit Committee**

John Dillon PGeo (Chair)  
EurGeol Dr. Yvonne O’Connell PGeo  
EurGeol Kieran Craven PGeo  
EurGeol Tara Leacy Smith PGeo  
Dr Kirstin Lemon PGeo

#### **IGI Representation on Geoscience Bodies**

##### **Organisation**

European Federation of Geologists  
  
GSI Consultative Committee  
GSNI Science Advisory Committee

##### **IGI Representative**

EurGeol Paul McDermott PGeo  
EurGeol Pól Ó Seasnáin PGeo  
EurGeol Marie Fleming PGeo  
EurGeol Mairéad Fitzsimons PGeo

#### **Founding Sponsoring Bodies**

The IGI was established in 1999 with the support of the following sponsoring bodies:

- The Irish Association for Economic Geology [www.iaeg.ie](http://www.iaeg.ie)
- The Geophysical Association of Ireland
- The International Association of Hydrogeologists (Irish Group) [www.iah-ireland.org](http://www.iah-ireland.org)
- The Irish Mining and Quarrying Society [www.imqs.ie](http://www.imqs.ie)
- The Geotechnical Society of Engineers of Ireland [Geotechnical | Engineers Ireland](http://Geotechnical | Engineers Ireland)

#### **Affiliated Bodies**

- The Geothermal Association of Ireland [www.geothermalassociation.ie](http://www.geothermalassociation.ie)

#### **Bodies with Reciprocal Links and/or Co-Operation Agreements**

- Australian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy (JORC Committee)
- Geological Society of London
- Geoscientists Canada
- Geological Society of South Africa.
- South African Institute of Mining & Metallurgy (SAMREC Committee)
- South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions
- European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers
- American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG)



**Bodies Recognising PGeo (or mutually recognised equivalent) Ireland:**

- Geoscience Regulation Office (GSRO), DCEE - required for prospecting licence work reports
- Environmental Protection Agency - preferred for professional work and reports; obligatory for hydrogeological assessment of historic landfill sites
- Department of Education and Youth - preferred for professional work and reports
- An Coimisiún Pleanála (formerly An Bord Pleanála) - preferred for professional work and reports
- Local Authorities - preferred for professional work and reports; obligatory for hydrogeological assessment of historic landfill sites.

**Stock Exchanges**

Ireland, Dublin

Stock Exchange UK,

London Stock Exchange

Australian Stock Exchange

Canadian Securities Administrators

South Africa, JSE Securities Exchange



## 16.0 AUDITORS REPORT FOR 2025



**Company Number: 314400**

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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**Kieran Ryan & Co.**  
**Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm**  
**20 Upper Mount Street**  
**Dublin 2**

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

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**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>Directors</b>	Dr. Siobhán Eilís Power Dr. Yvonne O'Connell Pól Ó Seasnáin Maeve McElligott Tara Leacy Smith Emer Blackwell Dr. Kieran Craven John Dillon Dr. Kirstin Lemon (Appointed 24 June 2025) Dr. Koen Torremans (Appointed 24 June 2025) Eoin Wyse (Resigned 24 June 2025) Robert Raine (Resigned 24 June 2025)
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Pól Ó Seasnáin (Appointed 24 June 2025) Emer Blackwell (Resigned 24 June 2025)
<b>Company Number</b>	314400
<b>Charity Number</b>	CHY13580
<b>Registered Office and Business Address</b>	63 Merrion Square Dublin 2
<b>Auditors</b>	Kieran Ryan & Co. Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm 20 Upper Mount Street Dublin 2
<b>Bankers</b>	Bank of Ireland 2 College Green Dublin 2
<b>Solicitors</b>	Hayes Solicitors Lavery House Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

**Principal Activity**

The principal activity of the company is to promote and advance the science of geology and its professional application in all disciplines and to facilitate exchange of information and ideas in relation thereto.

The Company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

**Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company is that of non payment of membership fees.

**Financial Results**

The surplus/(deficit) for the financial year amounted to €12,558 (2024 - (€36,495)).

At the end of the financial year, the company has assets of €90,833 (2024 - €78,182) and liabilities of €8,826 (2024 - €8,733). The net assets of the company have increased by €12,558.

**Directors and Secretary**

The directors who served throughout the financial year were as follows:

Dr. Siobhán Eilís Power  
Dr. Yvonne O'Connell  
Pól Ó Seasnáin  
Maeve McElligott  
Tara Leacy Smith  
Emer Blackwell  
Dr. Kieran Craven  
John Dillon  
Dr. Kirstin Lemon (Appointed 24 June 2025)  
Dr. Koen Torremans (Appointed 24 June 2025)  
Eoin Wyse (Resigned 24 June 2025)  
Robert Raine (Resigned 24 June 2025)

The secretaries who served throughout the financial year were:

Pól Ó Seasnáin (Appointed 24 June 2025)  
Emer Blackwell (Resigned 24 June 2025).

**Future Developments**

The directors do not envisage any substantial changes to the nature of the company.

**Post Balance Sheet Events**

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year end.

**Auditors**

The auditors, Kieran Ryan & Co., Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

**Statement on Relevant Audit Information**

In accordance with section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**Accounting Records**

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

**Signed on behalf of the board**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Siobhán Eilís Power  
**Director**

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Dr. Yvonne O'Connell  
**Director**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emer Blackwell  
**Director**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard, issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Signed on behalf of the board**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Siobhán Eilís Power  
**Director**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Yvonne O'Connell  
**Director**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emer Blackwell  
**Director**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY  
GUARANTEE**

**Report on the audit of the financial statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Institute of Geologists of Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee ('the company') for the financial year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Income Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Members' Funds, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council, applying Section 1A of that Standard.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2025 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 4 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other Information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY  
GUARANTEE**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the requirements of any of sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions are not complied with by the Company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Respective responsibilities**

**Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, if applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is contained in the appendix to this report, located at page 10, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY  
GUARANTEE**

**The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

Our report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Alice Barnes  
**for and on behalf of**  
**Kieran Ryan & Co.**  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm  
20 Upper Mount Street  
Dublin 2

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**APPENDIX TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Income</b>		75,695	64,231
<b>Expenditure</b>		(63,429)	(100,900)
<b>Surplus/(deficit) before interest</b>		12,266	(36,669)
Interest receivable and similar income		292	174
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year</b>		12,558	(36,495)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		12,558	(36,495)

Approved by the board on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on its behalf by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Dr. Siobhán Eilís Power  
**Director**

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 Dr. Yvonne O'Connell  
**Director**

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 Emer Blackwell  
**Director**

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	6	977	1,174
Cash and cash equivalents		89,856	77,008
		90,833	78,182
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(8,826)	(8,733)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		82,007	69,449
<b>Net Assets</b>		82,007	69,449
<b>Reserves</b>			
Retained surplus		82,007	69,449
<b>Members' Funds</b>		82,007	69,449

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the board on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on its behalf by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Siobhán Eilís Power  
**Director**

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Dr. Yvonne O'Connell  
**Director**

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Emer Blackwell  
**Director**

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' FUNDS  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Retained surplus	Total
	€	€
<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	105,944	105,944
Deficit for the financial year	(36,495)	(36,495)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	69,449	69,449
Surplus for the financial year	12,558	12,558
<b>At 31 December 2025</b>	82,007	82,007

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**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		12,558	(36,495)
Adjustments for:			
Interest receivable and similar income		(292)	(174)
		<u>12,266</u>	<u>(36,669)</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		197	(28)
Movement in creditors		93	438
		<u>12,556</u>	<u>(36,259)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		292	174
		<u>12,848</u>	<u>(36,085)</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>12,848</b>	<b>(36,085)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year</b>		<b>77,008</b>	<b>113,093</b>
		<u>7</u>	<u>77,008</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>		<b>89,856</b>	<b>77,008</b>

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**1. General Information**

Institute of Geologists of Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in Ireland. The registered number of the company is 314400. The registered office of the company is 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 which is also the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities) and the Companies Act 2014.

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A, issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The company qualifies as a small company as defined by section 280A of the Companies Act 2014 in respect of the financial year, and has applied the rules of the 'Small Companies Regime' in accordance with section 280C of the Companies Act 2014 and Section 1A of FRS 102.

**Income**

Income represents membership subscriptions, course fees and other income for the year.

**Tangible assets and depreciation**

Tangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost of tangible assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Computer equipment	- 33.33% Straight-line
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

**Trade and other debtors**

Trade and other debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**Trade and other creditors**

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

**INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGISTS OF IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**Taxation**

The company is exempt from corporation tax under Sections 76 and 78 Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

**3. Departure from Companies Act 2014 Presentation**

The directors have elected to present an Income and Expenditure Account instead of a Profit and Loss Account in these financial statements as this company is a not-for-profit entity.

**4. Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities**

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

**5. Tangible assets**

	Computer equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2025	1,153	1,153
	<u>1,153</u>	<u>1,153</u>
At 31 December 2025	1,153	1,153
	<u>1,153</u>	<u>1,153</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2025	1,153	1,153
	<u>1,153</u>	<u>1,153</u>
At 31 December 2025	1,153	1,153
	<u>1,153</u>	<u>1,153</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 December 2025	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>6. Debtors</b>	2025	2024
	€	€
Prepayments	977	1,174
	<u>977</u>	<u>1,174</u>
<b>7. Cash and cash equivalents</b>	2025	2024
	€	€
Cash and bank balances	45,708	33,152
Cash equivalents	44,148	43,856
	<u>89,856</u>	<u>77,008</u>
<b>8. Creditors</b>	2025	2024
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	€	€
Accruals	7,678	7,901
Deferred Income	1,148	832
	<u>8,826</u>	<u>8,733</u>

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**9. Status**

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of the same being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases being a member, for a payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding €1.27.

**10. Post-Balance Sheet Events**

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year end.

**11. Approval of financial statements**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on \_\_\_\_\_.

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	2025	2024
	€	€
<b>Income</b>		
Professional member subscription	47,950	43,090
Associate member subscription	120	120
Member MIT subscription	2,930	3,160
Member retired subscription	960	880
Member application fee	1,625	680
European geologists application fee	700	280
European geologists membership subscription	8,652	8,319
Courses	9,336	950
Other income	3,422	6,752
	75,695	64,231
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Training	10,581	4,145
Rent	2,102	2,202
Insurance	1,750	1,748
IGI conference costs	-	15,699
Courses	2,298	2,375
Printing, postage and stationery	284	438
Public relations	-	22,325
Publications	-	4,751
Telephone	83	90
Website and computer costs	5,153	3,727
Travelling and entertainment	1,192	1,993
Bank charges	1,159	974
General expenses	2,808	1,887
Company secretarial costs	12,214	14,419
Annual subscriptions	11,693	11,163
Sponsorship and donations	5,612	6,398
Auditor's remuneration	6,500	6,566
	63,429	100,900
<b>Miscellaneous income</b>		
Bank interest	292	174
	12,558	(36,495)
<b>Net surplus/(deficit)</b>	12,558	(36,495)