## Minutes

**M-002-2022-IUGS-COGE**

**Date:** 24th July 2022  
**Time:** 18.30 hours (Perth, Australia)  
**Place/Type (chair):** Virtual (Zoom meeting, hosted by Sandra Villacorta)

### Attendees:
- Sandra Villacorta Chambi (SV)  
- Greg McNamara (GM)  
- Ian Clark (IC)  
- Clara Vasconcelos (CV)  
- Roberto Greco (RG)  
- Miguel Cano (MC)  
- Shankar R (SR)  
- Yamina Bourgeoini (YB)

### Apologies:
- Gary Lewis  
- Young-Shin Park (YP)  
- Jesús Martínez Frías (JM)  
- María Jesús Bravo (MJB)  
- Gerel Ochir (GO)

### Item 1: Quorum
- There being seven (07) committee members present, a quorum was declared, and the meeting proceeded.

### Item 2: Business arising from previous meetings

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<td>Opening a calling for a COGE deputy chair</td>
<td>SV</td>
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<td>Draft a medal/award proposal to be sent to the committee members</td>
<td>SV / IC</td>
<td>In evaluation</td>
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<td>To create a commission which will evaluate and support field officers’ activity</td>
<td>Committee</td>
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<td>To prepare a nomination procedure for new IUGS-COGE members and send to committee for feedback</td>
<td>SV</td>
<td>Completed</td>
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<td>Send to SV previous reports and minutes</td>
<td>IC</td>
<td>Pending</td>
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<td>Updating website</td>
<td>GM</td>
<td>Pending</td>
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<td>Invite other professionals of countries not represented to apply as COGE members</td>
<td>Committee</td>
<td>It was received three applications</td>
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<td>To send more information about the participation in the next International Geological Congress</td>
<td>YP</td>
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### Item 3: Review of agenda subjects

**New members applications:**
- SV asked to evaluate the applications and mentioned that one application is subject to a complaint related to bad behavior. IG and GM proposed discussing this privately and waiting until having the results of the membership poll proposed by SV.

- Create a Poll for COGE members to vote:
  - What is the number of ordinary/associated members the commission should have?
  - What should be the number of
- It was agreed by consensus the questions to include in the poll.
- Also agreed: Without a response to the question on continuity in 2 weeks, members will be vacated of the commission.
- RG mentioned there are no members from sub-Saharan Africa
- GM reported there are members from:
  - Australia + USA = 2
  - South America = Europe
  - Asia
  - Africa
- According to IC, there are other inactive members to be contacted.
- SR said that COGE should look to members from under-represented countries, and geographical diversity is important.
- After questions on the criteria, SV pointed out that it is included on the Nomination Procedure. She mentioned the document is accessible in a Google Drive file shared to COGE members.
- SV mentioned the email of MJB about considering diversity and minorities
- When CV inquired about accessing all applications, SV indicated they are in the shared Google Drive folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KNlqXaqGYwiKFsFU4EFoPQPCw8-BpDTM?usp=sharing

### Chris King Prize
- IC said that a financial proposal should be included in the draft already approved. This could consider travel expenses of the winner when receiving the medal in an IGC special session.
- RG asked to consider a field officer could be eligible for the prize and to think about another reward for young Earth scientists.
- Agreed: winner of this prize will be offered to take part in the field officer training.
- CV pointed out, it is important not to forget the older geoeeducators who dedicated their entire careers to teach the new generations of earth sciences professionals.

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<th>Early Career fund support asked by IGEO officers</th>
<th>Not continue with the proposal</th>
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### IUGS Commission on Geoscience Education

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- SV reported that she had received emails from IGEO officers about exploring a funding opportunity with COGE.
- IC explained how to request this kind of funding and provided information on the process.
- RG said that it was an informal proposal and recommended not go ahead until the next president of IGEO would be elected.

**Next Commission’s steps**
- SV mentioned she reviewed COGE website, and it was noticed there are no terms of reference or statutes, conduct code or earlier reports in the webpage.

To create Terms of Reference or statutes of COGE following examples of other IUGS commissions  

| Committee |

4 **Next meeting:** to be organized by SV

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5 **Meeting close:** 19:40 hours (Perth, Australia)

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<td>Review:</td>
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