

Geological Society of London Engineering Group

APPLIED PETROGRAPHY GROUP, 8th MEETING SUMMARY

1. The eighth meeting of the APG was held on 11 February 2008 in London.
2. BS 812 Part 104 (Aggregate Petrography) and BS 7943 (AAR) were discussed and it was agreed that notes indicating the general areas where changes/modifications might be made should be presented to the members of the relevant National Standards Committee prior to their next meeting (March 2008).
3. Drafts of the codes of practice for mortars and for concrete were approved subject to minor modifications and appropriate legal disclaimers. It was agreed that corrected final drafts for public comment should be presented to the relevant BSI committee for their comment at its next meeting (May 2008). It was also agreed that both codes should be available on 'open access' on the new web-site currently being designed.
4. The content and logo for the new independent APG Web-Site was approved subject to a final review of its format by APG members. It was hoped to have the new site up and running by May 2008. The APG is already represented on a temporary web-site within the Geological Society Engineering Group Web-Site and this will also link to the new site.
5. The draft list of 'Professional Petrographers' was approved. APG members agreed that it should be placed on 'open access' on the new APG Web-Site.
6. Progress on the Atlas of Petrographic Micrographs was well advanced and work was now focussed on the selection the best micrographs and on unifying the format. The atlas would initially be available for comment to APG members in the form of a DVD.
7. The Glossary of Petrographic Terms was still being assembled. Additional material was to be included and selection of the most appropriate definitions was now beginning.
8. Links with the ICE, IM³ and other professional organisations were continuing to develop including links to the new web-site. Technical papers giving publicity the work of the APG had now been prepared and will be published in their journals.

Applied Petrography Group Secretary 12/ 02 / 08