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

Potential Information for IUGS E-Bulletin

Submission for April 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 April 2020 are as follows:

IUGS Special Project

IFG is continuing the IUGS 'Special Project' 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. During 2020, this will continue as a desk study, a meeting will then be held in South America when international travel is permitted after COVID-19.

Forensic Geology Soil Collection Training Video

In 2019, IFG supported a FBI led training video on the collection of soil for the provision of geological trace evidence, available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/o9dWZOj1U5A> During later in 2020 and beyond. This transcript will be translated by IFG Committee into Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Indian (Hindi), Italian, Japanese and Russian.

Forensic Geology in India

The Geological Survey of India has agreed to support the development of Forensic Geology in India. This includes conventional forensic geology applied to policing and law enforcement and environmental geoforensics.

IFG Web Site Upgrade

The IFG web site is in the process of being updated and upgraded. The new web site is expected to be available later in 2020.