

SoBRA Annual General Meeting

December 4th 2019

The Royal Society of Chemistry,
The Library, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BA

Hannah White, 2019 Chair

Agenda

- Summary of SoBRA activities throughout the year
- Financial report (including appointing independent examiner / auditor for the year ahead.
- persons standing for election or re-election as trustee
- The Secretary will make a brief record
- Minutes will be put on SoBRA website.

Administration

SoBRA's core objectives:

1. To support technical excellence in the assessment, estimation & evaluation of risks and associated uncertainties from land affected by contaminants.
2. To encourage "good practice" in the practical applications of risk assessment to support decisions regarding the appropriate management of land contamination.
3. To facilitate and widen access to the dissemination of knowledge regarding land contamination risk assessment.
4. To form relationships and work in a constructive manner with other organisations and professional bodies involved in land contamination and remediation, as well as the environmental sciences in general.
5. To assist in the development of future guidance, either through coordinated responses to consultation documents or by providing direct input to guidance.
6. To identify areas of future research that would benefit the assessment of land contamination.
7. To co-ordinate and encourage such research and, where appropriate, explore funding arrangements to support it.

Membership

The Society has seen both
increase in both strength and
reputation

At NICOLE conference in November SoBRA was
reported as one of the most important societies in
brownfield risk assessment

Currently over 560 members

Collaboration (1)

- New focus on social media through LinkedIn and Twitter with support from non-exec member Tatiana – please share, contribute and like
- @SoBRA_UK
- Delivered the benefits and work of the SoBRA community at various meetings and conferences – Nicole, Remsoc, Geolsoc Contaminated Land Group, RSC

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Collaboration (2)

- The Executive Committee to partake upon numerous panels and working groups
 - The National Land Quality Mark Steering Group (CL:AIRE and Silc);
 - The National Brownfield Forum (CL:AIRE);
 - JIWG;
 - Comparing Critical Concentration Guidance (CL:AIRE)
 - AGS; and
 - SAGTA C4SL.



CL:AIRE
LEADING SUSTAINABLE LAND REUSE



Publications

- Practical Tips Documents
- Fine Tuning DQRAs for the Water Environment
- Acute Generic Assessment Criteria



Accreditation

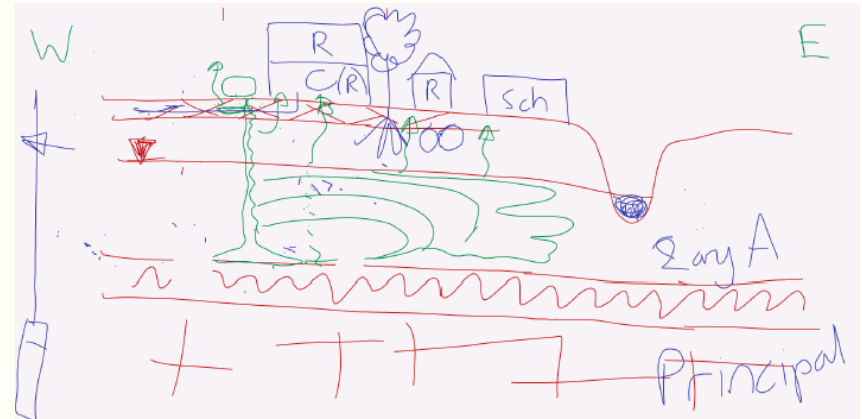
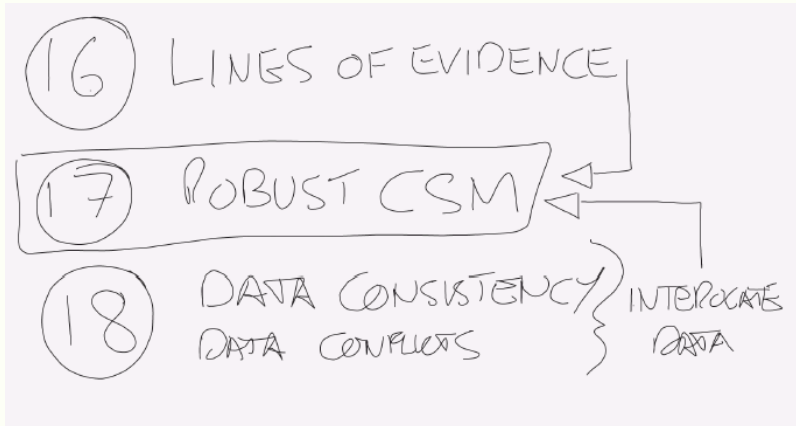
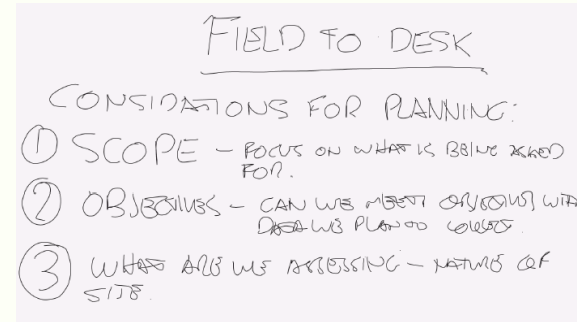
- Chris Taylor will update later
- 12% of SoBRA members are part of the scheme

January and August
window.
Birmingham.

The more who are
involved, the louder the
combined voice.

Early Careers

- Manchester University
- Repeat of London 2018
- New technology!
- Hope to repeat in Birmingham and Scotland in 2020



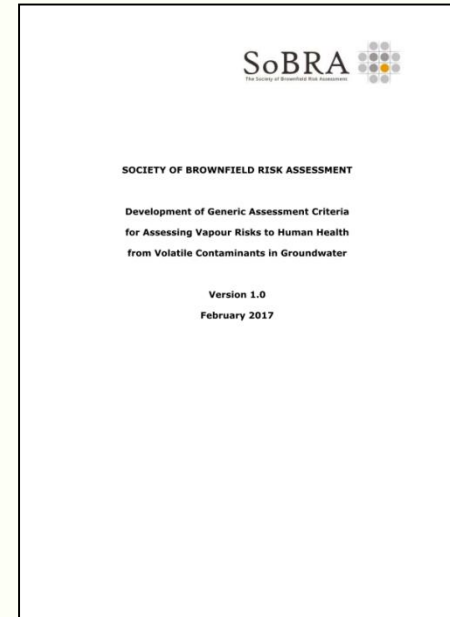
Summer Conference

Risk Communication



Subgroups (Closed)

- **Closed**
 - **Groundwater Vapour.**
 - **Accreditation Scheme for Risk Assessors**
 - **Acute Generic Assessment Criteria**



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Subgroups (Ongoing)



- **Ongoing**

- Standards – **Mike Quint and Geraint Williams** feeding back relevant information
- Asbestos - Group Lead **Simon Cole** (Aecom) - **RENEWED FOCUS**
- Vapour Intrusion – Group Lead **Simon Lyons** (RSK) – **RENEWED FOCUS**
- NAPL – Group Lead **David Holmes** (Ecologia)
- Is there a need for a **Ground Gas** group?



Finances

- **Auditor:** Dave Schofield, Ramboll Environ UK
- **Bursary:** None
- **Scholarship:** None.

INTENTION TO INCREASE POT SO WE CAN HAVE MEANINGFUL CONTRIUTIONS

Annual Accounts - Income

Opening / End of 2017-2018 Year Balance (at bank									£21,901.37
Paypal									£6,994.59
Income								2018/19	
Membership Fees (not for profit)							52		£520.00
Membership Fees (normal)							388		£9,700.00
Membership Fees (accreditation)							28		£1,310.00
Accreditation Fees									£2,040.00
Early Years Meeting									£3,380.00
Summer Conference									
2017 Joint December RSC Event (50% of profit)									£1,137.90
Sponsorship									
Misc (website testing, paypal fee refunds)									
Total Income									£18,087.90

Annual Accounts - Expenditure

Expenditure			
Paypal Fees			£680.86
Eventbrite Fees			£319.01
Website			£5,767.25
Summer Workshop 2018			£1,310.00
Summer Workshop 2019			£1,444.98
Early Years			£956.16
Summer Workshop 2017			£408.00
Insurance			£632.75
Miscellaneous (marketing material, refunds)			£23.56
Bursary			
Scholarship			£1,500.00
Scrutineering Expenses			£2,104.70
Committee Expenses (marketing, travel to meetings)			£227.05
Support to Specialist Groups			£2,384.19
Total Expenditure			£17,758.51
Current Balance			£29,225.35
Cash in bank at end 30/9/18			£24,037.67
Balance on paypal at end 30/9/18			£5,187.68

Annual Accounts - Liabilities

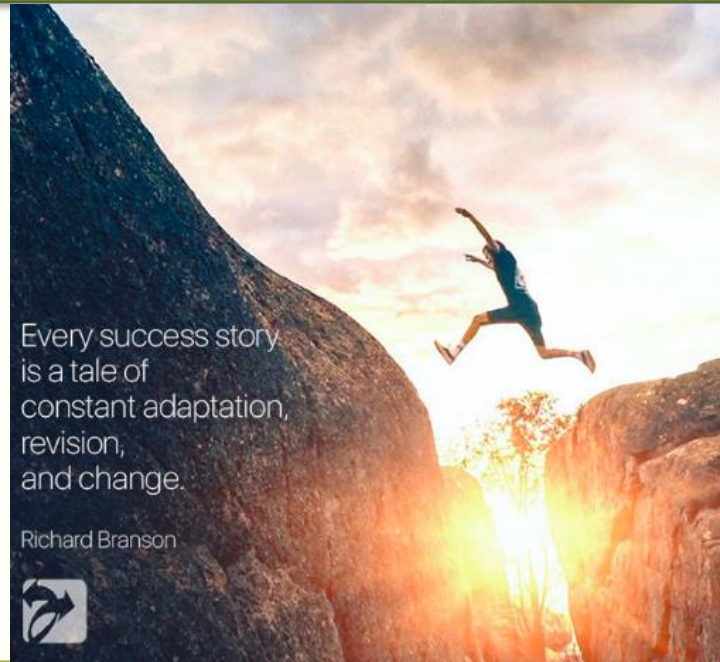
Liabilities									
Accreditation									£1,600.00
Naomi Earle write up									£2,500.00
Contingency									£7,500.00
Operating Balance									£17,625.35

Next Year

- We wish to
 - Build on our accreditation scheme;
 - Continue to build our membership, our community and voice within the industry;
 - Meaningfully support industry initiatives;
 - Reinvigorate our sub-groups and DELIVER - this is where we can make a BIG difference;
 - Recruit more active volunteers to assist;
 - Build more links with early careers and their educational establishments;
 - Protect and build a greater longer term financial pot to support research and strengthen better university links;
 - and
 - Have fun.

2020 Summer Conference

**Juggling the emerging
contaminant timebomb –
understanding changing
perceptions of risk?**



Every success story
is a tale of
constant adaptation,
revision,
and change.

Richard Branson



Area of Other Business?

Be Recognized
Contribute to Change
Help Build the Way
Become Accredited
and
Make a Difference

Closing

- Dave Jackson (Deltasimons), Theresa Cory (Environment Agency), Alex Lee (WSP) and Sarah Mortimer (EPG) all leaving the Executive committee, their efforts will be missed
- Jenny Mullen, Eleanor Walker, Olayinka Ekundayo and Melinda Evans who have volunteered to be part of the Executive committee
- Marlene Taylor, Rachel Dewhurst, (MWH) and Naomi Earl in respect to accreditation
- Kate Jones (RSC Toxicology Group)
- All those companies that enable our members to attend, assist and contribute towards our ventures; and finally
- The Executive committee for their motivation and long hours.
- **You our members!**

Merry
Christmas

