

Publication and communications committee AGM report

Committee membership

Since the 2023 AGM, SG and LD have been working to recruit people to the vacant roles within the committee. The committee is now made up of:

- Vice Chair - Stuart Grieve
- Secretary - Lizzie Dingle
- Communications officer - Erin Harvey & Jayesh Mukherjee
- Web officer - Josh Wolstenholme & Adam Hartley
- PGR rep - Adam Hartley & Jayesh Mukherjee
- Professional member - Ellie Crabbe
- ex officio member - Stuart Lane (Editor of ESPL)

The committee met formally on 20/05/24, and will be meeting again in October to review progress and set objectives for the coming year. Core work at this May meeting was to review and update the society communication strategy and the committee terms of reference, following several years without meetings and/or a fully staffed committee.

Committee objectives

The committee's primary aims have been to improve communication between the society and its membership, via the website, email and social media and to strengthen links between the BSG and Wiley/ESPL. The committee has been coordinating with Wiley to ensure an enhanced ESPL presence at the Annual Meeting and to support the creation of ESPL special issues related to the Cuchlaine King Symposia.

The committee has standardised email and social media communications from the society, introducing a fortnightly digest email reporting on society activities, news and providing relevant external information to members. The committee has also been working hard to promote the recent presidential election to members across all of our communication platforms. The committee has been adding new blogposts and news articles to the website, as well as refreshing content to ensure the website remains up to date.

Website and technical enhancements

The committee has developed a new online voting system, which has been successfully employed in the recent presidential election, ensuring that we can hold votes in line with the society constitution. Work is ongoing to host all AGM papers on the website, ensuring that there is a public record of AGMs available in future years.

Following reports of members not receiving society emails, an issue was identified with our email provider, which has now been resolved and the committee is monitoring email distribution statistics to ensure that all members will receive emails in future.

The committee is working with other vice chairs to identify further website enhancement priorities and over the coming year, implementing some of these will be a priority.

Geomorphological Techniques

Geomorphological Techniques (GT) has been restored to the website. As part of wider efforts we are surveying the membership to understand how people are using the publication, to help us plan for its future.

Stuart Grieve 07/08/24