Candidate for IUGS Executive Committee

Position: Councillor 2022-2026

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Biography:

I am a doctor in Sciences and full professor at the University of Salamanca. I did a Master course in Portsmouth, UK, and a postdoctoral stay at McMaster university, Canada. During those periods I understood the importance to work in collaboration with international groups and that is reflected in my academic and research activities. I have worked in more than 35 research projects (regionals, nationals and internationals), in most of them as main researcher. I am author or co-author of more than 70 scientific papers, most in international, high impact journals; I have edited 4 books, and written several book chapters. I was Guest Editor of 5 special issues in JCR journals (Episodes, Geoscience Canada, Geoheritage, Sustainability, Fibers). I have contributed to more than 70 international meetings and coordinated 7 special sessions in the European Geosciences Union (EGU), from 2013 to 2019. I have also co-coordinated special sessions at IGCs: 2012 (Brisbane, Australia), 2016 (Cape Town, South Africa), 2020 (Delhi, India) and I organized the first Workshop on Heritage Stones in Salamanca, Spain, in 2018.

My first personal contact with IUGS was in 2012, at the IUGS EC meeting in San Sebastian, Spain. After using the Stratigraphic chart and the Streckeisen diagram for so many years, both as student and teaching at the university, and also for my own research, to meet the Executive Committee at the time was an inspiring experience. From that moment, I engaged in many of the IUGS activities, as I was a member of a Task Group, that later became a Subcommission, of which I am Secretary General at present, and also a member of COGE. My involvement with IUGS activities took me to be part of the IUGS Publications Committee in 2013, under the mentorship of Brian Marker, who was a role model of ethics, commitment and good work for me. I have been working hard to disseminate the valuable actions of the IUGS, using my work at the Heritage Stones Subcommission, the IGCP-637, of which I am the Principal Researcher, and as Chair of the Publications Committee since July 2018.

Statement:

From my experience working in different IUGS groups and activities, I think this is a perfect time to offer IUGS, as return, my experience and knowledge of the Union, and also to maintain the good work of the Executive Committee. I compromise to work hard to bring Geology closer to Society, as the best tool to understand natural risks menacing the present times, to try to increase the number of students in STEM subjects, and to involve Earth Science researchers from around the world in IUGS activities, with a priority in reaching equal rights and diversity in the working groups and research activities, both in gender and geography.