

To: Dr. Rasik Ravindra, Secretary General, 36th IGC
Prof. V.P. Dimri, President, 36th IGC



Re. Postponement and reschedule of the 36th IGC

June 20, 2020

Dear Dr. Ravindra,

Upon the information conveyed by you on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of 36th IGC on June 6, 2020, which informed that “...under the prevailing circumstances holding of 36th IGC on rescheduled dates (9-14th Nov., 2020) may not be a viable proposition due to uncertainty about continuance of the Covid-19 pandemic situation worldwide.”, “the proposed re-revised dates of 16-21 August 2021, for holding the 36th International Geological Congress have been approved by the Secretary, Ministry of Mines & Chair, Governing Body of 36IGC as also by the Hon'ble Minister of Mines, Government of India”, President Cheng immediately informed IGC Committee (IGCC) and the IUGS Executive Committee (IUGS EC). Both IUGS EC and IGCC had respective open discussions and reached censuses of agreeing the proposal of rescheduling the 36th IGC in the new dates.

On June 18 the IGCC had a motion (“...IGCC approves to postpone the 36th Geological Congress (36th IGC) from November 2020 to 16-21 August 2021 as proposed by the LOC of the 36th IGC...””) which was electronically conducted by the IGCC members. It was approved unanimously by the 8 members of the IGCC.

Therefore, I write on behalf of the IGCC to you, the LOC of 36th IGC, to implement the rescheduled IGC for the new dates in 16-21 August 2021.

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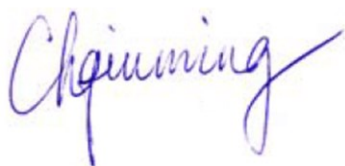
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The IGCC appreciates and urges the Government of India to continually provide necessary support to the LOC for planning for the rescheduled congress. It is essential for the LOC to closely work together with IUGS to rebuild the program and attract more participants to enhance the attendance of the congress. A new Memorandum of Understanding needs to be developed based on the existing one.

Finally, the IGCC appreciates the assessment of the potential impact of COVID-19 on planning for the postponement of the IGC. IGCC hopes, with the strong support from the Government of India and collective efforts of the LOC with other relevant organizations, the rescheduled 36th IGC to be a success.

Sincerely yours,



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