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1. 2019 IUGS Annual Report is online

The 2019 IUGS Annual Report has been released. The report synthetizes the main initiatives, activities, outcomes and events carried out by the Union and its constituent groups during the 2019. You can read and download it [here](#).
2. IUGS TecTask Workshop: "Structural Geology in the 21st century"

A workshop entitled “Structural geology in the 21st century” was organized from 26-28 February 2020 in the Department of Geology and Geophysics, IIT Kharagpur, (INDIA). Prof. Manish A. Mamtani, Vice-Chair IUGS-TecTask was the convenor. 15 International Guest Speakers gave lectures to 215 participants (students/post-doctoral fellows/earlier career scientists). Bruce Hobbs (Australia), Alison Ord (Australia), Bernhard Grasemann (Austria), Paul Bons (Germany), Virginia Toy (Germany), Joern Kruhl (Germany), Rick Law (USA) and Enrique Gomez-Rivas (Spain) delivered their respective lectures in-person in IIT Kharagpur. Rodolfo Carosi (Italy), Domenico Liotta (Italy), Eugenio Fazio (Italy), Rosalda Punturo (Italy), Claudia Trepmann (Germany), Toru Takeshita (Japan) and Christoph Hilgers (Germany) could not attend the workshop in person due to corona virus outbreak related issues. Pre-recorded presentations, sent by those who could not physically come to deliver their talk, were played in the auditorium. The presentations were followed by a live SKYPE discussion after each recorded presentation. TecTask considers this workshop as the first in a series to be organized in future, which will be a giant leap to transform this task group to an International Association of Structural Geology and Tectonics.

Fig. 1 - Final photo with all the participants in the workshop.
3. News from IUGS - INHIGEO

"Anniversary": David Branagan, born 90 years ago and the Tikhomirov Award for the History of Geology in 2020

The INHIGEO Board decided that the 2020 Tikhomirov Award be awarded to David Branagan from Australia. David is well known internationally via his active INHIGEO membership including a term as INHIGEO President (1992-1996).

More information [here](#).

Fig. 2 - David F. Branagan (Australia)
4. **Obituary from the IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG)**

*Dr Roger Dixon, IUGS-IFG Officer for Africa*

Dr Roger Dixon passed away on Saturday 6 June 2020 following a brief struggle with cancer. Roger was born in 1959 and grew up in Cape Town. In the 1980s, he moved to Pretoria to work for the Geological Survey of South Africa. In 1995, he joined the South African Police Service (SAPS) Forensic Laboratories as a forensic geologist. He took part in several investigations including working with South African mines on gold, diamond and platinum theft. He also advised police forces in Russia, South America and Europe on methods to trace stolen gold. In 2013, Roger joined the Stoneman Laboratory at University of Pretoria and continued to support public roles as a forensic geologist. In 2015, he obtained his PhD for work related to gold theft. He co-authored the book, ‘Minerals of South Africa’ for the Geological Society of South Africa and had approximately 30 publications. Roger was a friend, a valued member of the IUGS-IFG and he contributed significantly to IUGS-IFG for over ten years. He will be missed and remains in our thoughts and memories.

![Fig. 3 - Dr Roger Dixon, Forensic Geologist, 1959-2020 (Photo: Prof Probert Fitzpatrick)](image)
EDITORS’ NOTES:
CONTRIBUTING TO THE IUGS E-BULLETIN, WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

IUGS wishes to improve the co-ordination of the publication of information on news, events and achievements arising from IUGS activities (not science reports or papers). All IUGS Commissions, Task Groups, Initiatives and IGCP projects are requested to provide a steady flow of material. Contributions from Adhering Bodies are also welcomed.

To aid co-ordination and standardization, IUGS has introduced a preferred format and a monthly timetable.

Format of submitted material:
Contributors should provide:

For the E-Bulletin: 2 or 3 sentences with between 1 and 3 illustrations (photographs, diagrams etc.) with captions as separate .jpg, .gif or .png files with a resolution of 150 dpi; optimally accompanied, by:

For the website: a concise text of about 0.5 to 1 A4 page (up to about 600-700 words), if possible providing a web-link (e.g. to an IUGS activity website).

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Timetable:

The idealized timetable for the E-Bulletin is:

1. IUGS sends a reminder to leaders of activities in the last week of each month;
2. Contributions should be provided by the 16th day of that month (items arriving after that date cannot be included in the next monthly issue);
3. IUGS will evaluate all submitted items in terms of urgency and will allocate these to the next monthly issue or a later issue and will also check that these comply with IUGS policy for publications and ethics;
4. The IUGS Team will aim to compile that month’s E-Bulletin by the 25th day of the month and send it to the IUGS Secretariat;
5. The IUGS Secretariat will dispatch the E-Bulletin to the IUGS Community on, or before, the last day of each month;
6. Long versions of material will be posted on the IUGS Website in coordination with the publication of the relevant E-Bulletin.

This timetable will be varied, as necessary, to allow for public holidays that affect the E-Bulletin Team and IUGS Secretariat such as Christmas and Chinese New Year.

NOTES

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