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

Potential Information for IUGS E-Bulletin

Submission for November 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 in November 2020 are as follows:

Forensic Geophysics and Forensic Geoscience

On 2 December 2020, a one-day meeting will be held on Forensic Geophysics and Forensic Geoscience, organised by the Geological Society of London Forensic Geoscience Group (FGG) and Near Surface Geophysics Group. This meeting will capture shared interests between the geological, environmental science, engineering, geotechnical, mining and archaeological communities with those working in the fields of serious crime investigation, environmental law and mineral/metal fraud. Presentations involving remote sensing, geophysics, geochemistry, mineralogy are suggested. The authors of the Geological Society 'Guide to Forensic Geology' will present on various topics contained in this soon-to-be published book.

<http://www.nsgg.org.uk/2018/2020/01/01/archaeological-geophysics-environmental-criminal-forensics-2020/>

1st Brazilian Geoforensic Virtual Workshop, November-December 2020

The 1st Brazilian Geoforensic Virtual Workshop, will take on 30 November 2020 to 4 December 2020. This is supported by IUGS-IFG, the Brazilian Federal Police, Brazilian Geological Society (BGS) and the Scientific Police of Paraná. The meeting includes forensic geologists from around the world. The objective are to discuss advancements on soil forensics, forensic geophysics, environmental forensics, forensic ecology, forensic GIS, and forensic isotopes. A series of lectures and short courses will be provided with simultaneous English-Portuguese and Portuguese-English translations

<https://geoforensics.com/1st-brazil-geofor-virt-workshop/>

National Police Chief's Council Recognition

Prof Lorna Dawson, IUGS-IFG Treasurer and James Hutton Institute was presented with the 'Team of the Year Award 2019', by the National Police Chief's Council, in recognition of the professionalism in the investigation into the murder of Margaret Fleming, a complex 'no body' inquiry spanning 17 years.

IUGS-IFG Committee Member of IUGS Council

Prof Jennifer McKinley, IUGS-IFG Office for Communications and Queens University Belfast has been elected onto the IUGS Council as a 'councillor (2020-2024)'.