

Michael C. Keen PhD



Mike discovered the joys of geology while a schoolboy at Luton Grammar School and spent many happy days searching for fossils in the local chalk pits. He studied for a BSc in geology at Leicester University from 1960 until 1963, and then for a PhD on Tertiary ostracods (1963–1967) on a NATO scholarship, which allowed studies in France, the Netherlands, and Germany. This has been his main area of research, with the publication of some 35 papers on Tertiary ostracods from western Europe, Libya, the Middle East, and west Africa.

He spent two and a half years at Fourah Bay College in Sierra Leone as a lecturer in geology (1967–1970); this was followed by his appointment to the University of Glasgow in 1970 as an assistant lecturer in palaeontology, then as a lecturer and eventually as a senior lecturer before final retirement in 2000. He also started teaching evening classes for Adult and Continuing Education in 1971, something he enjoys and still continues doing. After retirement he became a subject specialist in the Department of Adult and Continuing Education, and led various battles to ensure that geology courses continued to be given in the university by what is now “Short Courses”.

He was president of the ostracod section of the Micropalaeontological Society for 3 years in the late seventies, and was chief editor of the *Journal of Micropalaeontology* from 1988 until 1993.

Mike has led overseas trips, with students of the Glasgow University Exploration Society to the French Pyrenees in 1974 and the Spanish Pyrenees in 1977 and with groups to Arizona, Utah, and Yellowstone (2002), and to the Rockies of Canada (2006); and University of Glasgow Adult Education study tours to Cyprus, Andalucia, the French Alps (2008), the western Pyrenees (2012) and Provence (2014).

Mike joined the Geological Society of Glasgow in 1970 and served as secretary (1982–1988), president (1988–1991), vice president (1991–1994) and council member until 2003.