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35TH IGC: REGISTRATION OPENS!

Preparations for the [35th International Geological Congress](#) are progressing well and judging from the 220 symposium proposals that have been submitted to date, the scientific programme will be diverse and comprehensive. Additional detail regarding the programme themes, registration, field trips and accompanying persons programme will be included in the Third Circular, to be distributed on October 1, 2015.



The three core topics of the 35th IGC are: Geoscience for Society; Geoscience in the Economy; Fundamental Geoscience. The 49 themes that have been developed are convened by some 180 ‘champions’, who are experts in their field and are drawn from over 30 countries worldwide—they will coordinate the themes, develop the slate of symposia and allocate contributions. You are encouraged to communicate your interests through the theme pages: <http://www.35igc.org/Themes>. The IUGS collaborative programme “Resourcing Future Generations” will be an over-arching theme in the scientific programme.

The “Call for Abstracts” opened on July 1, 2015 and online submission is through the portal: <http://www.35igc.org/Verso/211/Submit-an-Abstract>.

The “Super Early Bird” registration opens on September 1, 2015. This special registration rate will only be available until November 1, 2015, so get your registration in as soon as possible to benefit from this limited offer. Super Early Bird registration is R8,500 (inclusive of VAT); Pensioner/Student/YES network rate is R5,500 (inclusive of VAT). Every effort has been made to keep the congress registration rates as low as possible.

Plans for the array of Field Trips in Southern, West and East Africa are progressing well. Please respond using the [Expression of Interest form](#) to show the organizing committee where your interests lie. You could win a free congress registration!

A diverse programme of short courses and workshops is taking shape and details are available [here](#).

Please contact the 35th IGC Secretariat at Barnardo@geoscience.org.za if you experience any problems or if additional information is required.

We look forward to seeing you in Africa!

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IUGS–RFG WORKSHOP IN NAMIBIA: SHORT NOTE IN THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WEBSITE

Following the recent IUGS “Resourcing Future Generations” Workshop in Namibia (July 25–30, 2015), the short note “[Minerals are Essential to address Climate Change and meet Sustainable Development Goals](#)” by Saleem Ali, Director of the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining at the University of Queensland (Australia), who attended the workshop, was published in the *Voices* section of the National Geographic website.

IUGS hopes that broad-audience media coverage of its RFG Initiative might foster awareness amongst the public and experts on the critical relationship between the increasing global demand of natural resources (water, energy, and minerals) and environmental protection, economic sustainability, and climate change.

OBITUARY OF LARRY HARRINGTON (1924–2015)

Dr. Hilary J. “Larry” Harrington (New Zealand and Australia) died on August 1, 2015, aged 91. We remember him with honour as the person who in 1964 proposed a global-scale research programme, which morphed into the UNESCO–IUGS International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) that began formally in 1972. Larry was born on May 10, 1924, in Wellington NZ. After attending Otago and Oxford universities, Larry immigrated to Australia to be a lecturer at UNE Armidale, moving later to Canberra BMR. His extensive work in southern hemisphere countries, including 4 Antarctic expeditions, prompted his idea for an international Gondwana Project. On advice from van Leckwyck, then IUGS Secretary General, a committee of young Australians, including Larry, Mac Dickins (1923–2005), Ken Campbell and Mike Rickard, was set up to lay down the plans.



Larry Harrington in 1959

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