

Minutes
M-001-2026-IUGS-COGE
COGE – EOP – Jan/2026

Date & Time (Start)	8th January 2026, 12:00 hours (Cairo time, GMT+2)
End of the meeting (time)	11:55 PM
Location / Platform / Chair (lead)	Virtual / Microsoft teams / Sandra Villacorta (SV)
Attendees	Sandra Villacorta (SV), Kholoud Mahamed (KM), R. Baskar (RB), María Solari (MS)
Apologies / Absentees	Elvaene James (EJ), Susanna Occhipinti (SO). Monica Guzman (MG), Paul Palma (PP), Roberto Greco (RG), Clemencia Gomez (CG)

Item	Description			
1	Quorum: a quorum was established, and the meeting proceeded.			
2	Review of Previous Action Items / Follow-up			
	Action Item / Decision	Responsible	Status*	Deadline
	In coordination with the Board to assign a coordinator for the GEM campaigns	KM	P	Jan 2026
	Formalise a collaboration model for GEFO to avoid fragmented regional operations	Susanna O	P	Feb 2026
	Inform the COGE Board of the progress of pending tasks for the EOP subcommission	KM	P	N.A.
	Preparing a survey on the EOP strategy to work on advocating for geoscience education policies	KM	P	Feb 2026
	Coordinate the implementation of COGE's global outreach strategy and support the board in internationalising geoscience education efforts.	KM	P	Feb 2026
	Define a responsible for the Wikipedia Projects on Geoscience Education	KM	P	Jan, 2026
	Define the Public Awareness Campaigns	PP	P	Jan, 2026
3	Review of agenda subjects			
	Agenda Topics Discussion	Action / Key Decisions	Responsible	Deadline
	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the brief intro from each team member, SV highlighted the critical role of this team for containing the main programmes and projects of COGE. SV reiterated that EOP must function as a unified and coordinated subcommission, in line with the COGE Terms of Reference and IUGS expectations. 	Send formal email to all EOP members to confirm their specific roles, availability, and engagement for 2026.	KM	Jan, 2026
		1: 1 interview to clarify roles and expectatives into EOP	KM	Jan, 2026

<p>EOP Governance: Structure and Internal Logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key points discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EOP is expected to operate as a coordinated subcommission, not as a set of independent initiatives. ○ Clear links and coordination are required with other COGE teams, particularly International Relations, EDI, Awards, and Social Media. ○ The COGE Board and IUGS expect clear leadership, continuity, documented outputs, and timely reporting. ○ To avoid fragmented or isolated work, it was agreed that all EOP-related activity proposals will be coordinated through the EOP Lead. This approach will ensure timely information flow to the Board and facilitate coordination with the International Relations and Social Media teams, supporting broader participation and visibility. ● SV emphasized the need of following Board emails to align with high-priority tasks 	Follow up with RG to confirm which activity will oversee in EOP.	KM	Jan, 2026
	To report on activity progress to the EOP chair	All EOP leaders	Jan, 2026
<p>Towards implementing the EOP Plan for 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The group reviewed pending items from the last meetings. ● It was mentioned to prioritize the collaboration with the EGU Education Committee for the GEFO Programme. ● SV explained EOP Subcommission programs (GeoArt, GEFO, etc.) are integrated. ● The group reviewed priority activities for 2026, focusing on feasibility, visibility, and alignment with COGE strategic goals. (Google Drive) ● Identified priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ webinar/interview with Amelia Calonge (Chris King Medal 2025 Laureate). ○ continued visibility of EOP outreach actions ○ Public awareness campaigns coordinated with the Social Media Team ○ Educational workshops (teachers and public) ○ GeoArt programme as a flagship outreach activity 	Coordinate with the Board to finalize the integration of GEFO Programme activities into the EOP framework.	KM	NA
	Invite members to lead the Wikipedia Project	KM	Jan, 2026
	Coordinate the launch the GeoArt 2026 contest "The minerals that move your world"	CG	Jan, 2026
	Inform the Board regularly about progress and pending tasks.	KM	Jan, 2026
	Inform about the 2026 related to the GEFO Programme Workshops ensuring alignment with the Letter of Collaboration (LoC) with EGU Education	SO	Jan, 2026

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continued engagement with the GEFO Programme ○ The need to prioritise a limited number of high-impact activities rather than overloading the team was emphasized. ● Agreements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each core activity should have a clearly identified lead and expected outputs. ○ Collaboration with external partners should be purpose-driven and documented. ○ early and structured cross-team coordination to develop the annual EOP content plan. ○ The GEFO Programme Lead informed by email that programme activity has been affected by limited member responsiveness. A follow-up process will be initiated to clarify members' availability and continued engagement in the Programme. ● Xavier Juan, new regular member representing Spain will support the coordination of outreach activities, with additional contributions from MJ (Argentina). ● Confirmed dates for EOP webinars are required, with at least one week's notice. The team also agreed to relaunch the Geoscience Educator of the Month (GEM) initiative and to formalise its nomination process through an external form. ● The EOP Team will be responsible for providing updates on GeoArt, GEM, and other project-related communications. 	<p>Coordinate with the SocMed Team/COGE Board for the interviews/webinar featuring the 2025 CK Medallist.</p>	Xavier J	Jan, 2026
	<p>Distribute the template for regional webinar proposals to all EOP members.</p>	KM	Jan 2026
	<p>Coordinate with the Board to provide finalized webinar schedules</p>	KM	Jan, 2026
	<p>Formalize the GEM process/nomination form</p>	to be assigned	Jan, 2026
Any Other Business			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SV informed the Commission about the ongoing development of a White Paper, being prepared by COGE in collaboration with Australian colleagues involved in the organisation of GeoSciEd X, with anticipated contributions from the Publications Committee. The draft is expected to be shared in connection with GeoSciEd X. ● Members were reminded that updates to the 2026 Work Plan should be finalised in the coming weeks in line with agreed timelines. 	<p>share the plan to team members for further brainstorming.</p>	KM	Jan, 2026
	<p>Share a meeting minutes with attendees to review</p>	SV	Done
	<p>Circulate a Doodle poll to schedule a follow-up meeting.</p>	EJ	Jan, 2026

Adjournment / Meeting Closure	
The attendees agreed to follow up by email and schedule another meeting soon (to be arranged by KM)	
Next Meeting Information	
Date/Time	TBD
Place/Type	Virtual / TBD
Organizer	KM
Minute taker	SV
Date of Submission to attendees	09/01/2026
Date of Approval by the COGE Board	15/01/2026

Status: Completed (C), Ongoing (O), Pending (P)

