



Dear Geological Society,

We write on behalf of the London Petrophysical Society (LPS), a chapter of the Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts (SPWLA).

The LPS has been holding events at the Geological Society in Burlington House since the 1980's, so we feel it is also our home, and as such have many fond memories there. We are one of many smaller societies to use the conference facilities and meeting rooms that the Geological Society offers, and in pre-Covid times would hold 5 one day seminars and at least 6 evening lectures a year.

The ambience and history of the building is unparalleled for holding our meetings; there can be no better place to discuss facies and reservoir quality than whilst surrounded by historical geological texts, maps and paintings of geological pioneers.

Many a fascinating presentation and debate on the petrophysical characterisation of geological reservoir rocks, in all their splendid variability, have been held in the Janet Watson lecture theatre, with several of the discussions continuing over a glass of wine in the Lower Library (and often into a pub nearby!) At the moment, our members are looking back wistfully on face-to-face networking opportunities following our meetings, and many are very keen to return to Burlington House to reunite with old colleagues and friends as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Geological Society team has been incredibly accommodating to the LPS, helping to provide excellent projection systems, very tasteful catering and a safe and welcoming environment in which to hold our events.

Burlington House is an excellent venue for the Geological Society and for societies like ours; it is very central so has outstanding transport links, has a wealth of infrastructure nearby, and has a range of meeting room sizes making it flexible for differing sizes of audience. It is a real pleasure to show new visitors around and explain the history of the building, and it is a draw to speakers and attendees at our seminars, from near and far.

When the LPS learned of the increased rent and the risk of the Geological Society having to move, we were all shocked and saddened. We have asked our members to rally to support the cause, and sincerely hope that we can help the Geological Society stay in its home at Burlington House.

Yours faithfully

On behalf of the London Petrophysical Society

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