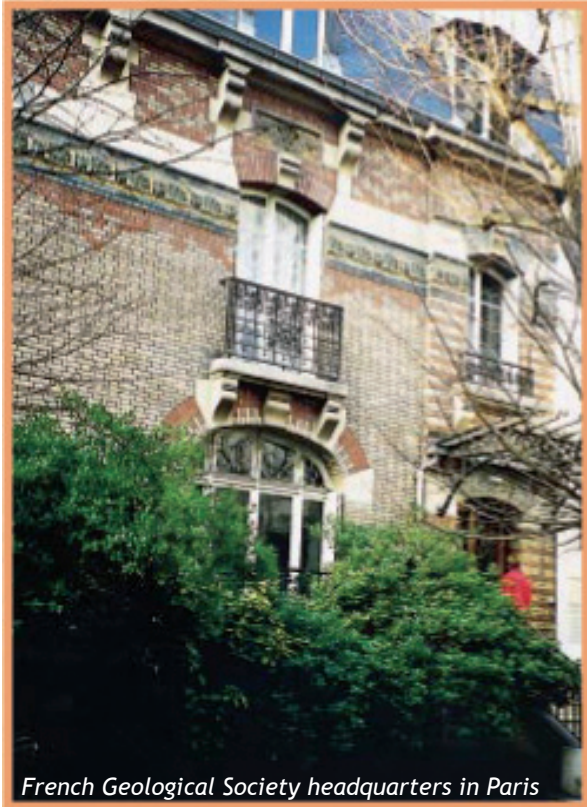


FRANCE

The new *Société Géologique de France* is born

Merger of the French National Committee of Geology (CNFG) and Union Française des Géologues (UFG) with the Société Géologique de France (SGF)

We are very pleased to announce that the French Council of State Council has endorsed, on November 4, 2011, the merger of the French National Committee of Geology (CNFG) and French Union of Geologists (UFG) with the French Geological Society (SGF).



French Geological Society headquarters in Paris

With this new society we hope to be more effective to meet the needs of our members and the public, and to better promote geology and trades associated with it.

The next six months will be devoted to the completion of the new society, i.e. preparation of the General Assembly, election of the new administration council and board.

The new association, named « Société Géologique de France » (French Geological Society), integrates the objectives of UFG and CNFG (the Committee for IUGS), notably for all that touches on the trades of the professional geologists and international actions. It is worth noting that the property of the CNFG will be gathered in an endowment named « Fond Aubouin-Sangnier » that will be devoted to both the activities of the National Committee and the international actions of the society.

The new society will consist of more than 2000 members and benefit from a portfolio of journals and book collections including:

- the society journal « Bulletin de la Société Géologique de France »,
- the review « Géologues » inherited from the former UFG,
- the magazine « Géochronique » published in partnership by the SGF and BRGM,
- the scientific journal « Terra Nova » published in partnership with sixteen others European Geological Societies,
- several book collections comprising more than 50 titles in geology.

A short reminder of the main steps of this operation is presented below:

- Early 2009, the Presidents of the SGF and the UFG decided to work at bringing closer the two societies;
- A few months later the CNFG proposed, with the approval of the French Academy of Sciences, to join the two others societies in the merger process;
- After a year of discussion and work, new statutes and rules were written, and concrete propositions were sent, in early 2010, to the members of the three societies;
- June 7, 2010, the Extraordinary General Assembly of the SGF voted for the merger (447 Yes / 467 voting members);
- June 9, 2010, the Extraordinary General Assembly of the CNFG voted unanimously for the merger;
- June 25, 2010, the Extraordinary General Assembly of the UFG voted for the merger (382 Yes / 402 voting members);
- End of 2010, the new statutes obtained official approval and were sent to the Council of State;
- November 7, 2011, publication in the « Journal Officiel » and on the Legifrance web site of the merger.