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## **EDITORS' NOTES CONTRIBUTING TO THE IUGS E-BULLETIN, WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

### **1. IUGS at the ICSU-ISSC Joint General Assembly**

**(Taipei, 23-26 Oct.)**

IUGS joined some 230 representatives of ICSU's global membership in Taipei for the tri-annual 32nd General Assembly. The Union participated actively in the process of merging ICSU (International Council for Science) and ISSC (International Social Science Council) in the new International Science Council which will include 40 international scientific unions and associations, and more than 140 national and regional organizations such as academies and research councils. The ICSU GeoUnions, an interdisciplinary consortium of nine ICSU international scientific unions (IAU, ICA, IGU, INQUA, ISPRS, IUGG, IUGS, IUSS, URSI), drafted a common statement in favor of the merger. The document – which was read during the General Assembly – underscores that the merger provides possibilities for strengthening the cooperation between the scientific unions/associations, national members and interdisciplinary bodies.



Taipei, 23 Oct. 2017 – Participants in the GeoUnions Forum preceding the ICSU-ISSC Joint Meeting sanctioning the birth of the new International Science Council.

## 2. Meetings of the European Geopark Network and the UNESCO Global Geopark Council

Roland Oberhänsli attended, and reports on, a European Geopark Network (EGN) meeting on the Azores Island of San Miguel (September 5th - 9th, 2017) ...





... and the UNESCO Global Geopark Council (UGGpC) meeting in Zhijin, China (September 16th – 17th). The UNESCO meeting considered 15 nominations for Geopark status and 38 re-evaluations. The outcome will be announced after UNESCO Council ratification. Guidelines for geological field evaluation of proposals were also discussed.



### **3. IUGS Policy and Ethics for Publications**

The IUGS Bureau has approved a consolidated statement of policy and ethics for publications, particularly the journal *Episodes*. The statement provides, for the first time, clarity of what is expected in terms of the quality and integrity of IUGS publications. It should be read by all contributors.

#### 4. IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology: Forensic Geology in Asia

Dr. L.J. Donnelly<sup>1</sup>, Prof R. Fitzpatrick<sup>2</sup>, Dr. G. Hongling<sup>3</sup>, Dr. R. Sugita<sup>4</sup>

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Fig 1. Poster relating to forensic geology in Japan and photo of IUGS-IFG at the International Symposium on Development of Forensic Geology, 122nd Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of Japan

Asia is a region where IUGS-IFG has targeted to develop forensic geology. In 2015, IUGS-IFG held a forensic geology event in Japan in collaboration with the Japan National Research Institute of Police (Figure 1). In China, Prof Guo Hongling from the Institute of Forensic Science, Ministry of Public Security, Division of Trace Evidence Analysis and Dr Laurance Donnelly developed a knowledge exchange event in China. In September 2017, this



was attended by Prof Rob Fitzpatrick who presented a series of forensic geology workshops. Prof Rob Fitzpatrick was also the trainer for the three day forensic geoscience event in held in Singapore.

## **5. IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology at the GSA Annual Meeting**

***The Geological Society of America, Annual Meeting and Exposition (22-25 October, Seattle, Washington, Feed Your Brain, Lunchtime Enlightenment Lecture, Forensic Geology: The Applications of Geology to Police and Law Enforcement***

Dr Laurance Donnelly<sup>1</sup>, BSc (Hons), PhD, CGeol, CSci, EurGeol, FGS, FGSA

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On 25 September 2017, Dr Laurance Donnelly, Chair of the IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology, delivered a presentation at the Geological Society of America Congress (GSA2017) in Seattle, on; 'Forensic Geology: The Applications of Geology to Police and Law Enforcement'. This formed part of the series of 'Feed Your Brain' lunch time sessions organised by GSA. Laurance's presentation focused on the application of geology to policing and law enforcement, which may potentially be applicable to a court of law. He provided examples and cases on how forensic geologists provide advice and support in relation to: serious crimes (homicide and sexual assaults), organized crime, counter terrorism, kidnapping, humanitarian incidents, environmental crimes, wildlife crime, precious minerals, illegal mining, metals and minerals theft, fraudulent crimes, fakes and search.



Fig 1. Applications of forensic geology: geological search for a burial (left) and crime scene examination (right)

## 6. Peter Bobrowsky Retires as IUGS Webmaster

The IUGS Executive Committee wishes to acknowledge the long term contribution of Canadian geologist Dr. Peter Bobrowsky to IUGS as outgoing webmaster for the Union. Besides managing the Union website since 2008 he has continued to provide support, advice and actions when requested by IUGS in an unofficial capacity as “IUGS corporate memory”, sharing facts, history and guidance to the IUGS Executive in their ongoing efforts to serve the global geoscience community. The current Executive Committee thanks Peter for his many years of devotion and service to the Union.

## 7. The Australian Geoscience Council

The Australian Geoscience Council in conjunction with its eight member organisations is hosting the inaugural Australian Geoscience Council Convention, AGCC 2018, to be held in Adelaide, South Australia, during Earth Science Week (14 – 18 October) in 2018.

The AGCC 2018 is excited to announce Geoscience Australia as the Patron Sponsor of the event, which is expected to attract more than 2,000 delegates from Australia and overseas. AGCC 2018 will be the largest Geoscience event to be held in the Asia Pacific Region since

2012. It will feature a wide ranging scientific program, pre- and post- Convention field trips, a large exhibition, expert training workshops and an education program.

The AGCC 2018 Scientific Program Committee is developing the technical program around five themes and several sub-themes that are designed to cover many facets of the Geosciences.

Theme 1: Understanding the Earth - Convenor: Professor Dietmar Müller

Theme 2: Life on Earth – origins and diversity – Convenor: Professor Simon George

Theme 3: Resources – discovery, development, use and sustainability - Convenor: Dr Jon Hronsky

Theme 4: Applied Geosciences in the 21st Century – innovation, technology and the future – Convenor: Chris Woodfull

Theme 5: Beyond the rocks – Geoscience in our society: current application and future trends – Dr Anna Littleboy

AGCC 2018 will be an important event in the 2018 calendar, please consider your participation by presenting a paper or poster or just by attendance. You can download the First Circular at [www.agcc.org.au/circulars](http://www.agcc.org.au/circulars).

For more information and to explore exhibition and partnership opportunities, please visit [www.agcc.org.au](http://www.agcc.org.au).

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## 8. CODATA Call for President and Vice-President

*Help CODATA deliver on its strategy to mobilise the data revolution for research!*

CODATA Members (National, Union, Co-Opted and Affiliate Members) as well as Task Groups are invited to nominate candidates for the following positions: President (to serve 2018-2022), Vice-President (1-2 positions, to serve 2018-2022), ordinary member (8 positions, to serve 2018-2020).

Nominations will be considered for election at the 31st CODATA General Assembly, which will take place on 26-27 October 2018 in Gaborone, Botswana, following International Data Week 2018.

Nominations should be submitted by CODATA Members and Task Groups on the form (see web site) , to the Nominating Committee, c/o [simon@codata.org](mailto:simon@codata.org), by the **deadline of 9 April 2018**.

The most important criteria for nomination is to be able to contribute strongly to the delivery of CODATA's strategy and strong record of delivery as attested in the CODATA Prospectus of Strategy and Achievement 2015-2017. The covering note to the nomination form and the procedure document explains the terms of eligibility (see web site):

<http://www.codata.org/news/219/62/Call-for-Nominations-for-CODATA-Officers-President-and-Vice-President-s-and-Executive-Committee-Members-Deadline-9-April-2018>

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## **EDITORS' NOTES:**

### **CONTRIBUTING TO THE IUGS E-BULLETIN, WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

IUGS wishes to better co-ordinate publication of information on **news, events and achievements** arising from IUGS activities (**not science reports or papers**).

All IUGS Commissions, Task Groups, Initiatives and IGCP projects are requested to provide a steady flow of material. Contributions from Adhering Bodies and Affiliates will also be welcomed.

To aid co-ordination and standardization, IUGS has introduced a preferred format and a monthly timetable.

#### **Format of submitted material:**

Contributors should provide:

**For the E-Bulletin:** 2 or 3 sentences with between 1 and 3 illustrations (photographs, diagrams etc.) with captions as separate .jpg, .gif or .png files with a resolution of 150 dpi; optimally accompanied, by:

**For the web site:** a concise text of about 0.5 to 1 A4 page (up to about 600-700 words), if possible providing a web-link (e.g. to an IUGS activity website).

The short text in the E-Bulletin will be hyperlinked to any longer text which will be placed on the IUGS website. Items that are not in reasonably good English will be returned for improvement. Others will be edited for use of English if necessary. If proposed contributions are too long, they will be returned for shortening. All images must, if necessary, be copyright-cleared before submission.

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## Timetable:

The idealized timetable for the E-Bulletin is:

1. IUGS sends a reminder to leaders of activities in the last week of each month;
2. Contributions should be provided by the 16<sup>th</sup> day of that month (**items arriving after that date cannot be included in the next monthly issue**);
3. IUGS will evaluate all submitted items in terms of urgency and will allocate these to the next monthly issue or a later issue and will also check that these comply with IUGS policy for publications and ethics;
4. The IUGS Team will aim to compile that month's E-Bulletin by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month and send it to the IUGS Secretariat;
5. The IUGS Secretariat will dispatch the E-Bulletin to the IUGS Community on, or before, the last day of each month;
6. Long versions of material will be posted on the IUGS Website in coordination with the publication of the relevant E-Bulletin.

This timetable will be varied, as necessary, to allow for public holidays that affect the E-Bulletin Team and IUGS Secretariat such as Christmas and Chinese New Year.

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## NOTES

- If you require notices, information on publications, etc. to be considered for inclusion in forthcoming IUGS e-bulletins, please mail to [Kristine.Asch@bgr.de](mailto:Kristine.Asch@bgr.de) and [amel.barich@gmail.com](mailto:amel.barich@gmail.com).
- Please check the IUGS [Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming scientific meetings this coming month. If you require information on international conferences, meetings, etc. to be considered for inclusion in this Calendar please mail to: [giuseppe.dicapua@ingv.it](mailto:giuseppe.dicapua@ingv.it)
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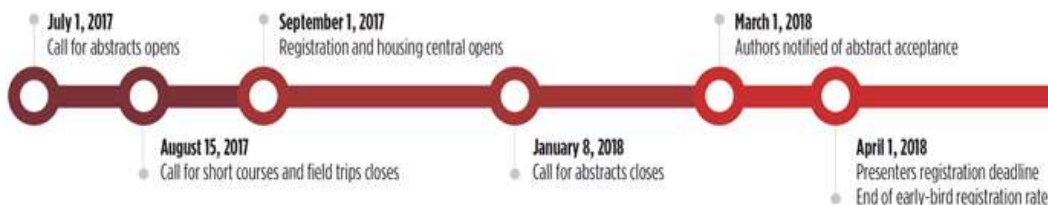
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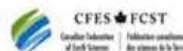
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