

Minutes
M-003-2024-IUGS-COGE
COGE 2nd Quarterly Meeting 2024

Date:	21 th June 2024
Time:	20.00 hours (AWST)
Place/Type (chair):	Virtual (Zoom meeting, hosted by EJ)
Attendees:	Sandra Villacorta (SV), Ian Clark (IC), Elvaene James (EJ), Ashvin Wickramasooriya (AW), Abraham Agogo (AA), Enas Abdel-Hadi Ahmed (EA)
Apologies:	Susanna Occhipinti (SO), Scott Miller (SM), Miguel Cano (MC), Geraldo Soto, Roberto Greco (RG), Susana Alaniz (SA), Liliana Corona (LC)

Item	Description		
1	Quorum: With seven (07) committee members in attendance, a quorum was established, allowing the meeting to proceed.		
2	Business arising from previous meetings/communications		
	Resolution	Responsible	Status
	Prepare a report on strategies to improve collaboration with external partners (IGEO, EGU and others).	SV	Complete
	To complete the membership report to IUGS	EJ	Complete
	To send the review of the MoU between COGE and EGU	SO	Complete
	To follow up with the Chris King Medallist about expenses to Korea	SV	Complete
	To attend the meeting for the GEFO Program and EGU24	SO	Complete
	Ask COGE members to volunteer to be part of the Social media team.	EJ	Complete
	To organize the election for the leaders of the new COGE sub commissions, and to inform the results	EJ	Complete
	To share the link to the report from IUGS Executive Committee on COGE-IGEO and the link to COGE Vice Chair report.	EJ	Complete
	To submit COGE Summary Report 2020-2024 to IUGS	SV	Ongoing
	To volunteer to promote COGE in different languages	All	Ongoing
	To submit national reports of involvement or representation of COGE locally	All	Ongoing
	To program a webinar on geoscience education to feature the Chris King medal winner	IC	Pending
	Coordinate a campaign for introducing the Social Media team through COGE social media channels	SM	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	COGE Board	Pending
	Introducing as a new Associate member	Grisel Jimenez	Pending
	To send an update on the state of the MoU between COGE and IGEO	MC	Pending
	Report on the meeting of GEFO to be held in April	SO	Pending
	Inform on the progress of new MoUs	MC	Pending
3	Review of agenda subjects		
	Agenda subject	Action	Responsible
	<p>COGE General updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV warmly welcomed all attendees that attended the meeting, especially the new Regular Member which is Enas Abdel-Hadi Ahmed (EA). EA expressed her gratitude for accepting her as one of the committee members in IUGS-COGE and is also ready to contribute as a Regular Member. SV explained the completion of material preparation for the IUGS booth at the 37th IGC24 that was requested by IUGS. SM, SA, LC, SO, and EJ prepared it. SV further explained the details of the IGC24 COGE Session, stating that Hector Lacreu, the scheduled Keynote Speaker, will not be able to attend. Sharon Locke will replace him to deliver the Keynote Speech during the session. It was announced that SV, SL, EJ, MC and Sharon Locke are attending IGC24 and will meet and participate in the session. SV mentioned the COGE Development Survey 2024-2 that was successfully conducted and had shown a majority agreement for amendments in the COGE's Terms of Reference (ToR). IC announced that the IGEO conference (GeoSciEd-X) will take place in mid-2026 in Adelaide, Australia. He mentioned that educators from all over the world are invited to attend, and further details will be communicated in due course. 	To prepare minutes of this meeting	EJ [done]
	<p>COGE Summary Report 2020-2024</p> <p>SV requested that all members provide the necessary information for the report by the end of June, before its submission to IUGS. It has been clarified that the full report will be presented during IGC24.</p>	To send a full report to IUGS	SV
	<p>Sub-commissions' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</i> <p>LC explained the Working Plan for the subcommission in 2024 via recorded video. Currently, the subcommission is conducting surveys and data collection and expects to have meetings with international organizations on EDI to collaborate on women and geoscience education.</p>	To conduct meeting with AWG	LC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Outreach</i> AA outlined its submission plan to raise awareness of geoscience education among Nigerians. His strategy involves engaging policymakers, students, and educators in Nigeria. He has initiated discussions with the President of the Africa Geological Society for potential future collaborations. He also expressed interest in leveraging COGE's social media platforms to broaden the reach of its outreach initiatives. SV advised AA to collaborate closely with the COGE Board to internationalise their efforts, as mandated by IUGS. She emphasized the importance of a global approach and the need to foster collaborations with international partners. ● <i>International relations</i> SV mentioned that International Relations is currently finalising the MoU with EGU Ed-COGE, and MC is working closely with SO on this part. The subcommission, together with EJ and SL, is also working on the external organization to reinforce Equability, Diversity, and Inclusion in geoscience. ● <i>GEFO Program</i> SV explained that the latest application for the GEFO program and the planned training in Africa are still ongoing since they are related to budget and collaboration with organizations in Africa. 		
<p>Subcommittees reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Finances and Award</i> IC explained that since Chris King Medallist Dr Hector Lacreu cannot attend the IGC24 in Korea, his medal will be sent to Argentina where he is located. COGE will conduct a webinar for Dr Lacreu to deliver his acceptance speecha dn his keynote Citizen Geology. ● <i>The publications subcommittee</i> SV shared SA's report and mentioned that 5 articles have been approved and formatted for the Episode Special Issue Vol. 47-4, December 2024. Currently, the subcommittee is working with the Journal of Geoscience Teaching (in Spanish) Ensenanza y Comunicacion de las Geociencias June 2024, Vol. 3-1, which will be published by the Autonomous University of Mexico. ● <i>Membership committee</i> EJ mentioned that EA from Egypt is the latest Regular Member of COGE, while Yong-Shin Park from Korea has joined the GEFO program. EJ also reminded all the members to stay active while contributing by working together within the commission. SV added that everyone should always be responsible as members of the 	<p>To send Chris King Medal to Hector Lacreu in Argentina</p>	<p>IC</p>

	commission and that working together increases the visibility of COGE.			
4	Closing of General Assembly SV thanked everyone for their commitment, collaboration and support and wished everyone well.		Submit relevant activities to be featured on COGE platforms.	All
5	Next meeting: to be organised by EJ			
	Time	TBA		
	Date	September 2024		
	Place/Type	Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting)		
6	Meeting close: 21:00 hours (AWST)			
Minute taker:		EJ		
Review:		Attendees		
Date:		20-07-24		

