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International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG)

Potential Information for IUGS E-Bulletin

Submission for July 2020

Each month IUGS requests a couple of headlines for potential inclusion in the IUGS E-Bulletin, for global circulation to about 16,000 members, in approximately 122 countries. The proposed IFG items for inclusion for July 2020 are as follows:

Dr Roger Dixon, IUGS-IFG Officer for Africa

Dr Roger Dixon passed away on Saturday 6 June 2020 following a brief struggle with cancer. Roger was born in 1959 and grew up in Cape Town. In the 1980s, he moved Pretoria to work for the Geological Survey of South Africa. In 1995, he joined the South African Police Service (SAPS) Forensic Laboratories as a forensic geologist. He took part in several investigations including working with South African mines on gold, diamond and platinum theft. He also advised police forces in Russia, South America and Europe on methods to trace stolen gold. In 2013, Roger joined the Stoneman Laboratory at University of Pretoria and continued to support public roles as a forensic geologist. In 2015, he obtained his PhD for work related to gold theft. He co-authored the book, 'Minerals of South Africa' for the Geological Society of South Africa and had approximately 30 publications. Roger was a friend, a valued member of the IUGS-IFG and he contributed significantly to IUGS-IFG for over ten years. He will be missed and will remain in our thoughts and memories.



Dr Roger Dixon, Forensic Geologist, 1959-2020 (Photo: Prof Probert Fitzpatrick)