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## International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG)

### Potential Information for IUGS E-Bulletin

#### Submission for December 2019

Each month IUGS requests a couple of headlines for potential inclusion in the IUGS E-Bulletin, for global circulation. The proposed IFG items for inclusion for December 2019 are as follows:

#### **Forensic Geology in Japan**

IUGS-IFG Officer for Japan (Dr Ritsuko Sugita) supported and participated in the, '29th Symposium on Geo-Environments and Geo-Technics', organised by The Japanese Society of Geo-Pollution Science, Medical Geology and Urban Geology, in Tokyo, Japan. IUGS-IFG also supported a course on forensic geology, to graduate students, at the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kumamoto University, in Japan. It is the first credit course on forensic geology in Japan.

#### **Forensic Geology in Poland**

IUGS-IFG agreed to visit Poland in February 2020 to deliver a series of lectures and training for a new course at the Department of Geology, University of Warsaw. This will include the provision of advice on searches for war graves associated with the Second World War.

#### **American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS) Project in Colombia**

AAFS approved a two years long project in Colombia, which will run from 2020-2022, regarding mass graves at the Universidad Antonio of Nariño. This will be supported by the IUGS-IFG Officer for Latin America (Prof Carlos Molina Gallego), based on Bogota, Colombia.

#### **The Sherlock Holmes Society of London**

IUGS-IFG Chair (Dr Laurance Donnelly) was invited by the Sherlock Holmes Society of London to give the 2019 Richard Lancelyn Green Lecture, at the National Liberal Club, in Whitehall, London. The presentation was entitled, 'The Applications of Geology to Police and Law Enforcement'.

#### **Forensic Geology, Search and Mountain Rescue**

IUGS-IFG Chair (Dr Laurance Donnelly) gave a guest presentation to Rossendale and Pendle Mountain Rescue, in Burnley, Lancashire, UK on, 'Forensic Geology: Searches Related to Missing Persons, Homicide Graves, Counter Terrorism and Serious and Organised Crime'. This included ideas for collaboration and future training in search and rescue.