



### **IAPGeoethics Newsletter n. 6 (2015)**

This is the official newsletter of the IAPG. It contains news about events, initiatives, publications on Geoethics by the IAPG.

The International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG) is a multidisciplinary, scientific community and aims at creating awareness about application of ethical principles to theoretical and practical aspects of Geosciences.

The IAPG is affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), is recognized as an International Associate Organization of the American Geosciences Institute (AGI), is recognized as an Associate Society of the Geological Society of America (GSA).

The IAPG is legally recognized as a not-for-profit association, has members in 96 countries in 5 continents, and can count on a network of **17 national sections**.

Send any kind of information about Geoethics that could be published in the IAPG webpages to: [iapgeoethics@aol.com](mailto:iapgeoethics@aol.com)

International Website: <http://www.geoethics.org>

Blog: <http://iapgeoethics.blogspot.it>

### **Membership**

Becoming an IAPG member is easy! Fill in the form in the IAPG website at <http://www.geoethics.org/membership.html>. No fee is required at this time.



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## CONGRESSES/MEETINGS

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**  
(deadline: 31 January 2016)

**Symposium**  
*Geoethics: general aspects and case-studies*

Geoethics develops ethical and social perspectives on challenges arising from human interaction with Earth systems, complements technical approaches and solutions, and defines ethical frameworks for geoscientists' activities. Abstracts are invited that illustrate this at the local and global scale: <http://www.geoethics.org/35thigc.html>

**Convenership**

G. Di Capua P. Bobrowsky M. Bohle J. Geissman S. Peppoloni

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A joint initiative:

- IAPG - International Association for Promoting Geoethics
- GSL - Geological Society of London
- EFG - European Federation of Geologists
- EGS - EuroGeoSurveys

**Symposium**  
*Geoethical perspectives on meeting the resource needs of future generations*

Meeting the resource needs of future generations is one of the greatest challenges facing global society – one in which geoscientists have a vital role to play. The conveners invite papers addressing how geoethical perspectives can be brought to bear on the challenges of sustainably meeting future demand for georesources, including energy, groundwater and numerous mineral commodities.  
How to submit an abstract and details on the symposium at: <http://www.geoethics.org/35thigc.html>

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The banner features the SGE (Sociedad Geológica España) logo on the left and the title 'IX CONGRESO GEOLÓGICO DE ESPAÑA' in large, bold letters. Below the title, it specifies 'HUELVA' and '12-14 de Septiembre 2016'. The background is a scenic sunset over a body of water with a silhouette of a person. Two small inset photos show a woman and a man. The IAPG Spain logo is in the bottom left, and the IAPG logo with the motto 'PLACET NATURA REGI TERRAM' is in the bottom right.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Symposium S6: "Geoética"**

**DEADLINE: 15 March 2016**

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Session description at: <http://www.geoethics.org/geoethics-in-spain.html>

IAPG-Spain organizes the symposium S6: "Geoética".

Convenership: Domingo Martín Sánchez, Fermín Villarroja Gil, Emilia H. Lopera Pareja

**Deadline: 15 March 2016**



**The IAPG session on Geoethics at the GSA Annual Meeting 2015**

15 presentations from 22 authors.

Programme: <https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2015AM/webprogram/Session37724.html>

The session is titled "**Ethics of Geoscience in practice and application**" and is chaired by Cindy Palinkas and Vincent Cronin, co-coordinators of the section IAPG-USA.

The session takes place on Sunday, 1 November 2015, 1:30 PM-5:30 PM, Room 337 (Baltimore Convention Center, USA).

## CONFERENCES



### **Lectio Magistralis on Geoethics**

at the International Forum on Geological Risk Management.  
Arequipa (Peru), 14-16 October 2015

Silvia Peppoloni (IAPG Secretary General) will give a Lectio Magistralis titled: "Geoethics: a framework for the management of the geosphere and georisks". The IAPG-Peru patronizes the Forum.

[Read more in the IAPG website](#)

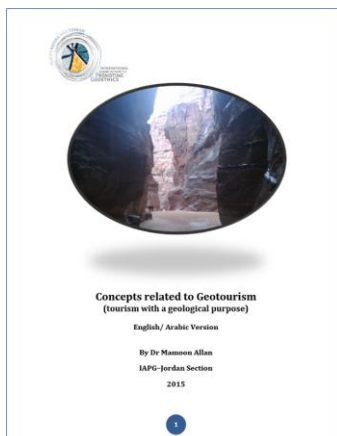


### **First Colloquium on Geoethics in Peru**

The Peruvian Geological Society-SGP (Sociedad Geologica del Perú) and the IAPG-Peru organize the "First Colloquium on Geoethics in Peru". The scheduled date is 12th October, and the Colloquium will take place in the SGA social center (28 de Julio Av. 745, Miraflores, Lima).

[Read more in the IAPG website](#)

## PUBLICATIONS/DOCUMENTS



### **Concepts related to Geotourism** (by Mamoon Allan, IAPG-Jordan)

This document, in English and Arabic, contains the major concepts about the geotourism.  
It is for free download:

Allan M. (2015). Concepts related to Geotourism (tourism with a geological purpose) – English and Arabic Version. September 2015, International Association for Promoting Geoethics - Jordan section.

[Free download](#)



### **Consensus Statement Regarding Access and Inclusion of Individuals Living with Disabilities in the Geosciences** (from AGI - American Geosciences Institute)

The IAPG is a formal signatory of the [Consensus Statement Regarding Access and Inclusion of Individuals Living with Disabilities in the Geosciences](#). The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) disability consensus statement, written as a community document in 2015, serves to increase awareness of the challenges we face and the responsibilities we have as a community, and provides examples of ethical practices toward this group of individuals. As stated by AGI, this is an important "... *step on our collective journey to providing full access and promoting inclusion of geoscientists with disabilities into our academic programs and workforce...*"

[Read more](#)

## AGREEMENTS/PARTNERSHIPS



### Agreement on Cooperation between AAWG and IAPG (18 September 2015)

The aim of the agreement with the AAWG - African Association of Women in Geosciences is to promote co-ordinated events discussing the ethical, social and cultural implications of geosciences and initiatives enhancing the role of women scientists in geosciences.

[Read more](#)



### IAPG is partner of DESAME 2016 (19-21 March 2016)

For the fourth year the IAPG is partner of DESAME - Day of Earth Sciences in Africa and Middle East, event promoted by the AAWG - African Association of Women in Geosciences and AGN - African Geoparks Network. For the 2016 edition the theme is: "**Geoethics, Geoheritage, Georesources & Geoenvironment**".

We will keep you informed on events we will organize to celebrate DESAME.

## FROM THE IAPG BLOG



### **Ethics demand future to be rewritten** (by Franco Oboni, Canada)

"I have always been of the opinion that mythology, ancient Greek Gods, the disappearance of Atlantis, the Plagues of Egypt and many more "legends" were actually accounts of real events, reinterpreted, distorted and made more vivid by millennia of oral transmission, re-interpretations and sheer thrill in magnifying horror stories still present in our media....."

[Read here](#)



### **Greece needs sustainable and competitive mineral exploration and mining investments** (by Nikolaos Arvanitidis, Greece)

"The Greek government-debt crisis is part of the ongoing European debt crisis, being triggered and directly caused locally in Greece by a combination of structural weaknesses of the Greek economy along with a decade long pre-existence of overly high structural deficits and debt-to-GDP levels on public accounts....."

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## YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB



### **Become member of the Executive Board of the IAPG - Young Scientists Club**

We are looking for 5 to 6 several young scientists which:

Have obtained a degree in a subject that can relate to the topic of geoethics such as geology, environmental sciences and engineering but also philosophy of science, science education, science communication or similar; are under the age of 35 or have obtained their master or PhD diplomas/degrees maximum 10 years ago; are motivated to invest time and energy in the development of the club; do not have any role inside the IAPG organization.

To become a member of the YSC executive board, please send a short biography as well as a motivation statement to:

Marie Charrière, Chair of the YSC: [m.k.m.charriere@tudelft.nl](mailto:m.k.m.charriere@tudelft.nl).

Members of the Executive Board will be chosen among the received applications by the IAPG Secretary General and the IAPG-YSC Chair.

**(Deadline: 11 October 2015)**

**[Click here to read the call for candidatures](#)**

[YSC page in the IAPG website](#)



## GEOETHICS IN EU PROJECTS



### WISE - Widening Interdisciplinary Sustainability Education

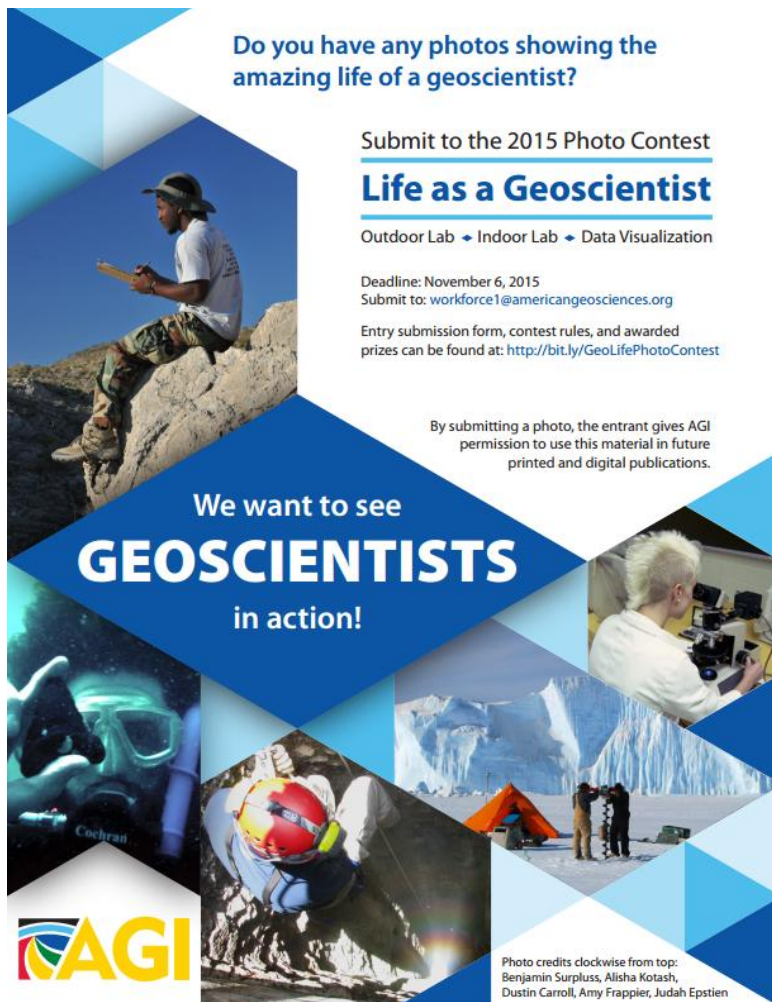
A new EU - European Union granted project "WISE - Widening Interdisciplinary Sustainability Education" will start on 31st December 2015, and will be coordinated by the Collegium Civitas of Poland. WISE integrates four other European partners from Portugal, Greece, Sweden and Czech Republic. The aim of this project is to improve the Education for a Sustainable Development in Higher Education. The Portuguese team, coordinated by Clara Vasconcelos (co-coordinator of the IAPG-Portugal section - in the picture above), is responsible for an overview report on "**Ecosystem Services, Geoethics and Biodiversity**".

We remind you that geoethics is among the topics of another great European Project "**ENVRI-Plus**", just started (we gave you information with the IAPGeoethics Newsletter n. 3 - 2015). Silvia Peppoloni (IAPG Secretary General, in the picture on the right) is leading a Work Package (WP) titled "**Developing an Ethical Framework for RIs**" (RIs=Research Infrastructures), entirely dedicated to develop the ethical and social aspects of the project.



[Click here for more information on geoethics in ENVRI-Plus](#)

## PHOTO CONTEST



Do you have any photos showing the amazing life of a geoscientist?

Submit to the 2015 Photo Contest  
**Life as a Geoscientist**  
Outdoor Lab ♦ Indoor Lab ♦ Data Visualization

Deadline: November 6, 2015  
Submit to: [workforce1@americangeosciences.org](mailto:workforce1@americangeosciences.org)

Entry submission form, contest rules, and awarded prizes can be found at: <http://bit.ly/GeoLifePhotoContest>

By submitting a photo, the entrant gives AGI permission to use this material in future printed and digital publications.

We want to see  
**GEOSCIENTISTS**  
in action!

Photo credits clockwise from top: Benjamin Surpluss, Alisha Kotash, Dustin Carroll, Amy Frappier, Judah Epstien

**AGI**

### **Life as a Geoscientist** (From AGI - American Geosciences Institute)

Take part in the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) 2015 Photo Contest!  
The deadline is 6 November 2015.

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