

# REMSOC NEWS

Remediation Society Newsletter

May 2018

## Thank You!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> RemSoc conference took place on 7<sup>th</sup> March and was a great success, attended by over 100 members from all across the UK and beyond! Thank you to everyone who made the journey and got stuck in with the interactive workshops. It was great to see you all there – your thoughts, suggestions and feedback provided on the day are all gratefully appreciated.

Thanks also to the ECP presenters for their informative presentations, to Simon & Stuart for hosting the excellent session on the influence of behaviours on project outcomes, to the organisers for all of their effort in putting the conference together, and to the staff at The Studio conference centre for taking such good care of us.

And of course the Framework for Remediation was finally launched! Initial feedback was positive but don't forget that this is still a work in progress and we need your help to complete it and to improve it!

Please go take a look and if anyone would like access to the Framework for Remediation who hasn't already been invited to access it, please e-mail either Simon ([simon.gomm@aecom.com](mailto:simon.gomm@aecom.com)) or Quentin ([Quentin.Hulm@cornelsen.co.uk](mailto:Quentin.Hulm@cornelsen.co.uk)) but please note that access **does require** a Microsoft account, either one that you already have or one that you can create at the time.

*“Just wanted to say thank you for such a great day ... congratulations to the Committee for all the hard work that went in to the organization...”*

**See photos from the day:**

<https://www.remsoc.org/2018/03/09/gallery-2nd-remsoc-conference-7th-march-2018/>



The 2018 Conference

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Conference in Full Swing

## Please get in touch.....

If you still have some feedback that you would like to share, either about the conference, the framework or the future direction of RemSoc, or if you would like to help with framework or one of the many working groups that were discussed, then please get in touch via e-mail ([info@remsoc.org](mailto:info@remsoc.org) or [comms@remsoc.org](mailto:comms@remsoc.org)), telephone or social media, or use the feedback link of the Framework for Remediation Share-Point site..

## Career Development Group

The Career Development Group is back with renewed vigour under the guidance of George Evans (Soilfix) and we need your help. The aim of the group is to explore how RemSoc can help/advise, promote and support its members in developing their careers and gaining recognition for their skills and expertise.

With the wide range of disciplines and backgrounds out there, we see an important early step as establishing the current position on career development and how it's viewed within our sector.

We would ask all members if they can spare five minutes to fill in a questionnaire on career development. Any thoughts and ideas that members may have based on their own experience of the process are also greatly appreciated and can be forwarded to [info@remsoc.org](mailto:info@remsoc.org).

A link to the questionnaire is included below and will also be posted on the RemSoc website.

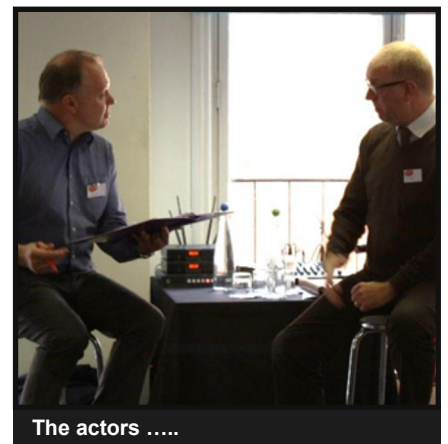
### Link to the survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XMV6WBN>

## Early Career Practitioners Working Group

The ECP working group are busy organising the next set of webinars. Please keep an eye on our LinkedIn page and / or the RemSoc website for further information. In the meantime we would like to thank Gareth Leonard (Regenesis) for his presentation on Liquid Activated Carbon in Remediation which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

We are looking to save copies of the 2017 and 2018 webinars to a RemSoc SharePoint site in the near future, and will provide links in an upcoming newsletter and on the RemSoc website in due course.



The actors .....

# General Data Protection Regulations

As we are sure you are all aware of by now, the GDPR requirements come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. We take your data protection seriously and have outlined how we manage and protect your personal data in a Privacy Policy. Also, we will only be able to keep in touch with you with regards to invitations to events, working group updates, webinars, Rem-Soc news etc by email if you give us your consent.

We will therefore be seeking consent from members via a simple electronic 'opt-in' form which includes a link to our Privacy Policy (hosted on the RemSoc Sharepoint site) but for people who have not registered on the Sharepoint site please use this link to access the [Privacy Policy](#).

**Remember: If you want to get the most out of your RemSoc membership you need to opt in!**

The screenshot shows the RemSoc website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'BROWSE PAGE' and a list of stages: 'Design', 'Contract', 'Review', 'Implement', and 'Close'. Below this is the main heading 'A Practitioners Framework for Remediation'. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Recent' section with links to 'RemSoc Discussion Board', 'Site Contents', and 'Feedback'. The main content area features four large icons representing the stages: 'Design' (a ruler and pencil), 'Contract' (a document with a checkmark), 'Review' (a clipboard with a checkmark), and 'Implement' (a person working). Below the icons is an 'Introduction' section with text explaining the framework's purpose and structure.

## RemSoc Framework Site

# Framework Working Group

Following on from the success of the conference and the feedback received from members on the day, we are now looking to expand the Framework Guidance Working Group to cover a range of topics as follows:

Sub-Working Group	Lead	Scope
Technical Assurance	Simon Gomm (Aecom)	To continue updating and checking the Framework.
Guide to the Framework	Mark Stevenson (ERM)	To prepare a short guidance document and accompanying presentation on how to use the Framework.
Regulatory Engagement	Mark Field (VertaseFLI)	To seek feedback from Regulators and raise awareness of the Framework.
Case Studies	?	To apply the Framework against to test its application in real situations.
Framework Usability	?	To develop alternative ways of presenting/accessing the Framework to improve the overall user experience.
Marketing	Steve Edgar (VertaseFLI)	To raise awareness of the Framework throughout the industry, including client and regulatory organisations.

As you can see, we have a few vacancies to fill to lead these sub-working groups, but we also need volunteers to support all of the leads so please get in touch if you are able to help ([info@remsoc.org](mailto:info@remsoc.org) or [comms@remsoc.org](mailto:comms@remsoc.org)).

# Upcoming Events

## Joint SoBRA / Geological Society & RemSoc Early Careers Risk Assessment Workshop

The Joint SoBRA / Geological Society & RemSoc Early Careers Risk Assessment Workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 will provide early career professionals with the tools to be a better brownfield risk assessor in the context of geological knowledge and remedial needs. Talks and workshops presented by experts in each field will cover risk assessment, risk management, remediation and career development.

Location: Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BG



## SoBRA Summer Workshop

The day before the Early Careers Risk Assessment Workshop will be the SoBRA Summer Workshop (18<sup>th</sup> June 2018) at Camden Town Hall in London, and this year the subject of the workshop is “*Fine tuning DQRAs for the water environment*”. If you are interested in attending either of these workshops then please go to the SoBRA website to book.

<https://sobra.org.uk/events/>

## REMEDIATE 2018

REMEDIATE will host an international conference at Riddel Hall, Queen’s University Belfast, on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to explore how we can improve the remediation and management of contaminated land. In addition to research that advances our understanding of the consequences of contamination and how to resolve these problems, we would like to provide a platform for demonstrations of best practice in this sector by those working in the field.

RemSoc have been invited to provide a key note speech on the opening day!

Anyone interested in presenting either research findings or case studies are invited to submit an abstract ([Call for Abstracts](#)) but be quick – the deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. The conference will be accompanied by a Virtual Special Issue of the journal *Science of the Total Environment* (STOTEN). Applicants whose abstracts are accepted for the conference will be invited to submit their research manuscripts for inclusion in the issue *Remediation and land management: research meets practice*.

The 2 day programme will comprise presentations from researchers and industry experts, with networking opportunities, and industry led workshops.

For further information or to register your interest in the conference, email the REMEDIATE team: [remediate@qub.ac.uk](mailto:remediate@qub.ac.uk)

## Contact Us

Peter Fitch (Ramboll) and Elizabeth Beers (M-EC) are tasked with producing the RemSoc newsletters. Get involved and contribute newsworthy subjects, issues or information!

Comments and feedback are welcomed via [comms@remsoc.org](mailto:comms@remsoc.org).

**We welcome comments and feedback, particularly on the following:**

- New RemSoc website
- Should the website host a RemSoc forum?
- Applicants to working groups
- Ideas for new working groups