

SoBRA Annual General Meeting

December 2nd 2020

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Hannah White, 2020 Chair

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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.
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- The AGM will be recorded.
 - Type questions in the question box.

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 an increase in both strength and reputation

Membership numbers remain fairly consistent in what remains a challenging year due to the pandemic.

SoBRA recognised in LCRM.

Collaboration (1)

- Social media through LinkedIn and Twitter with support from non-exec member Tatiana – please share, contribute and like
- @SoBRA_UK
- Planned networking events postponed this year
- Most conferences cancelled this year, but continue to share SoBRA where possible – Nicole, RemSoc, GeolSoc Contaminated Land Group, RSC, CL:AIRE
- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/28962847/admin/>

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The Society of Brownfield Risk Assessment

The SoBRA logo graphic, consisting of a grid of grey circles with one yellow circle in the center.

Collaboration (2)

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



Publications

- The Distribution of Asbestos in Soil – what can the data mining of sample results held by UK laboratories tell us?
- Practical Top Tips: Improving Risk Assessment – Field to Desk

“I would unquestionably recommend this as a read to graduates/other similar positions. It has been an easy, structured, and informative read. It epitomises the steps taken from start to finish (field to desk) at a given Site at any/all stages of risk assessment. The report is condensed with useful information, probably more common knowledge to the more senior people within the business, but if I’d been shown this document during my early stages at Delta-Simons, I’d have a much better concept of why we are doing the things we are doing. Even now it has still been insightful. I feel the document encompasses more of the stages I will inevitably be conducting at later stages during my career.”

Accreditation

January and August
window.
Birmingham/online.

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



- Chris Taylor will update later in the conference
- 16% of SoBRA members are part of the scheme
- Now scheme established, propose for scrutineers to pay membership fees

Early Careers

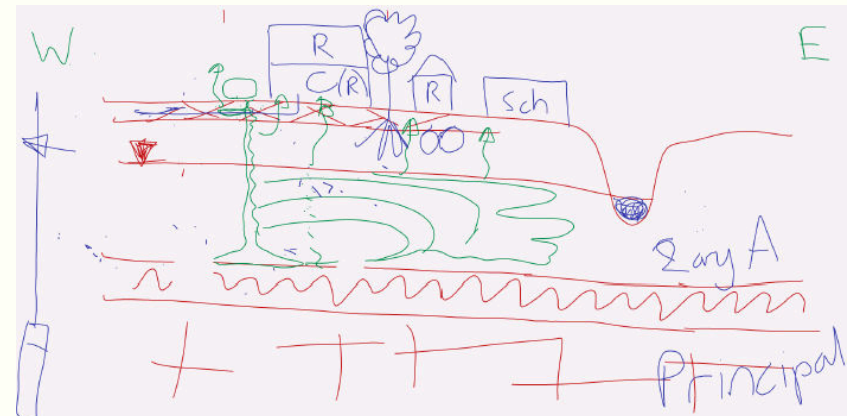
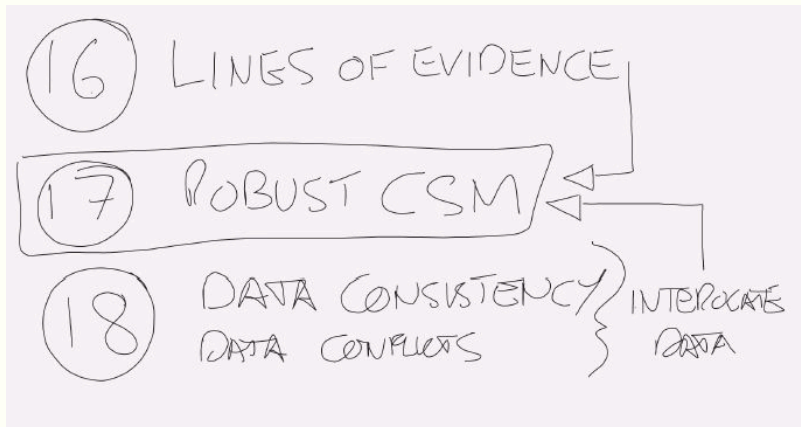
- Hope to repeat in Birmingham and Scotland in 2021



FIELD TO DESK

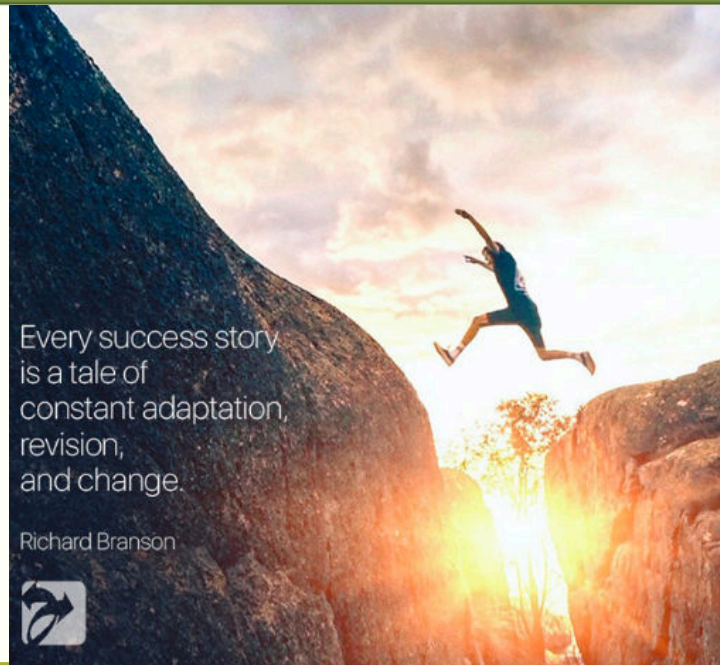
CONSIDERATIONS FOR PLANNING:

- ① SCOPE - FOCUS ON WHAT IS BEING ASKED FOR?
- ② OBJECTIVES - CAN WE MEET OUR GOALS WITH DATA WE PLAN TO COLLECT?
- ③ WHAT ARE WE ASSESSING - NATURE OF SITE.



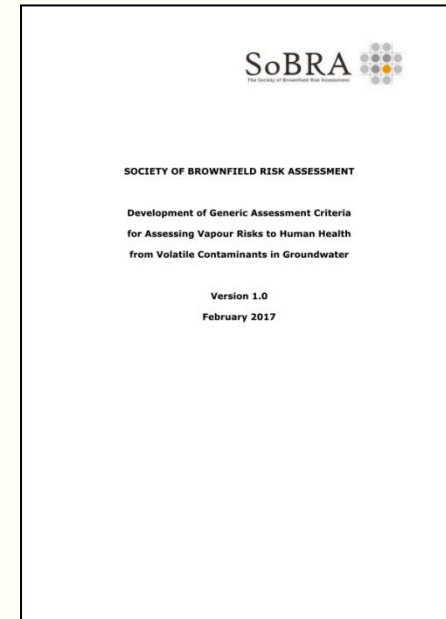
2020 Summer Conference (Postponed)

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



Subgroups (Closed)

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

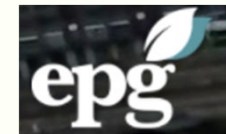
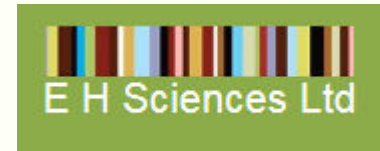


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Subgroups (Ongoing)

- **Ongoing (TOR on website)**
 - Standards – **Mike Quint and Geraint Williams** feeding back relevant information
 - Asbestos - Group Lead **Simon Cole** (AECOM) - **RENEWED FOCUS**
 - Vapour Intrusion – Group Lead **Mel Lyons** (RSK) – **RENEWED FOCUS**
 - NAPL – Group Lead **David Holmes** (Ecologia)
 - Permanent Gases - Group Lead **Steve Wilson** (EPG)
 - **NEW?: Statistics and the CSM** group?
 - **NEW?: Climate change and controlled waters risk assessment** group?
 - **NEW?: Early Careers** group?



Finances

- **Auditor:** Simon Firth, Firth Consultants
- **Bursary:** None
- **Scholarship:** None.
- **NEW CATEGORY?** – Research. EC drafting a policy to which will link to funds available at the time. Current ‘pot’ circa £25-30K.



Annual Accounts - Income

Opening / End of 2019-2020 Year Balance (at bank					£24,037.67	£17,354.35
Paypal					£5,187.68	£1,142.04
Income					2019/2020	2018/2019
Membership Fees (not for profit)			62		£620.00	£500.00
Membership Fees (normal)			390		£9,750.00	£9,475.00
Membership Fees (accrediation)			29		£1,450.00	£1,310.00
Accreditation Fees			8		£1,870.00	£2,040.00
Early Years Meeting						£3,380.00
Joint December RSC Event (50% of profit)					£1,720.34	£1,137.90
Total Income					£15,410.34	£30,243.45

Annual Accounts - Expenditure

Expenditure				2019/2020	2018/2019
Refunds				£227.50	
Paypal Fees				£545.24	£693.91
Eventbrite Fees					£319.01
Website				£3,575.00	£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	£632.75
Miscellaneous (Christmas Conference Cake and Decorations)				£324.71	
Scholarship					£1,500.00
Scrutineering Expenses				£3,199.53	£2,104.70
Committee Expenses (marketing, travel to meetings)				£230.64	£227.05
Support to Specialist Groups					£2,384.19
Total Expenditure				£8,735.37	£17,748.00

Annual Accounts - Summary

				2019/2020	2018/2019
Current Balance				£35,900.32	£28,879.15
Cash in bank at end 30/9/20				£30,295.38	£24,037.67
Balance on paypal at end 30/9/20				£5,604.94	£5,187.68
Liabilities					
Website				£1,080.00	
Contingency				£7,500.00	
Available Sums				£27,320.32	

Next Year

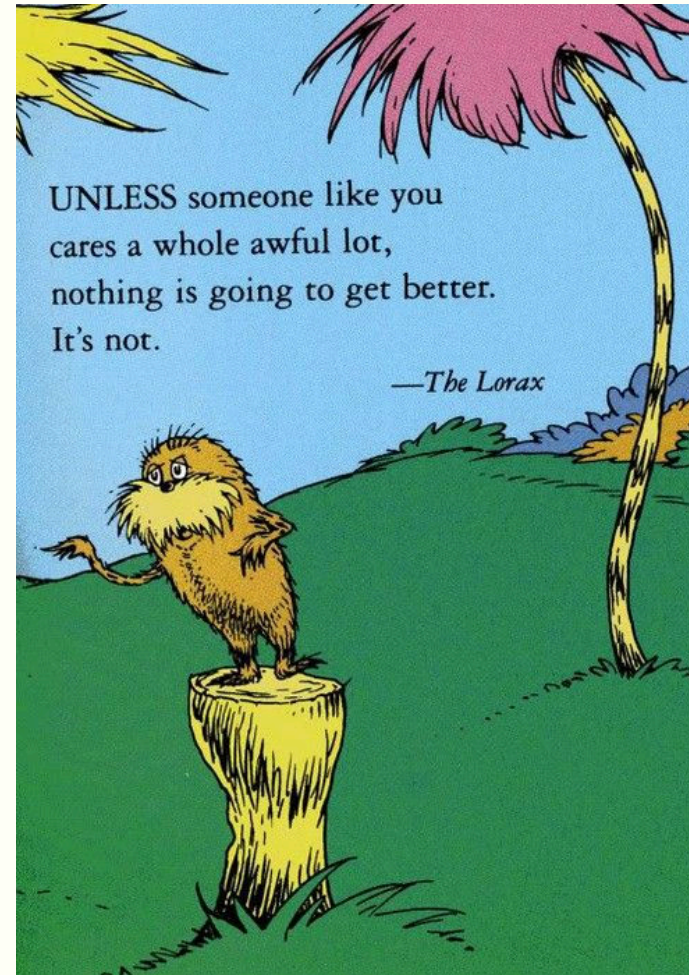
- We wish to
 - Build on our accreditation scheme;
 - Continue to build our membership, our community and voice within the industry;
 - Meaningfully support industry initiatives;
 - Reinvigorate our sub-groups and DELIVER - this is where we can make a BIG difference;
 - Recruit more active volunteers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

2021 Summer Conference ??



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Post conference networking
opportunity?



Any Other Business?

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

Closing

- Geraint Williams (ALS) and Chris Taylor (National Grid) leaving the Executive committee, their efforts will be missed
- Rachel Dewhurst (Stantec), Alyissa Glen (WSP), Tim Rolfe (YES Environmental) who have volunteered to be part of the Executive committee
- Marlene Taylor and Naomi Earl in respect to accreditation
- Jane Rigby and RSK for enabling this conference and support with its delivery
- Kate Jones (RSC Toxicology Group)
- All those companies that enable our members to attend, assist and contribute towards our ventures;
- The Executive committee for their motivation and long hours; and finally
- **You our members!**

Merry
Christmas



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