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

Potential Information for IUGS E-Bulletin

Submission for June 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 June 2020 are as follows:

Forensic Geology and Training in Search, Bogota, Colombia

IUGS-IFG agreed to participate in the delivery of training in forensic geology. This includes a review of the historical development of forensic geology, the global advancement of IUGS-IFG and searches for burials related to missing persons. This was undertaken using video conferencing and in collaboration with the Universidad Antonio Nariño, Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal y Ciencias Forense and International Commission for Missing Persons (ICMP).

IUGS-IFG Special Project

IFG has now commenced a 'Special Project' on behalf of IUGS. The project will extend over two years and will focus on the use of geology to investigate, manage and mitigate crimes that take place in the minerals, mining and metals industries. This includes; base metals (fraud, theft, substitution and adulteration), precious metals, minor metals, battery minerals, conflict minerals, diamonds, gemstones, fossils, (fakes and fraud), criminal networks cartels and law enforcement

Forensic Geology in Iran and Slovenia

IUGS-IFG was contacted by geologists in Iran and Slovenia with interests to initiate and develop forensic geology.

Geoforensic International Network (GIN)

GIN brings together forensic geologists, geoscientists, police and law enforcement officers from around the world to develop and promote forensic geology. Dr Elisa Bergslien has been appointed as the 'IUGS-IFG GIN Manager'. Prospective new members can contact Elisa on BERGSLET@buffalostate.edu

Those countries now represented in GIN include; Australia, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belize, Belgium, Belarus, Bolivia, Brasil, Canada, China, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, England, France, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, United Arab Emirates, Wales and the West Indies (Caribbean), Zambia, Zimbabwe.