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

Potential Information for IUGS E-Bulletin

Submission for December 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 December 2020 are as follows:

Forensic Geophysics and Forensic Geoscience, London

The Geological Society of London, Forensic Geoscience Group, one day meeting on Forensic Geophysics and Forensic Geoscience took place on Wednesday 2 December 2020. There were approximately 60 participants that included forensic geologists, geophysicists, geoscientist and law enforcement officers. The presentations included crime scene examination, geological trace evidence analysis, ground searches for burials. A presentation was also delivered on the publication of a new book, 'A Guide to Forensic Geology', written by IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology, which is expected to be available at the start of 2021.

1st Brazilian Geoforensic Virtual Workshop, November-December 2020

The 1st Brazilian Geoforensic Virtual Workshop, held on 30 November 2020 to 4 December 2020, attracted about 120-150 delegates per day, over the five days. This was supported by IUGS-IFG and in collaboration with the Brazilian Federal Police. English-Portuguese and Portuguese-English translations facilitated international collaboration. Of particular interest was a focus on crimes that take place in the minerals, mining and metals industries, which aligns with a 'Special Project' being implemented by IUGS-IFG. In Brazil there are now eight universities that have established a 'Student Chapter', working with IUGS-IFG to promote and develop forensic geology.

<https://geoforensense.com/student-chapters/>

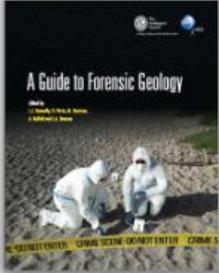
IUGS-IFG Vice Chair, Prof Fitzpatrick, Pioneer Award

Prof Rob Fitzpatrick, IUGS-IFG Vice Chair, has been honoured by the South Australia Branch of Soil Science Australia, with the 'Pioneer Award'. Each year the SA branch of Soil Science Australia honours an individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of soil science. Rob has made significant contributions to soil science and forensic geology. On 10 December 2020 he presented the, 'Rob Fitzpatrick Pioneer Lecture'.



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