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

Potential Information for IUGS E-Bulletin

Submission for February 2020

Each month IUGS requests a couple of headlines for potential inclusion in the IUGS E-Bulletin, for global circulation to about 16,000 members, in approximately 122 countries. The proposed IFG items for inclusion for February 2020 are as follows:

IUGS Special Project Awarded to IFG

IUGS has awarded a 'Special Project' to IFG called, 'Forensic Geological Analysis of Crimes in International Mining, Minerals and Metals' This is expected to run from 2020 to 2022. This project seeks to evaluate the current global scale of crimes that take place in the mining, minerals and metals industry, and assess geological methodologies and strategies, which may aid in the detection, prevention, management and mitigation of these crimes.

A Guide to Forensic Geology

The Geological Society of London have commenced the publication process of the book, 'A Guide to Forensic Geology', which has been written by the IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology. This has taken at least a decade to complete and the search chapter has evolved over the past 25 years. The publication is expected to be available later in 2020.

The launch of Forensic Geology in India

On 5 March 2020, the first meeting on forensic geology will take place in Delhi, India, as part of the 36th International Geological Congress. This is the first formal event of its kind and will officially launch forensic geology in India.

Forensic Geology in Poland

In February 2020, two members of the IUGS-IFG Committee will visit Poland to assist with a new course including forensic geology at the University of Warsaw. This visit will also focus on the provision of geological advice on search, for the location of war graves associated with the Second World War.

Search for missing person in Colombia

IUGS-IFG have agreed to support a two year project aimed at searching for the suspected graves of missing persons in Colombia. This will include the adoption of the Geoforensic Search Strategy, developed in the United Kingdom using a blend of geological and law enforcement search techniques and strategies. IUGS-IFG members will meet in Bogota in early March to arrange a timetable and programme.

Photos attached...



Coming in 2020



A Guide to Forensic Geology

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To find out more about Forensic Geology please visit:

www.geolsoc.org.uk/forensic





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36th International Geological Congress, 2-8 March, Delhi, India
Theme 1: Geoscience for Society. Symposium 1.8, Forensic Geology
Thursday 5th March, 11:00-17:00
Dr Laurance Donnelly: Chair, IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology (geologist@hotmail.co.uk)
Dr Biplob Chatterjee: IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology (biplob.chatterjee@geovale.com)

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