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1. LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL RAW MATERIALS OBSERVATORY

The H2020 INTRAW project has been set up to map and develop new cooperation opportunities, related to raw materials, with technologically advanced non-EU countries addressing 1) research and innovation; 2) raw materials policies and strategies; 3) joint educational and skills programmes; 4) licensing and permitting procedures, royalties and tax policies; 5) data reporting systems; 6) exploration, extraction, processing and recycling practices; and 7) management and substitution of Critical Raw Materials. The outcome of the mapping and knowledge transfer activities that has been conducted during the project will be used as a baseline to set and launch the International Observatory for Raw Materials as a definitive raw materials intelligence infrastructure.

The launch of the Observatory will happen on 7th November 2017 at the Le Plaza Hotel in Brussels. For details, please check the video teaser (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8Az_HQwyjc) and the project webpage: <http://intraw.eu/launch-of-the-international-raw-materials-observatory/>.

2. HIGHS AND LOWS OF IMPACT FACTORS

The June 2015 Web of Science Impact Factor (IF) for *Episodes* was 3.26: the highest it has ever been. The IF built up steadily from a poor 0.92 in 2012 for two key reasons: the introduction of occasional thematic issues, which tend to get highly cited, and the tendency to get more and better quality submitted manuscripts as the IF increased. The success of 2015 was built partly on 2 important thematic issues: one on Global Heritage Stones and the other on Ophiolites; both of which have been extensively cited.

In 2016, however, there were 3 general issues and the special issue for the 35th IGC in Cape Town. General issues do not generally score as highly as thematic issues because, while some papers are highly cited soon, others take longer to “mature”. Also, successive IUGS Publications Committees have observed, over the long term, a 4 year cyclicity in IFs with the lows coinciding with IGC years. The IGC special issues are greatly appreciated by attendees at the Congresses but most papers in these then have relatively low levels of citations. The publication of *Episodes* moved, in January 2017, from the Geological Society of India to the Geological Society of Korea. This required re-registration of the journal with the Web of Science. That proved to be a slow process so we are currently unsure which issues of the journal have been properly assessed (the very low IF in 2012 seems to have been partly due to a similar problem – one of the 4 annual issues was not included in the annual assessment).

For these reasons, the Publications Committee expected a fall in IF and were not surprised, when the Web of Science results for 2016 were published in June 2017, that the IF had fallen to **1.18**. That is, of course, disappointing. But we now need to move on.



The June 2016 issue of Episodes is a strong thematic issue on Forensic Geology which is likely to be highly cited. There are many high quality papers moving through the production system (recently around 60% of all submitted manuscripts have had to be rejected, so competition is strong maintaining quality). Also, the IUGS Publications Committee is actively seeking other strong thematic issues with the aim that thematic and general issues should alternate. **Proposals for thematic issues are welcomed.** Also, consideration is being given to a possibility that the 36th IGC special issue could be additional to the 4 other issues (2 general and 2 thematic) in 2020.

But, as ever, we depend on our IUGS Community to continue to submit World-class manuscripts.

3. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTING GEOETHICS (IAPG) ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- IAPG - International Association for Promoting Geoethics has established a Task Group on Responsible Mining (TGRM). The IAPG-TGRM is composed of Jan Boon (Canada), Pekka Nurmi (Finland), Nikolaos Arvanitidis (Sweden), Giuseppe Di Capua (Italy). More information at: <http://www.geoethics.org/tgrm>

- IAPG organizes the Theme n. 12: "Geoethics in Engineering Geology and georisk reduction" at the 11th Asian Regional Conference (ARC-11) of IAEG - International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment. The CALL FOR ABSTRACTS is open: information about the session description at <http://www.geoethics.org> and about the abstract submission at <http://iaegarc11ngs.com/content/11>

- IAPG has signed new agreements for cooperation with: International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG), Geology for Global Development (GfGD). Read more at <http://www.geoethics.org/affs-agrs>



- IAPG has established two new national sections in Romania and Pakistan. Read more about the 25 IAPG sections at: <http://www.geoethics.org/sections>

- The Cape Town Statement on Geoethics has been endorsed by the Italian Geological Society (SGI). Currently the statement is supported by 16 geoscience organizations. Read more at <http://www.geoethics.org/ctsg>

4. RESOURCING FUTURE GENERATIONS 2018: ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION OPEN!

Abstract submission is now open for the RFG2018! Each abstract will be submitted in association with one of the multiple sessions the system will outline for the authors.

Each abstract submitted will cost the submitter \$50 CND. This standard practice ensures that abstracts submitted are from committed authors/presenters and provide rich content for the technical program. Payment will be part of the submission process and will generate the appropriate confirmation and receipt.

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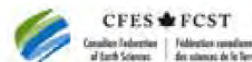
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