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

### **Potential Information for IUGS E-Bulletin**

#### **Submission for January 2021**

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 in January 2021 are as follows:

#### **Forensic Geotechnics and Geohazards**

IUGS-IFG has agreed to collaborate with the IFG Student Chapter and Federal University of Pelotas, in Brazil, to hold a webinar on forensic geotechnics. This is planned to take place on 12-16 July 2021 as a webinar, depending on international travel restrictions.

#### **InterForensics 2021**

Interforensics 2021 is planned to take place in Curitiba, Brazil, 8-11 June 2021. This is expected to include forensic geology and to be supported by IUGS-IFG, save the date!

#### **Forensic Geology and International Mining, Minerals and Metals Crimes**

The scope of the IUGS-IFG 'Special Project'; has been agreed to include the following (a) Precious metals, base metals and minor metals (including fraud, i.e. substitution, adulteration and theft) (b) Conflict minerals (c) Battery Minerals, (d) diamonds, gemstones (including fakes and fraud), (e) Fossil theft and fakery and (f) criminal networks, cartels and law enforcement and (g) environmental and social impacts. Those with an interested should contact Laurance Donnelly ([geologist@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geologist@hotmail.co.uk)) and Duncan Pirrie [dpirrie@helfordgeoscience.co.uk](mailto:dpirrie@helfordgeoscience.co.uk)

#### **Forensic Geology Focus on Uganda and Rwanda**

IUGS-IFG has started exploratory discussions and planning for a meeting on forensic geology in Uganda or Rwanda, in 2022. This is aimed at developing forensic geology and in particular the applications of forensic geology in minerals crime.