

Minutes
M-003-2025-IUGS-COGE
COGE 1st Quarterly Meeting 2025

Date:	27 th June 2025
Time:	21.00 hours (Perth, Australia)
Place/Type (chair):	Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting), hosted by Elvaene James)
Attendees:	Sandra Villacorta (SV), Ian Clark (IC), Rodrigo Gutierrez, (RGU), Rok Brajkovic (RB), Marian Sepah (MS), Liliana Corona (LC), Susanna Occhipinti (SO), Enas Ahmed (EA), Monica Guzman (MG)
Apologies:	Elvaene James (EJ), Sharon Locke (SL), Roberto Greco (RGr)

Item	Description		
1	Quorum: With nine (09) committee members in attendance, a quorum was established, allowing the meeting to proceed.		
2	Business arising from previous meetings/communications		
	Resolution	Responsible	Status: Completed (C), Ongoing (O), Pending (P)
	Organise the round table for Spanish-speaking countries	Romina Celabe	C
	To sign the MoU with IAEG Peru on behalf of COGE	SO	C
	To coordinate with EA for advertising the COGE-IAEG Peru MoU	SV	C
	Uploading edited videos on the COGE YouTube channel	LC	C
	Update the Chris King medal section on COGE Website	LC	C
	Report on the new international COGE's bank account	IC	C
	To launch a campaign for the Chris King Medal calling of applications	EA	C
	Inform on the new leader of the COGE Publications committee	EJ	C
	To monitor membership activity and request info from those inactive members	EJ	O
	Explore sponsorship for IESO 2025 participation from Latin American countries	SV	O
	Follow up on the LoC EGU Ed-COGE and coordinate communication with Stavros Stathopoulos	SO	O
	To submit national reports of involvement or representation of COGE locally	All	O
	To promote COGE in different languages	All	O
	Plan and conduct activities for EDI	LC	O
	Submitting a short video on their experience as a COGE member	All	P

	Submit relevant activities to be featured on COGE platforms	All	P
	Coordinate with EA to convert material for the EDI campaign into GEM campaign	LC	P
	Prepare the Video for Dr Lacreu speech at the Argentinian Geological Congress 2024 when receiving CK medal	LC	P
	Develop a collaboration framework to operationalise MOUs (beyond formal signing)	SL	P
	Send information on COGE activities to the AGU leadership.	SL	P
	Ask Miguel how he can contribute to this team	SL	P
	Consider regular reporting to MoU partners to promote joint visibility and activity.	SL	P
	Inform on the progress of new MoUs	SL	P
	Formalise a collaboration model for GEFO to avoid fragmented regional operations	SO	O
	Follow up on the activities of the new COGE leaders	SO	O
	To share with the Board the project for the next GEFO workshop in LAC	SO	P
	Inform the COGE Board of the progress of pending tasks for the POC subcommission	Kholoud M	P
	To organise new POC regional webinar series	Kholoud M	P
	Preparing a survey on POC strategy to start working on advocating for geoscience education policies	Kholoud M	P
	Implementing COGE's global outreach strategy and supporting the Board in internationalising geoscience education efforts	Kholoud M	P
	Assess the potential for the white paper and strategy document post-MoU signing	SV	P
	Inform on approval of 2025 Plan and new ToR from IUGS Exec Committee	SV	P
	Follow up on Paraguay collaboration initiative	Romina Celabe	P
	Submitting a report of COGE Activities to the IUGS E-Newsletter editor	EA	P
	Follow up on potential collaboration with the DAAD-affiliated education group	EA	P
	To share recap posts for past events that were not published on time.	EA	P
	Implementing feedback from the Development survey 2024 -3 in the Finance management of the commission	IC	P
	Report on new financial management improvements	IC	P
3.	Review of agenda subjects		
	Agenda subject	Action	Responsible

<p>Welcoming New Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV warmly welcomed all attendees at the meeting, especially the new Regular Member, Rok Brajkovic (RB). Rok Brajkovic (RB) introduced himself and explained that he is currently working with EU projects and has experience creating geology learning toolkits. He expressed interest in collaborating with the members and joining a committee/subcommission soon. 	Prepare a campaign to welcome RB as our new regular member	EA [Done]
	Welcome message to new members	MS
<p>General updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV notified the ongoing organisation of the Education and Outreach Programme for the 37th International Geological Congress 2028 (IGC 2028). She also mentioned some of the key proposals, including the GEFO programme, participation of the EDI sub-commission, the training workshop for teacher and student mentoring and hosting the COGE General Assembly and that SO is part of the organising committee. SV explained that COGE is still waiting for the official feedback from the IUGS EC regarding the operational budget, including support for ongoing programmes such as GEFO, subcommissions and outreach, the MoU and also development of educator resources and collaborations. Notification will be sent out to all members once the IUGS EC has given feedback. SV mentioned the Voting Form for the Leadership and Membership Appointment and congratulated Romina for being promoted as a Regular Member. She also mentioned that Romina had successfully organised the Latin American Youth Science Educational Community 	To prepare minutes of this meeting	EJ [done]
	To inform on the progress of the organisation of IGC 28 Geoeducation session	SO
	Inform on approval of 2025 Plan and new ToR from IUGS Exec Committee	SV
<p>Sub-commissions' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</i> LC explained that the recent exhibition “The Girl Who Brought Me Here” was inaugurated at the Gomez Morin Educational and Cultural Centre in Mexico, and was organised by the Institute of Geoscience, sponsored by COGE. <i>Publicity, Outreach and Communication</i> Pending report from Kholoud M on the current activities in place. She submitted her EOI and 2025 draft plan. <i>International relations</i> SV explained on behalf of SL that the EGU Ed-COGE Letter of Cooperation was confirmed by the EGU Education representative. The MoU between COGE and IGEO is still pending and waiting for feedback from IGEO. It was also informed that SL submitted her EOI and 2025 draft plan. 	Follow up with the MoU COGE-IGEO	SL
	Submit the International Relations Subcommission 2025 Plan for the Board's feedback	SL [Done]
	Submit the POC Subcommission 2025 Plan for the Board's feedback	Kholoud M [Done]
	Recap on the EDI event	LC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEFO Programme SO reported the recent joining of two new Field Officers from Libya and Nigeria, contributing to the program's regional growth. She also introduced the revised internal structure, which now includes regional coordination groups for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), and Asia, aimed at strengthening local engagement and responsiveness. Additional updates included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of a reporting and monitoring system to better track field officer activities and outcomes. Implementation of an activity framework, outlining expected deliverables and alignment with COGE goals. Launch of a branding and visibility strategy, designed to enhance recognition of GEFO's work at regional and global levels. Ongoing efforts for network expansion, including outreach to potential collaborators and institutions. <p>SO also announced the upcoming GEFO Logo Contest, coordinated by Monica Guzman, who was recently appointed as the GEFO Coordinator for the LAC region. The contest aims to foster ownership and identity across the program and will be launched shortly.</p>	organised in March		
	Inform the COGE Board of the progress of pending tasks for the POC subcommission	Kholoud M	
	Inform on the progress of MoU with IGEO	SL	
	Committees reports	Follow up with IUGS EC	EJ
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media EA expressed her gratitude to the team members for their support and collaboration and congratulated the constant activity.. 	Process the refund once received from IUGS EC.	IC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finances IC reported that COGE's finances have not yet received any funding from IUGS for this year's operation. He explained that expenses up to date consist of fees, administration costs, and senior officer travel expenses. 	Publish results of voting to validate acting chairs	MS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership SV mentioned that COGE welcomed two new Regular Members from Mexico and Slovenia, and one Associate Member from Mexico. She also mentioned the launch of process to validate 2 acting chairs and assessment of new applications for membership from Paraguay, Colombia, Chile, Iraq and India. reminding all members to vote on time and be active in the sub-commissions and committees. 	Publish results of assessment of new membership applications	MS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards On behalf of RGr, SV informed of the closure of the applications for the Chris King medal and the upcoming selection of an eligible panel evaluator 	Submit a list of eligible members of the Chris King medals panel evaluator	RGr [Done]
		Submit a report of progress on	Clara vasconcelos

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publications <p>Pending report from Clara V on the current activities in place. She submitted her plan by email.</p>	the planned special issue	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other points of interest SV mentioned the 10th International Conference on Geoscience Education that will be held in Australia in 2026, and that IC is part of the organising committee. IC explained that all members will have a chance to submit their articles or consider attending the event and requested support to promote it using COGE social media platforms. SV submitted on behalf of RGr a message on the opportunity for master's and PhD candidates to apply for the GCUB International Mobility Program, a fund from Brazilian universities and getting the funding of the international grant. 	to prepare a promotion on X Geosiced and submit to the Board for approval	EA [Done]
		to prepare promotion of the GCUB International Mobility Program grant	SV [Done]
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing of the General Assembly <p>SV mentioned that everyone should review the previous minutes to catch up with ongoing activities on the website. She also asked everyone for collaboration to continue expanding the network in unrepresented countries and look for organisations that want to collaborate with COGE. Finally, she thanked everyone for their continuous support and wished everyone a nice weekend.</p>	Submit relevant activities to be featured on COGE platforms.	All
7	Next meeting: to be organised by EJ		
	Time	TBA	
	Date	September 2025	
	Place/Type	Virtual (Microsoft Team meeting)	
6	Meeting close: 22:06 hours (Perth, Australia)		
Minute taker:		EJ	
Review:			
Date:			