

# A Centenary Celebration of the First Female Fellows of the London Geological Society

Theme: historical accounts of pioneering women geologists



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A one-day conference to be held at:

The Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London

**21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

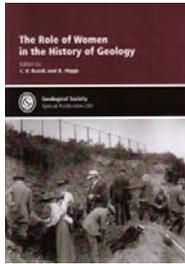
The conference is to celebrate the centenary of the admission of the first female geologists as Fellows of the Geological Society on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1919. The general theme is the historical contribution of women to geology. The presentations will build on and expand the work achieved at an exploratory conference in 2005 “The Role of Women in the History of Geology”. The conference will also include a celebration conference dinner at the Geological Society and it is hoped to publish the proceedings.

We have secured the President of the Geological Society of America, Robbie Gries, to give the keynote speech following on from her book published in 2017 *on Anomalies: Pioneering women in the petroleum industry 1917-2017*. She will address the topic ‘World War I through affirmative action \_ Women in Petroleum Geology make a difference’ which updates her previous work with additional material and new research. Other speakers and poster presenters include Cherry Lewis, Paddy Boylan, Cynthia Burek, Bettie Higgs, Mary Orr, Martina Kolhl-Ebert, Susan Hegarty, Consuelo Sendino and Sue Turner. Topics covered are as diverse as individual’s contributions to geological research and the first FGS including the first female President of the Geological Society through to women at the dawn of diamond discovery in Siberia and a feminists’ guide to dinosaurs.

If you are interested in contributing to discussion about the early roles of women geologists, this is the conference for you.

Registration will include tea and coffee, a book of abstracts for the papers and posters and a lunch.

The evening celebration will be an additional charge but if you like cake and wine help us celebrate.



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