Hello & Welcome
The AGA committee welcomes fellow alumni, students and friends of the Aberdeen University Department of Geology & Petroleum Geology to Offshore Europe 2001.

Come & See Us!
Some of the AGA Committee will be on the University Stand (#508) - halfway down the first hall behind the registration desk - on Thursday afternoon, 6th September, so feel free to drop in for a chat (no doubt you’ll be passing us anyway!).
If you’re an infrequent visitor to Aberdeen then why not take this opportunity to renew your links with the University and refresh some memories of the good old days! Take a look at the Exhibition and drop into the Geology Department.

A Bit of Background
AGA was formed in 1998 and quickly became one of the more active Departmental Alumni Associations in the University. The Association aims to provide a catalyst to improve contact between students, the Department and graduates, facilitating opportunity for alumni and their industry colleagues to maintain links with the Department.

Our mission statement:
"To provide a focus of peer-group support in order to preserve and promote the tradition of geoscience excellence at Aberdeen University."

AGA Geology tour of Old Aberdeen
We have developed a successful program of regular social events to which non-members are also usually invited. These have been our main means of bringing together students, staff, graduates and industry. The profits from these events and the annual subscriptions have so far enabled AGA to assist with the purchase of compass-clinometers, hand-lenses and grain-size comparators for undergraduate students. A field-work prize has also been provided.

The Social Scene
Each year to date we have kicked-off the academic year with a wine-tasting. Last October a packed, and increasingly boisterous audience heard about “Beaujolais from the roots up”. This year’s event will be on 3rd October – flavour and colour yet to be decided! November seems to be established as our Ceilidh month. Last year we had a great hooley in the Elphistone Hall. We will return there 10th November this year for another session of burlin’, neeps & tatties to the strains of the “Iron Broo” ceilidh band.

February sees our intellectual interlude. The Quiz Evening creates a coming together of great minds - as the organisers try to devise questions that will outwit the teams! If only we could harness that energy! The Quiz now has an annual challenge trophy which is sponsored by HRH Limited, and the event attracts an entry of over 30 teams.

AGA Committee
2000 - 2001

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Our other main sponsors :-

The HRH Quiz Trophy

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Thanks also to the many other contributors to our event raffles
For the last two years we have rounded off the events calendar with a guided summer “cruise” along the coast from Stonehaven to view the Old Red Sandstone cliffs and the Highland Boundary Fault. This event is also a great hit with the ornithologists amongst us.

AGA Quiz 2001

Sponsors
Recent sponsors to AGA have been HRH (website & main Quiz evening sponsor) Reservoir Management Limited (Quiz prize sponsor), and Geomem (software & cash). Many other companies support our raffles and provide Quiz Evening prizes, for which we are eternally grateful. We’re always on the lookout for sponsors!! If you or your company is able to assist via donation or sponsorship, please contact the Chairman, Roger Hinton or a committee member.

AGA assists the student organisers of the Granite City Ball, a very successful dinner and dance which raises funds for the RNLI. This year the cumulative GCB contribution to RNLI passed the £10,000 mark. The GCB 2002 will be held on 16th March next year at the Treetops Hotel.

AGA Events to watch out for
3rd October - Wine tasting - our annual “icebreaker”.
10th November - Ceilidh at Elphistone Hall with “Iron Broo”.
February 2002 - The HRH Quiz Challenge Evening.
16th March 2002 - Granite City Ball at the Treetops Hotel.

Updates and more information on the AGA Website:
www.abdn.ac.uk/geology/aga

Membership
Come and join us - we really are having fun! All former graduates of the Geology Department of Aberdeen University are entitled to become AGA members for a subscription of only £10 per annum. Graduates are encouraged to contact us and join the Association in order to keep in touch with the Department.

AGA Membership Application
Surname: _____________________________ First Name(s): _____________________________
Address: _____________________________ Type of Membership: Alumni / Friend / Student (circle one)
____________________________________ Graduation Year: __________________________
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Subscription can be made by cash or cheque (payable to “Aberdeen Geological Alumni”) or preferably by Direct Debit. Please download a DD form from the AGA website.

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