

SoBRA Annual General Meeting

8th December 2021

Simon Cole, 2021 Chair

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Agenda

- Administration
 - Membership
 - Accreditation Scheme
 - Summary of SoBRA activities throughout the year.
 - Financial report (including appointing independent examiner / auditor for the year ahead).
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- The Secretary will make a brief record
 - Minutes will be put on SoBRA website
 - The AGM is being recorded alongside the rest of this conference

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Our Values

“The Society of Brownfield Risk Assessment (SoBRA) has been established to support the growing number of professionals working in land contamination risk assessment... Its goals are to improve technical knowledge in risk-based decision-making related to land contamination applications and to enhance the professional status and profile of practitioners.”

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.

<https://sobra.org.uk/about-us/>

“SoBRA is a not-for-profit society. It is run on a voluntary basis, by a democratically elected committee. Membership is open to any individual who is involved in, or has an interest in, land contamination risk assessment.”

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Charitable Status

- No change in charitable status achieved in 2018
- Trustees are the members of the Executive Committee
- No progress in registration with HMRC for charitable tax status

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Executive Committee Changes

Current EC:

Chair – Simon Cole

Vice Chair & Secretary – Jo Wilding

Outgoing chair – Hannah White

Membership and website – Mel Evans

Treasurer – Rachel Dewhurst

Early careers – Aliyssa Glen

Ordinary members – Tim Rolfe, Eleanor Walker, Jenny Mullen, Olayinka Ekundayo

Accreditation – Chris Taylor (non-executive position)

Changes for 2022:

Outgoing chair – Hannah White

Ordinary member – Eleanor Walker

New members elected – Lawrence Bowden, Fiona Townley

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Membership

- Circa 550 members
- Increase of approx. 100 since 2017
- 83 accredited members (RSoBRA + ASoBRA)



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Accreditation Scheme

- January window: 6 applicants (4 RSoBRA + 2 ASoBRA)
- August window: 9 applicants (7 RSoBRA + 2 ASoBRA)



The screenshot shows the SoBRA Accreditation Scheme website. At the top, the SoBRA logo is displayed with the tagline 'The Society of Brownfield Risk Assessment'. To the right of the logo is a 'Log In | Join SoBRA' button. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: WELCOME, ABOUT US, EVENTS, RESOURCES, MEMBERSHIP, ACCREDITATION (highlighted in orange), and CONTACT. A search bar is located to the right of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar is a green banner with the text 'Home / Accreditation / Register of SoBRA Risk Assessors'. The main content area is titled 'Register of SoBRA Risk Assessors'. Below this title is a 'SHOW 20 ENTRIES' dropdown and a 'SEARCH:' input field. The table below lists the registered and fully accredited risk assessors.

Registered (RSoBRA)		Fully Accredited (ASoBRA)							
NAME	COMPANY	HUMAN HEALTH	CONTROLLED WATERS	VAPOUR INTRUSION	PERMANENT GASES	HUMAN HEALTH	CONTROLLED WATERS	VAPOUR INTRUSION	PERMANENT GASES

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Sub Groups

- Asbestos (closing end of 2021)
- Ground Gases
- Vapour Intrusion
- NAPL
- Early Careers (new for 2021)
- Controlled Waters & Climate Change (new for 2021)
- Statistics and the CSM (not yet...)

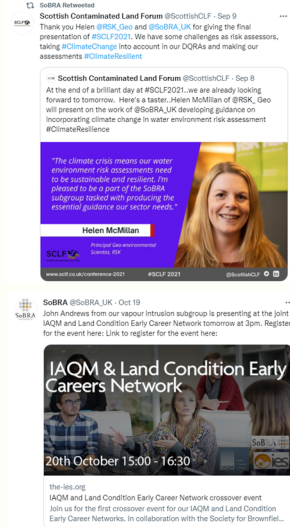
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Activities/Publications

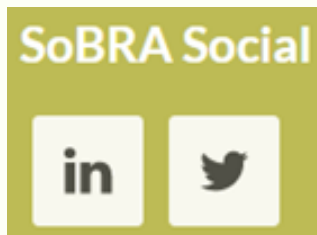
- Summer on-line workshop on the emerging contaminants timebomb (138 attendees)
- Early careers webinars
- CW & CC presentation at SCLF annual conference
- VI sub-group presentation at IAQM & IES joint event
- Asbestos sub-group presentation at CIRIA LACL event and IES Land Condition Symposium
- Publication of asbestos sub-group work

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



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Social Media



https://twitter.com/SoBRA_UK

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/sobrauk/>

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Financial report

- 2021 Auditor: Simon Firth (Firth Consultants)
- Bursary: None
- Scholarship: None
- Research: None

- Volunteer call for 2022 auditor

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Financial report

Annual Accounts - Income

Income							2020/2021	2019/2020
Membership Fees (not for profit)					65		£650.00	£620.00
Membership Fees (normal)					410		£10,250.00	£9,750.00
Membership Fees (accreditation)					61		£3,050.00	£1,450.00
Accreditation Fees					15		£2,550.00	£1,870.00
Summer Workshop 2021							£5,220.00	
Joint December RSC Event (50% of profit)							£0.00	£1,720.34
Total Income							£21,720.00	£15,410.34

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Financial report

Annual Accounts - Expenditure

Expenditure	2020/2021	2019/2020
Refunds		£227.50
Paypal Fees	£835.79	£545.24
Eventbrite Fees	£421.56	
Website	£5,454.00	£3,575.00
Summer Workshop 2021	£2,232.00	
Insurance	£692.46	£632.75
Miscellaneous (Christmas Conference Cake and Decorations)		£324.71
Scrutineering Expenses	£1,350.00	£3,199.53
Committee Expenses (marketing, travel to meetings)		£230.64
Total Expenditure	£10,985.81	£8,735.37

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Financial report

Annual Accounts - Summary

	2020/2021	2019/2020
EoY Balance	£46,634.51	£35,900.32
Opening / End of 2020-2021 Year Balance (at bank	£30,295.38	£24,037.67
Paypal	£5,604.94	£5,187.68
Cash in bank at end 30/9/20	£33,236.92	£30,295.38
Balance on paypal at end 30/9/20	£13,397.59	£5,604.94
Change	£10,734.19	£6,674.97
Liabilities		
None currently, although planning for Xmas Conference		

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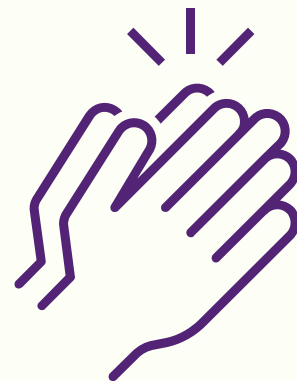
Next Year...

- Sub-group publications
- Further early career activities
- Continued industry collaboration
- Summer workshop – call out for ideas on theme
- Winter conference – call out for presentations

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Closing and thanks

- Hannah White – outgoing chair
- Chris & Marlene Taylor for Accreditation Scheme administration
- All the EC members
- RSC Toxicology Group, Kate Jones, and Burlington House for hosting this conference
- All the sub-group volunteers
- You our members!



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Merry Christmas

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