

Minutes
M-001-2024-IUGS-COGE
COGE 1st General Assembly Meeting 2024

Date:	29 th March 2024
Time:	20.00 hours (Perth, Australia)
Place/Type (chair):	Virtual (Zoom meeting, hosted by Elvaene James)
Attendees:	Sandra Villacorta (SV), Ian Clark (IC), Elvaene James (EJ), Susanna Occhipinti (SO), Scott Miller (SM), Miguel Cano (MC), Ashvin Wickramasooriya (AW)
Apologies:	Geraldo Soto, Roberto Greco (RG), Susana Alaniz (SA)

Item	Description		
1	Quorum: There being seven (07) committee members present, a quorum was declared, and the meeting proceeded.		
2	Business arising from previous meetings/communications		
	Resolution	Responsible	Status
	Attending IUGS Executive Committee in Nairobi	SO	Completed
	Review past communications, be involved, respond on time, and comply with ToR.	All COGE members	Completed
	Introducing the Social Media team through COGE social media channels	Social Media Team	Ongoing
	To volunteer to promote COGE in different languages	All	Ongoing
	Prepare a report on strategies to improve collaboration with external partners (IGEO, EGU and others).	Board	Ongoing
	To submit national reports of involvement or representation of COGE locally	All	Ongoing
	Preparing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between COGE and IGEO	IR team, SV, SO and Sharon	Ongoing
	To program a webinar on geoscience education to feature the Chris King medal winner	IC	Pending
	Considering submitting a short video on their experience as COGE member	All	Pending
	Preparing a future survey strategy to start working on advocating for geoscience education policies	SV/IC	Pending
	Introducing as a new Associate member	Grisel Jimenez	Pending
3	Review of agenda subjects		
	Agenda subject	Action	Responsible
	COGE General updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the initial meeting of 2024, SV warmly welcomed all attendees. SV mentioned the preparation for IGC24 and that our session T26-S8 received 10 abstracts (10 orals, 2 posters). Each presenter will get 15 minutes. 	To prepare minutes of this meeting	EJ [done]
		To send the review of the	MC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV notified she will present during IGC24, a 4-year report (2021-2024) with a summary of the plan for the next 4 years (2025-2029). SV notified that IUGS has revised COGE's Terms of Reference (ToR), which is available on our website. Based on the insights of the past development survey, the ToR has been updated to include the creation of 2 new Sub-Commissions and specifications on members' responsibilities and the board functions. SV mentioned the IUGS Executive Committee report on COGE-IGEO collaboration, including the budget assigned by IUGS to both organisations. According to the report, COGE needs to refocus its activities on higher education. IC shared about the GeoSciEd X in Australia 2026, which is still in the early stages. The event will be held for 3 days (2 days for presentations and workshop and 1 day for field trip). Collaboration is between representatives of COGE, IGEO and Australian organisations. The event will be open to Australian and international participants. Furthermore, he informed of being currently part of the event's technical committee. SV elaborated on the proposal of integrating COGE into IGC 2028, as requested by the Australian team leading the bid to organise the next IGC in Australia. The proposal encompasses various sessions and activities to enhance geoscience education globally. 	MoU between COGE and EGU	
	To complete the membership report to IUGS	EJ
	To share the link to the report from IUGS Executive Committee on COGE-IGEO	EJ
<p>Summary of the IUGS EC meeting in Nairobi, Kenya</p> <p>SO informed on having presented the 2023 COGE Report and the 2024 plan-budget to IUGS EC during the meeting in Nairobi. She also discussed the challenges faced while conducting the GEFO programme, particularly the lack of support from countries with weak backgrounds in geoscience education. She suggested that our commission should plan more activities related to different levels of geoscience education, as IUGS requested. Lastly, She mentioned that she had submitted a detailed report to the COGE board and requested to share the link with all COGE members.</p>	To share the link to COGE Vice Chair report in this minutes.	EJ [done]
<p>Sub-commissions' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>International relations</i> <p>MC mentioned the IR team is working on the MoU with IGEO and EGU, and the team are in conversations to collaborate with the Association for Women Geoscientists and AGU Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>GEFO Program</i> <p>SO explained the plan for the next meeting of the GEFO program in preparation for the training or meeting of Field Officers in April 2024. The in-person training could be conducted in Africa and will be supported by the African Geological Society, or in EGU-EC for EU COGE in Barcelona in June 2024, depending on the budget. SO further explained that she will attend the upcoming EGU</p>	To send an update on the state of the MoU between COGE and IGEO	MC
	Report on the meeting to be held in April	SO
	Inform on the progress of new MoUs	International relations team

	meeting during GIFT in Vienna (April) and Athene (May) for the Barcelona Manifesto.								
	<p>Subcommittees reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Finances and Award</i> IC mentioned the budget and the current amount that COGE has. He suggested planning for the activities and the total budget so that the budget can be presented to IUGS for funding. IC also explained that IUGS will support the Chris King Medal winner's expenses for participation in IGC24 in Korea. • <i>Social media subcommittee</i> SM mentioned the new open position for the COGE LinkedIn account admin. As no one volunteered yet, he will oversee the account until the new admin takes over. He also requested that SO submit pictures and documentation about her trip to Nairobi to be posted on social media platforms. • <i>The publications subcommittee</i> SV communicated that she received the publications report from SA via email. The report indicates seven manuscripts are still under review, while one manuscript has been submitted for final review in our Episodes Special Issue. • <i>Membership committee</i> EJ mentioned that two new COGE Sub-commissions were being called for. SV added that two applications were received for the Public Outreach and Communication sub-commission, and one for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion sub-commission. The voting for these sub-commission membership will be conducted in early April 2024 to complete the report requested by IUGS. 	To follow up with the Chris King Medallist about expenses to Korea	IC						
		To attend the meeting for the GEFO Program and EGU24	SO						
		Ask COGE members to volunteer to be part of Social media team.	EJ						
		To launch elections of leaders of the new COGE subcommissions and inform the results	Membership committee						
4	<p>Closing of General Assembly</p> <p>SV mentioned that all the members should submit their teaching activities locally to be featured in COGE social media accounts. SV thanked everyone for their commitment and support.</p>	Submit relevant activities to be featured on COGE platforms.	All						
5	<p>Next meeting: to be organised by EJ</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Time</td> <td>TBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date</td> <td>Jun 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Place/Type</td> <td>Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting)</td> </tr> </table>			Time	TBA	Date	Jun 2024	Place/Type	Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting)
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6	<p>Meeting close: 20:47 hours (Perth, Australia)</p>								

Minute taker:	EJ
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