

Minutes
M-006-2023-IUGS-COGE
COGE 4th Quarterly Meeting 2023

Date:	1 st December 2023
Time:	21.00 hours (Perth, Australia)
Place/Type (chair):	Virtual (Zoom meeting, hosted by Sandra Villacorta)
Attendees:	Sandra Villacorta (SV), Ian Clark (IC), Elvaene James (EJ), Susanna Occhipinti (SO), Scott Miller (SM), Susana Alaniz (SA), Bourgeoisini Yamina (BY), Miguel Cano (MC), Roberto Greco (RG), Ashvin Wickramasooriya (AW), Sharon Locke (SL), Agogo Abraham (AA).
Apologies:	Geraldo Soto, Clara Vasconcelos

Item	Description		
1	Quorum: There being twelve (12) committee members present, a quorum was declared, and the meeting proceeded.		
2	Business arising from previous meetings/communications		
	Resolution	Responsible	Status
	Assessment of including other documents for new membership applications.	Regular members	Completed
	Opening a call for a COGE vice-chair and other members of the COGE Board	SV/IC	Completed
	Evaluate new membership applications	All	Completed
	To publicize the Barcelona Manifesto in Geoscience Education on COGE social media accounts	Social Media Team	Completed
	COGE Board election process	Elections Subcommittee	Completed
	To prepare for AGU Fall meeting	SV, SM and SL	Completed
	Nominate to apply for the open positions on the COGE Board	Regular members interested in the vacant positions	Completed
	To set up meetings with the candidates	Elections Subcommittee	Completed
	To launch and record candidates' presentation meeting.	Elections Subcommittee	Completed
	To publicize the interview of The Chris King Medal through COGE social media accounts	Social Media Team	Completed
	Set up a draft of the working plan 2024 for the members to complete.	SV	Completed
	To program webinar on geoscience education to feature CK medal winner	IC	Pending

	To introduce the SM team using our platforms	Social Media Team	Pending
	To publicize the internship of GEFO Program	Social Media Team	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
	Introduction of new Associate member	Grisel Jimenez	Pending
	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 review and contribute to elaborate 2023 Annual Report	All	Ongoing
	To review past communications to stay updated on tasks, collaborate, and be involved with subcommittee tasks as well as respond on time and comply with ToR.	All COGE members	On Going
	To submit missing national reports	All	Ongoing
3	Review of agenda subjects		
	Agenda subject	Action	Responsible
	<p>COGE General updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EJ extended a warm welcome to all attendees, especially to the new commissioner. • SV mentioned that COGE members attending AGU Fall meeting23 (SV, SM and SL) were busy preparing for the conference. She shared an overview of COGE's sessions with involvement from IGEO board members. • The elected COGE Board was announced, with SV as Chair, SO as Vice Chair, EJ as General Secretary, IC as Treasurer, and SM as Social Media Coordinator. • SV notified that 2 new members joined the IR Team while 1 member joined the Publication Team. MC is currently the newest leader, replacing RG in the IR Team. SV highlighted the need for more support in Committees like GEFO and Publications. • EJ briefly explained the summary of the 2023 Annual Report, including the budget. SV reminded everyone to review and contribute to the report, which is going to be submitted to IUGS in January. • SV indicated that committee reports must be added to the monthly Google Drive document that the SM Team prepares and shares with IUGS. • SV informed on being asked by IUGS to prepare the COGE strategy for international collaborations. 	To prepare minutes of this meeting	EJ [done]
		To complete presentations for AGU Fall meeting 2023	SV, SM and SL
		To publicize the internship of GEFO Program	Social Media Team
		To update 2023 Annual Report	All
		Refine the SWOT analysis, focusing on identified weaknesses and opportunities.	Board
		To send minutes of this meeting to	EJ

	attendees for review	
<p>COGE committees report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>The Chris King Awards The Chris King Awards will be presented at the IGC 24 Korea. Fundraising for Hector Lacreu is ongoing to enable him to receive the award in Korea.</p> <p>GEFO Program SO, explains that currently, there are 9 field officers under the GEFO Program who are from Asia (4), South America (2), and Africa (3). Feedback from officers and COGE members will be conducted via survey to gain insight into the program for future development and strategies. SO also mentioned the possibility of meeting all the FOs in person if the budget is sufficient. It was recommended advertising the GEFO internship on social media platforms.</p> <p>Social media SM elaborates that the social media team works on various tasks, such as campaigns for programs in social media platform, including the website, and collaborate with other subcommittees, such as IR and Publication teams, for COGE promotion. SM also suggested finding suitable photos of the COGE event represented on the website and personal, professional pictures to be posted on the website. SM suggested that everyone visit the website since more information related to geoscience education is freely available for public access. SM further elaborates on the presentation representing COGE in AGU 23. Sandra, Scott, and Sharon were there to promote COGE during the conference. Lastly, SM explained the overall performance of the recent study regarding the growth of followers in social media platforms and suggested improvements to increase traffic in the future.</p> <p>Publications SA explained the preparation of the December issue for the open-access journal publication published by National Autonomous Mexico and supported by COGE. SA further elaborates on the December articles' theme, which can divide into 3 types: 1) science: geology, atmospheric, environment, biodiversity, and sustainability; 2) social science: gender equality, gender violations, and women; and 3) pedagogy: problem-based learning.</p> <p>International relations MC introduces himself as the IR team's new leader, replacing RG. Currently, the IR team is focusing on</p> 	Allocate additional funds in COGE budget for Hector Lacreu to attend the IGC24.	IC
	Formalize partnerships with IGEO and EGU	International relations Team
	Conduct a survey under the GEFO Program for feedback	SO
	Prepare for the upcoming General Assembly and continue strategic planning.	All
	To actively participate in monthly reporting for IUGS e-Bulletin.	MC, SM, IC, SO, SA
	Subcommittee's planning for 2024 activities	MC, SM, IC, SO, SA
	Follow up on the Special Issue publication	SA
	Complete and submit articles to Episodes Special Issue on geoscience Education	Authors included in the Episodes Special Issue Proposal

	collaborating with IGEO to enhance geoscience education worldwide.		
	<p>Membership: resignation, new applications, and introduction of new members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV announced that Aku Heinonen resigned as regular member for attending personal commitments. EJ mentioned the result of 2 new applications of membership for regular members from Costa Rica and Africa. Agogo Abraham introduced himself as the new elected Regular member of COGE from Nigeria. He further explains his background as a mining engineer and how he is actively involved with university student activities. The introduction of COGE new Regular Member Gerardo Soto (Costa Rica) is still pending. 	Welcoming to new members in Social Media	Social Media Team
		Pending the introduction as a new regular member	Gerardo Soto
		Request Agogo and Gerardo to join a committee of their interest	EJ
	<p>2024 Working Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EJ discussed the 2024 Working Plan and received suggestions from attendees for planned activities in the upcoming year. SM suggested that members include timelines when setting goals. SV mentioned that the proposed 2024 Working Plan is open to member editing and planning suitable activities for COGE's needs. Realistic goal setting was requested to facilitate the IUGS Executive assessment. SM, EJ, SC, and MC commented on the activities of the International Geoscience and Geopark Program and discussed the relevance of this program to COGE. 	Update the 2024 working plan with realistic and achievable goals.	All
4	<p>Special Discussion on Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC, SV, SL, SO and RG discussed the importance of partnership and future collaboration with IGEO. This is due to the complementary similarity in the objectives between the 2 organizations, and working together will be a sustainable approach that benefits both organizations. SV discussed the need for clear communication and formalized partnerships, particularly with IGEO. She proposed drafting a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to formalize our activities fostering not overlapping but contribution to each other and called for SL's collaboration in conveying the message to the IGEO board. RG shared historical information into the separate formations of IGEO and COGE and suggested that understanding past conflicts might help resolve current issues among IGEO and COGE members. SL addressed the difficulty of her position, striving for trust and support. She requested understanding of her challenging role, urged for trust in her efforts to support and navigate complex situations, and 	Prepare and share with Board and International Relations Team a draft of MoU with IGEO	SV
		Discuss MoU with SL during AGU23	SV
		Review and update MoU COGE-IGEO	COGE Board and International Relations Team
		Members to collaborate in resolving tensions among IGEO and COGE and	All

	<p>expressed commitment to supporting navigating tensions among both organisations' members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV expressed solidarity towards the attendees' concerns and stressed the importance of maintaining effective communication and mutual respect between all parties. She also emphasized the need to work together and find common ground to overcome any differences and promote collaborative progress. 	<p>enhancing cooperation.</p>	
		<p>Prepare and share with Board and International Relations Team a draft of COGE Strategy for international collaborations</p>	<p>SV</p>
5	<p>Closing of General Assembly SV congratulated and thanked the support commissioners for their commitments, comments and ideas related to COGE. SV wishes all members for this coming festive season with beloved family and friends.</p>		
6	<p>Next meeting: to be organized by EJ</p>		
	Time	8:00 PM (AWST)	
	Date	January 12, 2024	
	Place/Type	Virtual (Zoom meeting)	
6	<p>Meeting close: 22:30 hours (Perth, Australia)</p>		
Minute taker:		EJ	
Review:		Attendess	
Date:		10-01-2024	