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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

RFG 2018

Resources for Future Generation Conference

The Conference on Energy, Minerals, Water, The Earth
Vancouver (Canada), 16-21 June 2018

IAPG is technical partner of the Resources Future Generations - RFG 2018 Conference (Vancouver, 16-21 June 2018), and organizes or supports 5 sessions on different issues of geoethics under the Theme "Resources and Society: Social & Ethical Values" (the extended description of each session is available at: <http://www.geoethics.org/rfg2018>):

Session RS13 - Geoethics and Environmental and Social Responsibility: Doing the Right Thing to Develop Resources for Future Generations

Meeting the resource needs of future generations is a great challenge facing global society in which geoscientists and engineers have a vital role to play. The conveners invite submission of abstracts on practical and theoretical aspects of geoethics, and environmental and social responsibility, and on case studies, by focusing on challenges of sustainably meeting future demand for georesources. This session is jointly organized by the IAPG - International Association for Promoting Geoethics, and by the Environmental and Social Responsibility Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining. *Convenership: Giuseppe Di Capua, Silvia Peppoloni, Peter Bobrowsky, Selina Tribe, Kim Bittman, Jan Boon, Karen Chovan, Édith Garneau, Carol Jones, Roberto Lencina, Isabelle Levesque.*

Session RS10 - Geoethics in geoscience education, communication and citizen science: experiences, approaches, and concepts

Sharing experiences and insights from education, communication and citizen science, particularly with reference to natural resource case studies, this session will explore the ethical principles and practices by which the geosciences can advance the well-being and progress of society. The session is jointly organized by the IAPG - International Association for Promoting Geoethics and the GSL - Geological Society of London. *Convenership: Silvia Peppoloni, Nic Bilham, Martin Bohle, Iain Stewart.*

Session RS9 - Geoethics in georisks management for a safer and more resilient society

A geoethical approach to georisks management needs to combine ethical, social and cultural values with technical and economic considerations, and to increase the awareness of geoscience community and society about the importance of developing actions of prevention. Abstracts on the ethical issues, including case studies, in studying and managing georisks in the geo-resources field are welcome. This session is organized by the IAPG - International Association for Promoting Geoethics. *Convenership: Giuseppe Di Capua, Peter Brobrowsky, Vincent Cronin, Silvia Peppoloni, Stefano Tinti.*

Session RS8 - Geoethics and the Responsible Conduct of Scientists

This session is focused on the ethical behaviors of scientists that are based on trust, respect, responsibility, fairness, justice and exercise of power. Interpersonal relations impact the ability of all scientists to work in a safe, inclusive, and productive environment. Contributions are invited that explore the principles, case studies, strategies, and resolution of issues that relate to professional conduct in areas such as supervisor-worker, faculty-student, editor-author, individual-team interactions, and client-contractor relations, and situational ethics such as coercion to engage unethical conduct of research, sexual harassment, bullying, and other coercive or abusive behaviors. *Convenership: David Mogk, Susan Kieffer, Cindy Palinkas.*

Session RS12 - Forensic Geology: Ethics, Communication, Regulation and Opportunities

Recently, forensic geology has experienced global expansion and development, facilitated by the success of the IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology, established in 2006. We will explore: ethical issues of geoscience data and expert opinion communication; assessing the strengths and limitations of geoscience data in forensic investigations; sampling strategies and geostatistics; ground search resources; application of geoscience databases; accreditation and regulation in forensic geology; alignment with forensic science; and case studies, including the illegal trade in geological commodities and international wildlife crime. In addition, dealing with sensitive human issues and handling human remains and sensitive data will be discussed. *Convenership: Duncan Pirrie, Rosa Maria Di Maggio, Lorna Dawson, Laurance Donnelly, Silvia Peppoloni, Giuseppe Di Capua.*

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Read more about these sessions at: <http://www.geoethics.org/rfg2018>

Deadline: 15 January 2018

Start your abstract submission:

<http://rfg2018.gibsongroup.ca/abstract-submission.php>

11th Asian Regional Conference of IAEG

Kathmandu (Nepal), 28-30 November 2017

Theme 12: Geoethics in Engineering Geology and georisk reduction (organized by IAPG - International Association for Promoting Geoethics). This theme will collect abstracts discussing ethical and social aspects in engineering geology, from theoretical to practical issues, including case-studies, with a special focus on ethical and social issues related to georisks reduction.

The Theme 12 is chaired by Surya Parkash (coordinator of IAPG-India) and Shree Prasad Vista (coordinator of IAPG-Nepal).

Deadline: 30 October 2017

Abstract submission: <http://iaegarc11ngs.com/>

Earth Sciences for Society

El Jadida/Marrakech (Morocco), 20-24 March 2018

Theme 9 "Geoethics". *Convenership: Peter Bobrowsky (Canada), Ezzoura Errami (Morocco), Silvia Peppoloni (Italy), Zakaria Hamimi (Egypt).*

Deadline: 30 October 2017

Read the circular: <http://iugs.org/uploads/First%20circular%204-1-2017-1.pdf>

8th GeoSciEd and 8th EnsinoGEO

Campinas (Brazil), 22-27 July 2018

IAPG is partner of the eighth edition of the Quadrennial Conference of the International Geoscience Education Organization – IGEO and eighth National Symposium of Earth Sciences Teaching and History. Thanks to Roberto Greco (IAPG continental coordinator for South America), geoethics was included among the themes of this event, in particular in the thematic line "Environmental Education, Education for Sustainability and Geoethics".

Deadline: 30 November 2017

Website: <https://www.ige.unicamp.br/geoscienced2018/en/>

CAPE TOWN STATEMENT ON GEOETHICS: NEWS

SGP - Sociedad Geológica del Perú (Peruvian Geological Society) and IAH – International Association of Hydrogeologists have endorsed the "**Cape Town Statement on Geoethics**". Currently, the "Cape Town Statement on Geoethics" is supported by 18 geoscience organizations:

International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)
European Federation of Geologists (EFG)
EuroGeoSurveys (EGS)
American Geophysical Union (AGU)
American Geosciences Institute (AGI)
Geological Society of America (GSA)
International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG)
International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH)
International Geoscience Education Organisation (IGEO)
African Association of Women in Geosciences (AAWG)
Young Earth Scientists Network (YES Network)
International Association for Geoscience Diversity (IAGD)
Italian Geological Society (SGI)
Peruvian Geological Society (SGP)
Geology for Global Development (GfGD)
South Asian Association of Women Geoscientists (SAAWG)
Geology in the Public Interest (GPI)
African Network for Geo-Education (ANGE)

Cape Town Statement on Geoethics

NEW NATIONAL SECTIONS



WELCOME TO IAPG-URUGUAY

The section will work under the responsibility of **Leda Sánchez Bettucci**, geologist, PhD researcher at the Instituto de Ciencias Geológicas (ICG), Faculty of Science, Universidad de la República, Uruguay. She is Academic founder and Head of the Geophysical Observatory of Uruguay.



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Fast Track 7: Geoethics at the heart of all geoscience

Edited by Silvia Peppoloni, Giuseppe Di Capua, Peter T. Bobrowsky, Vincent S. Cronin

Geoethics at the heart of all geoscience

Peppoloni Silvia, Di Capua Giuseppe, Bobrowsky Peter T., Cronin Vincent S. (Eds.)

Geoethics at the heart of all geoscience

Annals of Geophysics, 2017, Vol. 60, Fast Track 7

The first 7 papers of the new IAPG special volume on geoethics in Annals of Geophysics have been published online and are now available for **free download**:

- **Green Mining – A Holistic Concept for Sustainable and Acceptable Mineral Production** (by Pekka Nurmi)
- **Geoethics in science communication: the relationship between media and geoscientists** (by Franco Foresta Martin, Silvia Peppoloni)
- **A Concept of Society-Earth-Centric Narratives** (by Martin Bohle, Anna Sibilla, Robert Casals I Graells)
- **Delivering Sustainable Development Goals: the need for a new international resource governance framework** (by Edmund Nickless)
- **Furthering Ethical Requirements for Applied Earth Science** (by Martin Bohle, Erle C. Ellis)
- **Geosciences at the service of society: the path traced by Antonio Stoppani** (by Stefania Lucchesi)
- **Some Fundamental Issues in Geoethics** (by David M. Abbott)

Other 20 papers will be published in the next weeks.

We will keep you informed about the next papers that will be published in this volume.

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Other publications

Meller C. et al. (2017). **Acceptability of geothermal installations: A geoethical concept for GeoLaB**. Geothermics. Available online 14 August 2017. [Read here](#)

Mansur K.L. et al. (2017). **Contributions to a Brazilian Code of Conduct for Fieldwork in Geology: an approach based on Geoconservation and Geoethics**. Anais da Academia Brasileira de Ciências (Annals of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences), vol. 89, no. 1, supl. 0, 431-444, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/0001-3765201720170002>. [Read here](#)

AFFILIATIONS/AGREEMENTS



IAPG is a member organisation of the ICPHS - International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences

IAPG has become member organisation of the ICPHS - International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences on 6 August 2017, during the ICPHS General Assembly in Liège (Belgium).

Martin Bohle, IAPG Corresponding Citizen Scientist, represented IAPG in the ICPHS General Assembly (held at the World Humanities Conference) and gave a presentation about our Association.

Silvia Peppoloni, IAPG Secretary General, will represent IAPG in the ICPHS Executive Committee.

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PARTNERSHIPS



IAPG is partner of ICCCI 2017

International Congress on Climate Change and its Impacts – ICCCI, will be held from 29 November to 1 December 2017 in Huaraz City (Peru). Prof. José Macharé Ordoñez, IAPG member, is President of the ICCCI 2017 Congress. IAPG is partner of this event.

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EXHIBITIONS



MINERLIMA 2017

Lima (Peru), 10-12 November 2017

IAPG-Peru organizes MINERLIMA 2017, 3rd edition of the International Exhibition of Minerals (Feria Internacional de Minerales). This is an important event for promoting geoethics and geosciences in Peru. The venue will be the Spanish Center of Peru, Av. Salaverry 1910, Jesus Maria, Lima.

[More information](#)

TEACHING GEOETHICS



Training Course on "Ocean Governance, Sciences, Geoethics"

Valparaiso (Chile), 8 January-2 February 2018

IAPG is partner of a training course on "Ocean Governance, Sciences, Geoethics" organized by the International Ocean Institute (IOI) - Training Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean. This course is hosted by the Universidad de Playa Ancha - UPLA, at the Centro De Estudios Avanzados of UPLA. IAPG-Brazil (coordinator: Eduardo Marone) is in charge to prepare the module on geoethics in the training course.

[More information](#)

FROM THE IAPG BLOG



A quest: Citizen Science in Geosciences?

(by Martin Bohle, Belgium)

"... I seek information about citizen science projects/activities in geosciences; beyond geography. ...".

[Read here the full article](#)



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