

NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR IUGS-COGE MEMBERSHIP

The International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) - Commission on Geosciences' education welcomes geoscience educators from all over the globe to join efforts. IUGS-COGE Members are Earth Sciences professionals and other experts with experience in Earth Sciences education or science communication/divulgateion.

IUGS-COGE membership is country-related and acquired by nomination. At least one IUGS-COGE ordinary (regular) member generally nominates associated members.

If an Earth science specialist is not sponsored by an IUGS-COGE Member but think they have enough expertise and can contribute to the commission activity, they can apply directly to the Board. A nomination form must be attached to any application.

Applications are especially encouraged from non-represented countries. The list of the IUGS-COGE members and countries is shown at the following link: <http://iugscoge.org/members.html>.

Nominations will be reviewed regularly by the IUGS-COGE Board, and the decision regarding acceptance will be assessed by virtual surveys. The list of new members will be announced in the Commission's correspondence to Members and published on the COGE social media links.

MEMBERSHIP: The Role of a COGE Member (based on: Annual Report from Chris King, 2019)

COGE values commissioners as national representatives and contributors to COGE objectives and initiatives. For their own countries and regions, they are expected to:

- Publicise IUGS and COGE
- Disseminate information on the educational strands of international conferences and other activities that COGE supports, together with other IUGS-COGE initiatives.
- Provide feedback to IUGS-COGE on the state of geoscience education and on activities and initiatives that support geoscience education in their areas.
- When possible, attend COGE meetings.

- Renew their wish to remain as COGE Commissioners every four years.

COGE members agree:

- To support IUGS rules and statutes;
- To promote international networking in geoscience education;
- To support the geoethical promise found at: <https://www.geoethics.org/geopromise>;
- To behave professionally and respectfully in all their activities and not become involved in discrimination, bullying, harassment or intimidation of any kind.
- To adhere to the commission's terms of reference, ethos and goals, as well as practise interpersonal geoethical values (Peppoloni & Di Capua, 2021) such as honesty, integrity, conviction, transparency and respect for others.

COGE Ordinary(Regular) Members:

- The term for regular members is 4 years, and there will be one representative per country.
- Have a record of demonstrated experience in Earth Sciences education or science communication.
- Can nominate and sponsor an ordinary and associate member every year.
- Will represent a Country in the Commission and have the right to vote on any proposals submitted to COGE.
- Can elect the Board of COGE.
- Can be eligible to be appointed for one of the positions on COGE Board.

COGE Associate Members

- The term for associate members is 4 years, and there will be one representative per country.
- Are professionals on Earth sciences who show interest in contributing to and participating in the Commission's goals/projects.
- Despite not voting, making nominations or being appointed in the Board, Associate Members benefit from COGE membership.

- After 4 years being associate members, those with increased activities and publications on Geosciences' education and/or communication of Earth Sciences could apply to become Ordinary Members.

BENEFITS OF COGE MEMBERSHIP

COGE members are kept informed about COGE resolutions and participate in:

- The commission projects/activities
- Promotion and diffusion of local/regional/national research initiatives on Geoscience education.
- Publication of individual and collective works on Geosciences education.
- Participating in international events aimed at improving the quality of geoscience education worldwide.
- Creating a supportive space to exchange ideas and discuss collaborative projects related to geoscience education.

HOW TO APPLY FOR COGE MEMBERSHIP

To apply to represent a country in COGE, applicants should read this nomination procedure, fill out the form found on the COGE website (section "Join Us"), and send an email to: contact_iugscoge@iugscoge.org with the subject: MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and your form attached.

Important: An applicant for regular membership must attach a brief CV (maximum of two pages) highlighting outreach and tutoring/mentoring activities.