

## **International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) statement on the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine.**

**The IUGS works with many Russian and Ukrainian geoscientists and has made some fundamental contributions to establishing global geological standards with Russia.**

**The IUGS executive is appalled by the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation and, alongside the initiative of other government and scientific organisations, IUGS will freeze all activity with the Russian Federation until future notice.**



To the leaders of all IUGS committees, commissions, and activities,

The International Union of Geological Science (IUGS) has published its statement in reaction to the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. Our statement requires that active involvement of scientists from Russian institutions in IUGS groups and activities should cease until further notice. This includes withdrawing the offer to host the International Geological Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia in 2028.

The scientific community in Russia provides highly valuable contributions to the commissions and publications of IUGS. We note that an impressive number of Russian scientists have distanced themselves for their governments decision and we are proud of their courage. Our actions at this time are not personally directed towards our colleagues, but we must firmly oppose the aggressive actions of the Russian government.

This statement was agreed by the IUGS executive in Paris, France on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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