

2024 PERC AGM – Summary and Key Outcomes

For General Release

PERC's 2024 AGM was held on 3 May 2024 as a hybrid online and in-person event.

The AGM was hosted by the Italian National Council of Geologists (Consiglio Nazionale dei Geologi, CNG) in their offices in Rome. Unfortunately, only Edmund Sides (PERC Chair) and Marco Cosi (PERC Co-opted member) were able to attend in person (see photo). Four separate Zoom sessions (1 to 1.5 hours duration) were held online with other participants joining remotely.



PERC and CNG representatives in the CNG offices in Rome on the occasion of the 2024 PERC AGM. (left to right: Marco Cosi (PERC), Edmund Sides (PERC Chair – with mascot Lugh), Arcangelo Francesco Violo (Presidente CNG), Avv. Otello Emanuele (Direttore, CNG))

As reported to the AGM, one of the main highlights of the year was the release of the PERC Mineral Project Evaluation Report template in May 2024 during a very well attended online webinar.

PERC also hosted the first CRIRSCO webinar in February which introduced the update of the CRIRSCO Template to UNFC Bridging Document which was approved and released, together with a joint CRIRSCO-UNECE Guidance Note on its use, at the annual meeting of the UNECE's Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM) in Geneva in April 2024.

PERC organised and/or participated in several training webinars and courses during the year including a repeat of the 2022 GSL online training course on CRIRSCO reporting codes and standards which was held as eight weekly sessions in February to March 2024. The 2024 AGM was followed by a two-day online training course, mostly presented in Italian, with simultaneous translation of sessions presented in English.

No significant administrative changes occurred during the year.

The Chairperson's report, and reports from various participants provided an overview of PERC's activities during the year.

The [Chairperson's report](#) is available to view and download from the PERC website at:

https://percstandard.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/24-S1-05_PERC_Chairpersons_report_for_2024AGM_FINAL.pdf

A summary of the key outcomes of the AGM is provided below.

Key outcomes

Organisation and Administration

- Trustees – no changes
- Executive – existing officers and CRIRSCO representatives were re-elected to their positions
- The Chairperson noted that he planned to stand down at the 2025 AGM to allow him to devote more time to his CRIRSCO commitments
- The following changes in representatives of the PERC member organisations had occurred since the 2023 AGM (Note that the organisation representatives are appointed by the member organisations, not by PERC):
 - Stood down: Brenda Lothion (EFG), Jari Juurela (EFG), Mark Howson (GSL), Jim Coppard (GSL), Neil Wells (IOM3)
 - New representatives: Mikko Numminen (EFG) & Liz de Klerk (IOM3)
- The following co-opted members were approved at the AGM:
 - Continuing: Mark Burnett; Marco Cosi; David Dingemans; Johann Gotsis; Owen Herod; Markku Iljina; Manuel Martinez Pelayo; Michael Neumann; Bernd Schürmann; Robert Palmer
 - New co-opted member: Alastair Moyes

Financial Aspects

The following aspects were discussed at the AGM

- The Treasurer, Owen Herod, presented the draft financial statement for the 2023 calendar year which was approved.
- Concerns were noted about PERC's future financial sustainability due to limited sources of income and increasing costs.
- CRIRSCO membership fees will increase by \$500 per year over the next four years.
- An increase in PERC membership fees for 2025 (full fee to increase from €600 to €650 and reduced fee from €300 to €350) was proposed and approved.
- A request for sponsorship from industry organisations is to be launched soon. Ideas for other sources of funding are being discussed.

PERC Mineral Project Evaluation Report Template (MPER Template) 2024

- This document, the result of a new initiative by PERC's Standard Update Committee, was launched during a public webinar on 20th May 2024.
- Details about the template, including links to the template documents and the webinar presentation and recording, are available on the PERC website at: www.percstandard.org/perc-standard/#mper

Committees

- It was agreed to disband the Dimension Stone and Industrial Minerals committee, with members of this committee being reassigned to the other committees based on their interests and experience. This is to ensure that aspects related to industrial minerals, dimension stone and construction materials are considered during all of PERC's activities.

- The activities of the Communications, Finance & Regulatory, Standard Update Committee and Training committees are summarised in the Chairperson's Report. The coordinators of the committees gave presentations of their committee's work during the AGM.

External Relations

- Summaries of activities related to PERC's membership of PERC, INTRAW and ERMA were provided.
- Interactions with the UNECE are based on involvement in CRIRSCO-UNECE relationship as well as the fact that several PERC members are members of working groups that fall under the UNECE's Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM).
- Edmund Sides (as Deputy Chair of CRIRSCO) attended the UNECE's Raw Materials Week in Geneva in April 2024, together with Garth Kirkham (CRIRSCO Chair). Several other PERC members were also present at this meeting.
- PERC was represented on CRIRSCO during the year by Edmund Sides and Mark Burnett, and both of them attended the 2023 CRIRSCO AGM in Rio de Janeiro in October 2023.
- Further details are provided in the Chairperson's annual report.

Other Matters

- It was agreed that work would start on updating PERC's Strategic Plan, which was originally developed and approved in 2020, in order to take account of developments since 2020 including Brexit, increased concerns on raw material supply chains, the EU's Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), the energy transition and carbon emission targets, etc.
- Competency and Compliance – the need for standardised approach and presentation by PERC's member organisations
- PERC's relationship with the other CRIRSCO NROs (National Reporting Organisations)
- Non-public reporting and the relationship with the UNFC (UNECE)

2025 AGM

- An offer to host PERC's 2025 AGM in Germany was received from the Berufsverband Deutscher Geowissenschaftler e. V. (BDG – the German Professional Association of Geoscientists).
- Two possible locations, Karlsruhe and Freiberg were suggested.
- The meeting agreed to accept this offer in principle and the Executive was tasked with consulting with PERC members in order to choose the preferred location.

Conclusions

Good progress has been made during the year on the following items:

- Access to online banking for the Treasurer and Chairperson after a lengthy process
- Development and release of the PERC Mineral Project Evaluation Report Template (MPER Template)
- Completion of several training courses on PERC around Europe, including one in Spanish, with further courses planned for the coming year.
- Increased activity from the Communications sub-committee resulted in an increased flow of news items about PERC's activities.
- Increased involvement in CRIRSCO with the appointment of Edmund Sides as CRIRSCO Deputy Chair.
- Involvement in discussions and feedback on the EU's Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA).

Less progress than anticipated was made on the following items which will remain as priorities

for the coming year:

- Seeking sponsorship from European mining companies, mining associations and consultancies to support promotion of PERC within Europe.
- Completion of a register of companies in Europe that are using PERC, and a summary of European Stock Exchange regulations applicable to minerals companies.
- Arranging meetings with Stock Exchange and financial regulators to promote PERC.
- Seeking to raise awareness by European and UK regulators and decision makers of the benefits of reporting in compliance with PERC (or other CRIRSCO Codes and Standards). This is particularly relevant in the context of the current interest in critical minerals and the recent enactment of the EU's CRMA.

Details of PERC's Trustees, Executive and Members for the coming year (2024-2025) are as indicated below:

- **Trustees:** John Clifford; Gordon Riddler; Ruth Allington and Kerstin Brinnen
- The incoming **PERC Executive** is as follows:
 - Chairperson – Edmund Sides
 - Deputy Chairperson – Andy Birtles
 - Secretary – Antonio Maldonado
 - Treasurer – Owen Herod
 - CRIRSCO representatives – Edmund Sides and Mark Burnett
- Details of the PERC members are available on the [PERC website](#).
- The membership of the PERC sub-committees will be published on the website soon.

The 2024 PERC AGM marked the end of a year where good progress has been made on several fronts. PERC is gaining increasing recognition within CRIRSCO as a result of advertising several of our training courses and webinars to the CRIRSCO network. I would like to thank all of those involved in PERC's activities for their efforts which involve the commitment involvement in time and effort on a voluntary basis.

The PERC Executive and Trustees met on 24th June to discuss the action points arising from the AGM and to agree on priorities for the coming year.

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