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Peter Croker graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, in 1975 with a degree in geology. Following ten years working abroad as a marine and petroleum exploration geophysicist, he returned to Ireland in 1985 to join the Petroleum Affairs Division (PAD) of the Department of Energy (now DCENR) in Dublin as a Petroleum Exploration Specialist (Senior Geophysicist). For the past seven years he has been jointly managing the Technical Section of PAD. Over the years, Peter has published widely on different aspects of Irish and North Atlantic marine and petroleum geology.

He has been involved in Law of the Sea issues since 1986 and provided all the technical cartography support for the Ireland-U.K. delimitation negotiations 1987-1988 and 1991-1992. Peter was subsequently responsible for the design, tender, contract, acquisition, processing and interpretation of seismic and bathymetric surveys over Ireland's continental margin in 1995 and 1996 and leads Ireland's Continental Shelf Delineation Project team.

In 1997 Peter was elected as a member of the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and served as Rapporteur in addition to being a member of the first sub-commission established to examine the submission of the Russian Federation. In 2002 Peter was re-elected to the Commission and served as its chairman for five years. In 2007 he was again elected to the Commission and is currently serving on his fifth and sixth sub-commission (Barbados and Indonesia).