

Minutes
M-004-2024-IUGS-COGE
COGE 4th Quarterly Meeting 2024 (End of the Year)

Date:	13 th December 2024
Time:	21.00 hours (Perth, Australia)
Place/Type (chair):	Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting), hosted by Elvaene James)
Attendees:	Sandra Villacorta (SV), Elvaene James (EJ), Susanna Occhipinti (SO), Sharon Locke (SL), Susana Alaniz (SA), Liliana Corona (LC), Marian Sepah (MS), Jorge Gomez (JG), Daniela Mateus (DM)
Apologies:	Ian Clark (IC), Abraham Agogo (AA), Roberto Greco (RG), Geraldo Sato (GS), Miguel Cano (MC), Enas Ahmed (EA)

Item	Description		
1	Quorum: Nine (09) committee members were present, establishing a quorum, which allowed the meeting to proceed.		
2	Business arising from previous meetings/communications		
	Resolution	Responsible	Status
	Conducting surveys and data collection for the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion sub-commission.	LC	Complete
	To send Chris King Medal to Hector Lacreu in Argentina	IC	Complete
	Organizing COGE Quarterly Meeting for December 2024.	EJ	Complete
	Delegate actions on the international relations subcommission	MC	Complete
	To reach out to MS about her support for the GEFO programme workshop	SO	Complete
	To send Chris King Medal to Hector Lacreu in Argentina	IC	Complete
	Prepare flyer/campaign to welcome our new member from Ghana	Scott Miller	Complete
	To Launch campaign GEMs	Scott Miller	Complete
	To prepare advertising for Chris King medal presentation in Argentina	EA	Complete
	To submit info on our Special Issue once the edition is completed to create advertisement	SA	Complete
	Planning the next webinar for Spanish-speaking countries.	AA and EA	Ongoing
	To follow up with membership activity and request info to those inactive members	EJ	Ongoing
	To organise POC series of webinars	AA	Ongoing
	Plan and conduct activities for EDI in the year 2025	LC	Pending

	Follow up the MoU with EGU-COGE	JG	Ongoing
	To program a webinar on geoscience education to feature the Chris King medal winner	RG	Pending
	To promote COGE in different languages	All	Pending
	Submit national reports of involvement or representation of COGE locally	All	Pending
	Inform on the progress of new MoUs	JG	Pending
	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	POC	Pending
	Implementing the outreach strategy to raise awareness of geoscience education worldwide and collaborating with the COGE Board to internationalise efforts.	AA	Pending
	Inform COGE Board on the pending task of the POC subcommission	AA	Pending
	Submit members activities to be featured on COGE platforms	All	Pending
3	Review of agenda subjects		
	Agenda subject	Action	Responsible
	COGE General updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV and EJ warmly welcomed all attendees at the meeting, especially the new Regular Member, JG, and the Associate Member DM. SV explained the results of the recent Development Survey 2024 – 3, which covered three sections: Section 1 on the GEFO Programme, Section 2 on improvements related to roles and tasks, and Section 3 on finance. SV notified attendees that the feedback received will enhance the GEFO Programme's effectiveness and allow improvements to our Terms of Reference for achieving our goals in a sustainable manner. 	To prepare minutes of this meeting	EJ [done]
		Organising the General Assembly scheduled for Jan 2025.	EJ
		Incorporating feedback from Dev survey 24-3 into the ToR and send a new one for member approval.	EJ
	Sub-commissions' Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equality, Diversity and Inclusion LC explained about the recent survey she had done and, based on the results, will plan the next activities for 2025. LC also warmly invited others to join the team to support the subcommission. SV celebrated LC's efforts, which	Inform to COGE Board on the planification of the webinar series for Spanish-speaking countries.	AA

<p>promises to transform the EDI culture within the geoscience community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicity, Outreach and Communication (POC) On behalf of POC members, SV explained that two webinars were held, and recordings will be uploaded soon to our YouTube channel. She notified POC members are currently planning webinars for the year 2025 and mentioned report from RG who visited Colombia and got contacts to support the next webinar focused on Spanish-speaking countries, in which he will be collaborating with JG. Another POC activity is the Scientific Symposium planned in Egypt by Cairo University in February 2025, promoted by Kholoud Mohamed, our associate member, to introduce the commission to students and the geoscience community. International relations JG explained that he recently assumed leadership, replacing MC. He also mentioned the confirmation of the MoU between EGU-COGE, which Jean Luc Berenguer, the EGU Education representative, had confirmed. SL added that the MoU with IGEO is planned to be finalised soon. GEFO Programme SV explained on behalf of the GEFO chair that there was recently appointed a new Field Officer, Muhammad Hanif, from Pakistan. SV elaborated on the plan for expanding the network, while in 2025, 2 workshops will be held in African and South American countries. Also mentioned that after deliberation and following recommendations of the Board and regular members included in the Development Survey 4, the criteria for selecting field officers had been modified, while COGE Social Media Team will collaborate with the GEFO Programme on promoting field officers in social media to increase the visibility of this subcommission. 	<p>Coordinate with Spanish-speaking commissioners for and plan the webinar series focused in Latin-America and The Caribbean region.</p>	AA
	<p>Plan and conduct activities for EDI in the year 2025</p>	LC
	<p>Follow up the MoU with EGU-COGE</p>	JG
	<p>Implementing feedback from Dev survey 2024 -3 in the GEFO Programme</p>	SO
	<p>Complete budget calculation for the GEFO Workshop 2025 in Africa</p>	MS
<p>Subcommittees reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media On behalf of EA, who couldn't attend the meeting due to being on a field trip, SV explained that continuously posting flyers on social media platforms boost the commission's visibility. SV praised the team's excellent work and dedication despite the interruption while changing the leadership, which is now under the leadership of EA. Finances SV, presented a report prepared by IC, mentioned that COGE's finances as of December amount to USD 11,675. The financial breakdown included fees, administration, and COGE Leaders travel expenses. Award 	<p>Prepare the VIDEO for Dr Lacreu speech at the Argentinian Geological Congress 2024 when receiving CK medal</p>	LC
	<p>Coordinating uploading new videos on COGE YouTube channel</p>	EA
	<p>Submitting a report of COGE Activities to IUGS E-Newsletter editor</p>	EA

	<p>SV explained that RG had taken over the leadership. She also shared that a ceremony for the Chris King Medal, with Dr. Hector Lacreu as the winner, was held in Argentina during the Argentinian Geological Congress held in November. A recording of Lacreu's speech will be posted on the COGE YouTube Channel shortly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The publications <p>SA elaborated on the success of seven publications in the December Special Edition of the IUGS Episodes Journal of International Geoscience and mentioned nine other articles in the Journal "Teaching and Communication of Geosciences" from CGEO-UNAM after our MoU. She expressed her desire to retire from the Publications committee next year and invited JG and DM to join the team. SV commended SA's excellent work, which allowed the successful launch of our first Special Issue in Episodes, which will be advertised soon by the social media team of COGE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership <p>EJ highlighted recent leadership changes in COGE's sub-commissions and committees. Scott Miller transitioned to Associate Member, while EA has become the new Social Media Coordinator, and LC is the new webmaster. JG now leads the IR Subcommittee to strengthen international relationships, while RG has taken over the Awards Committee. She also welcomed new members JG and DM from Colombia, enhancing our reach, and notified attendees of receiving an application from Bolivia's representative, further diversifying our commission. Finally, EJ reminded attendees that active participation is essential for achieving COGE's goals. EJ stressed the need to engage with inactive members and reaffirmed that the reorganization of committees is ongoing to improve the effectiveness of our actions, demonstrating our commitment to effectively fulfil COGE's tasks.</p>	<p>Preparing advertising for the launch of our special issue in IUGS Journal Episodes</p>	<p>EA</p>
		<p>Implementing feedback from Dev survey 2024 -3 in the Finances management of the commission</p>	<p>IC</p>
		<p>Changing the COGE bank account to an international one</p>	<p>IC</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Welcoming New Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG introduced himself, sharing his several years of experience in research and outreach. He highlighted his work on geological research and publications, as a member of the Commission for the Geological Map and during his tenure as the President of South America. • DM, our new associate from Colombia, introduced herself and shared her experience in fieldwork and publishing, both locally and internationally. She currently works at the Colombian Geological Survey. 	<p>Informing COGE Bord which sub-commission/committee she will be integrating</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Reports to the IUGS Executive committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SV reminded all regular members that they must contribute to the 2024 Report of Activities, which will be sent to the IUGS in January 2025 (deadline 10 of 	<p>Contribute to the 2024 Report of Activities and 2025 Working Plan to IUGS</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>January). She requested that everyone provide input on the activities to be included in the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV also reminded attendees that she recently sent the link to our commission's 2025 Working Plan. Reports from each sub-commission and committee must be included in this 2024 report to the IUGS executive. After the finance committee evaluates the commissioners' plans for 2025, including corresponding budgets, the report will be approved by the Board. 	Submit the 2024 Report of Activities and 2025 Working Plan to IUGS	SV
6	<p>Others of Interest and Closing of General Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL mentioned that IGEO is offering support to South America, particularly regarding financial assistance for countries wishing to participate in the Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2025. She welcomed other countries that have never joined the IESO to participate in the event. SV thanked everyone for their continuous support and wished everyone a blessed Festive Season of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025. 	Submit relevant activities to be featured on COGE platforms.	All
7	Next meeting: to be organised by EJ		
	Time	TBA	
	Date	March, 2025	
	Place/Type	Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting)	
6	Meeting close: 22:00 hours (AWT)		
Minute taker:		EJ	
Review:			
Date:			