NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR IUGS-COGE MEMBERSHIP

The International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) - Commission on Geosciences’ Education cordially invites Earth Sciences professionals and experts in Earth Sciences education or science communication to join our global collaborative efforts.

IUGS-COGE membership is typically acquired through nomination by at least one IUGS-COGE ordinary (regular) member. However, we also welcome applications from Earth science specialists who believe they can contribute significantly to our mission.

We especially encourage applications from individuals residing in non-represented countries. To see the list of IUGS-COGE members and countries, please visit our website.

Applications, whether nominated or direct, will be reviewed by the COGE Membership Committee. The final decision for acceptance will be determined through an online voting process by COGE Regular members. The list of new members will be publicly announced through our Commission’s official correspondence and shared across COGE’s social media platforms.

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 updates to COGE on the state of geoscience education and on activities and initiatives that support geoscience education in their countries.
- Attend COGE meetings and contribute to our activities/projects.
- Renew their wish to remain as COGE Commissioners every year.

COGE members agree:

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1. To comply with IUGS By Laws and estatutes
2. To promote international networking in geoscience education
3. To support and practice the geoethical promise.
4. To behave professionally and respectfully in all their activities and not become involved in discrimination, bullying, harassment or intimidation of any kind.
5. To adhere to the commission’s terms of reference, ethos and goals, as well as practise interpersonal geoethical values such as honesty, integrity, conviction, transparency and respect for others (visit the website of IUGS Commission on Geoethics for more information).

**COGE 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 3 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 3 years being associate members, those with increased activities and publications on Geosciences' education and/or communication of Earth Sciences could apply to become Regular Members.

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BENEFITS OF COGE MEMBERSHIP

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

- The Commission subcommittee projects and activities.
- Promoting and supporting local, regional, and national research initiatives in Geoscience education.
- Showcasing individual and collective contributions to Geosciences education.
- Participation in global events focused on enhancing geoscience education worldwide.
- Fostering a collaborative environment to exchange ideas and collaborate on geoscience education projects.

DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR COGE MEMBERSHIP

To apply to represent a country in COGE, applicants should read this nomination procedure, fill out the online application form found on our website (section "Join COGE"), which includes the submission of the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV): Prepare a concise CV (up to two pages, 1.5 spacing) highlighting academic background, professional journey, research contributions, and especially involvement in education, outreach, and mentorship activities.
- Action Plan: Draft a brief statement, limited to 250 words, outlining vision and intended contributions as a COGE member. It can include ideas on how this plan to advance COGE’s initiatives and enhance global geoscience education.
- Expression of Interest (EOI): Write a statement, not exceeding 500 words (1.5 spacing), explaining personal motivation and presenting the current landscape of geoscience education in applicants’ country.
- Reference Letter: Provide one or more letters of support from esteemed geoscience organizations.

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