



**INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE HISTORY OF  
GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES (INHIGEO)**

PRESIDENT: Professor Dr Ezio Vaccari – [ezio.vaccari@uninsubria.it](mailto:ezio.vaccari@uninsubria.it)  
SECRETARY-GENERAL: PD Dr Martina Kölbl-Ebert – [m.koelbl@lmu.de](mailto:m.koelbl@lmu.de)  
EDITOR: Dr Kerry Magruder – [kvmagruder@gmail.com](mailto:kvmagruder@gmail.com)

**INHIGEO CIRCULAR 2025, Number 2  
June 2025**

Dear INHIGEO members and friends,

this INHIGEO Quarterly Circular brings to you the agenda of the upcoming INHIGEO Business Meeting, the program of our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium and two brief reports of conferences to which INHIGEO has recently contributed. There is also a new Early Career Research Profile and the second issue of our new series on history of geoscience archives. You are invited to contribute to both!

I'd like to thank you for renewing your INHIGEO membership; a procedure which is due every four years. This time, we have asked you for some statistical information and I will report about the results at the INHIGEO Business Meeting and also in the next Quarterly Circular to be issued in September.

Thank you also for nominating new INHIGEO members. The nominations are currently under review by the INHIGEO Board and we will welcome the new members at the Business Meeting.

With kind regards and best wishes to all of you

Martina Kölbl-Ebert  
INHIGEO Secretary General

## Next INHIGEO Business Meeting

The 2025 INHIGEO Business meeting will take place at the ICHST 2025 Congress in Dunedin, New Zealand – Hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> INHIGEO Annual Symposium; Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2025; 3:30 p.m. (local time) in the Archway Theatre 3. Online participants to the congress should be able to join as well.



### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Regrets/apologies
3. Arrangement of the agenda (requests for modification)
4. Minutes of the previous meeting, Busan (2024) – discussion / matters arising
5. President's report – discussion / matters arising
6. Secretary-General's report – discussion / matters arising
7. Editor's report – discussion / matters arising
8. Publication and Outreach Coordinator's report – discussion / matters arising
9. Future meetings of the Commission; INHIGEO Annual Symposium 2026 in Zimbabwe
10. Finalization of 2025 ballot
11. Any other business
12. Vote of thanks

The minutes of this business meeting will be published in the September INHIGEO Quarterly Circular.

## 50<sup>th</sup> INHIGEO Annual Symposium

The **50<sup>th</sup> INHIGEO Annual Symposium** will take place in association with the 27<sup>th</sup> International Congress of History of Science and Technology (ICHST) in Dunedin, New Zealand, from 29 June to 5 July 2025. The Congress will be held as a hybrid in-person and online event: delegates registered for virtual participation will be able to both present and attend online.

It is still possible to register for a virtual participation to the full congress online (see the webpage <https://www.ichst2025.org/registration>): the virtual registration will give access live to all Congress sessions online and access to all session recordings for up to 3 months after the Congress (*a link with the recordings will be circulated following the Congress*). See the full program of the Congress (with abstracts) at the webpage <https://www.ichst2025.org/program-outline>

INHIGEO has organized three thematic sessions or symposia and offered to chair the session with stand-alone papers on history of Earth sciences.

### PROGRAM

A02 | 033 – INHIGEO Annual Symposium – 1

**Indigenous peoples' knowledge and beliefs about the Earth: an open historiographical issue**

Convenors: Martina Kölbl-Ebert & Ezio Vaccari

**Monday, 30 June 2025**

**11:00 – 12:30 (New Zealand Standard Time – NZST)**

University of Otago Campus, St David, Seminar A+B

Session chair: Ezio Vaccari (INHIGEO / University of Insubria, Varese, Italy)

- Sharad MASTER (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa)  
*The oldest mineral collection: the 105,000-year-old Middle Stone Age Ga-Mohana calcite crystal hoard from the Kalahari region of South Africa*
- Loredana LANCINI (Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium)  
*Indigenous Knowledge in Oral Stories and Myths of the Pacific Islands: Exploring Natural Hazards and Landscape Interpretation through Geomythology*
- Toshihiro YAMADA (Taisho University, Tokyo, Japan)  
*Where Should We Return?: Historiographies of Pre-modern Geosciences in Japan*
- Khallaf EL GHALBI (Moulay Ismail University of Meknes, Morocco)  
*Myths related to Gems and Stones and Al-Biruni's (10th century AD) position on them*

---

B02 | 033 – INHIGEO Annual Symposium – 2

**Indigenous peoples' knowledge and beliefs about the Earth: an open historiographical issue**

Convenors: Martina Kölbl-Ebert & Ezio Vaccari

**Monday, 30 June 2025**

**13:30 – 15:00 (New Zealand Standard Time – NZST)**

University of Otago Campus, St David, Seminar A+B

Session chair: Ezio Vaccari (INHIGEO / University of Insubria, Varese, Italy)

- Sarah QIDWAI (University of York, United Kingdom)  
*Islam, Geology, and Colonialism in 19th-Century South Asia*
  - Alistair SPONSEL (Tufts University, USA), Hinano TEAVAI-MURPHY, Frank MURPHY  
*Historical and recent Paumotu perspectives on the coral reefs of the Tuamotu archipelago*
  - Michiko YAJIMA (Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan)  
*Indigenous geological thinking in Japan*
  - Tomomi NAKAGAWA (Meiji University, Japan)  
*Lafcadio Hearn's Understanding of Buddhism in Japan*
- 

G12 | 034 – INHIGEO Annual Symposium – 3

**The geological notebook: reflections in the field**

Convenors: Kathleen Histon & Carol Bacon

**Wednesday 02 July 2025**

**09:00 - 10:30 (New Zealand Standard Time - NZST)**

University of Otago Campus, Burns - Theatre 2

Session chairs: Kathleen Histon (INHIGEO/Ireland) / Carol Bacon (INHIGEO/Australia)

- Renee CLARY (Mississippi State University, USA)  
*Henry De la Beche's (1796-1855) Perceptions of Geology, Society, and Unifying Theories through His Early Journals*
  - Kurtis BURMEISTER (California State University, USA), Susan TURNER (Queensland Museum, Brisbane, Australia)  
*A lifetime of geology: Thomas Sopwith's Notebooks*
  - Ezio VACCARI (INHIGEO / University of Insubria, Varese, Italy)  
*Pietro Maraschini's geological journey to southern Italy in 1819 and his 'forgotten' notebook*
  - John DIEMER (University of North Carolina, Charlotte, USA)  
*The Application of Field Notebooks by Roderick Murchison to Confirm Early Paleozoic Systems in Russia, 1840*
- 

H12 | 034 – INHIGEO Annual Symposium – 4

**The geological notebook: reflections in the field**

Convenors: Kathleen Histon & Carol Bacon

**Wednesday 02 July 2025**

**11:00 - 12:30 (New Zealand Standard Time - NZST)**

University of Otago Campus, Burns - Theatre 2

Session chairs: Kathleen Histon (INHIGEO/Ireland) / Carol Bacon (INHIGEO/Australia)

- Carol Anne BACON (INHIGEO/ Fern Tree, Tasmania, Australia)  
*The notebooks of Charles Gould*
- Sharad MASTER (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa)  
*Alex du Toit's Australian Notebook (1914) reveals early detailed descriptions of four famous tillite localities from Sturt River and Hallet Cove (South Australia), Bacchus Marsh (Victoria) and Wynyard (Tasmania)*

- Maddalena NAPOLITANI (Museo Galileo, Florence, Italy)  
*From the Notebook to the Art Work: Representing Mining Activities in the 19th Century*
  - Piotr KRZYWIEC (Institute of Geological Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland)  
*Ludwik Zejszner (1805 - 1871) and His Field Notebooks – Insight into Geological Field Work in Mid-19th Century*
- 

I12 | 034 – INHIGEO Annual Symposium – 5  
**The geological notebook: reflections in the field**  
 Convenors: Kathleen Histon & Carol Bacon

**Wednesday 02 July 2025**  
**13:30 - 15:00 (New Zealand Standard Time - NZST)**  
 University of Otago Campus, Burns - Theatre 2

Session chairs: Kathleen Histon (INHIGEO/Ireland) / Carol Bacon (INHIGEO/Australia)

- Gregory GOOD (West Virginia University, Morgantown, USA)  
*John Herschel's Alpine Notebooks: Historical Narrative and Physical Description*
  - James SECORD (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)  
*The geography of Charles Lyell's geological notebooks*
  - Petra LUKENEDER (Boku University, Vienna, Austria)  
*Perspectives of collaboration. Bilateral documentation of geological field trips of the 19th century of Austria*
  - Martina KÖLBL-EBERT (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany)  
*August Göhringer, a Forensic Geologist in Nazi Germany*
- 

J14 | 034 – INHIGEO Annual Symposium – 6  
**The geological notebook: reflections in the field**  
 Convenors: Kathleen Histon & Carol Bacon

**Wednesday 02 July 2025**  
**15:30 - 17:00 (New Zealand Standard Time - NZST)**  
 University of Otago Campus, Burns – Seminar 4

Session chairs: Kathleen Histon (INHIGEO/Ireland) / Carol Bacon (INHIGEO/Australia)

- Danielle INKPEN (Mount Allison University, Sackville, Canada)  
*Scribbling the Field: The glaciological notebooks of William O. Field*
  - Lucero MORELOS-RODRIGUEZ (National Autonomous University of Mexico, UNAM)  
*The Geological Notebook Collection of a Mexican Revolutionary Geologist: Approaching and Historical Context's María Fernanda Campa (1940-2019)*
  - Eugenija RUDNICKAITĖ, Gintarė LUKOŠEVIČIŪTĖ (Vilnius University, Lithuania)  
*From drawings of geological outcrops to new fossil species and to the special volume of "Handbook of Palaeoichthyology" - "Thelodonti"*
  - Kathleen HISTON (INHIGEO / Valganna, Italy)  
*Arturo Issel (1842-1922): 19th century geological theories on sea level and volcanism*
-

M14 | 050 – INHIGEO Annual Symposium – 7

**Geological Sciences and Empires: Connections Forging the Production of Knowledge**

Convenors: Silvia Figueirôa (UNICAMP, Brasil) & Marianne Klemun (University of Vienna)

**Friday 04 July 2025**

**9:00 - 10:30 (New Zealand Standard Time - NZST)**

University of Otago Campus, Burns – Seminar 4

Session chair: Marianne Klemun (University of Vienna)

- Maria Margaret LOPES (Museu de Arqueologia e Etnografia, MAE-USP, Brasil)  
*The Trindade Island: the political and geological interest in the South Atlantic islands by the Portuguese, British, and Brazilian empires since the 19th century*
  - Victor MONNIN (John Jay College, City University of New York, USA)  
*“Here, we are in a sense not in Africa.”: Auguste Pomel and the geological colonization of Algeria, 1830-1890*
  - Silvia FIGUEIRÔA (State University of Campinas, UNICAMP, Brasil)  
*«Geoscientific colonization»: the Société Géologique de France (SGF) as an empire of knowledge*
- 

002 | 050 – INHIGEO Annual Symposium – 8

**Geological Sciences and Empires: Connections Forging the Production of Knowledge**

Convenors: Silvia Figueirôa (UNICAMP, Brasil) & Marianne Klemun (University of Vienna)

**Friday 04 July 2025**

**9:00 - 10:30 (New Zealand Standard Time - NZST)**

University of Otago Campus, St. David Seminar A+B

Session chair: Silvia Figueirôa (UNICAMP, Brasil)

- Johannes MATTES (German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Germany)  
*Between Mapping and Maps: Translocal Knowledge in the Making of Hochstetter and Petermann’s Atlas of New Zealand (1863)*
  - Ernie HAMM (York University, Toronto, Canada)  
*Geology, Empires and Nations: Reconsiderations and Entanglements from a Canadian Perspective*
  - Marianne KLEMUN (University of Vienna, Austria)  
*Empire, Tectonics and the 9th International Geological Congress in Vienna (1903)*
  - Sharad MASTER (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa)  
*Alexander Logie du Toit’s correspondence network: Global transmission of geoscientific information from a South African node of knowledge accumulation in the first half of the 20th Century*
-



K13 | – Stand-alone paper session

## **Glaciers, Archaeology, Paleontology, and the Earth Sciences**

**Thursday 03 July 2025**

**9:00 - 10:30 (New Zealand Standard Time - NZST)**

University of Otago Campus, Burns Theatre 3

Session chair: Ezio Vaccari (INHIGEO / University of Insubria, Varese, Italy)

- Reese FULGENZI (University of Chicago, USA)  
*Paleontology, Inc.: The postwar growth of commercial paleontology*
  - Maria FACCIOLI (University of Insubria, Varese, Italy)  
*Human History and Earth Sciences: connections between disciplines and possible insights in the writings of the historians of the "Annales"*
  - Leander DIENER (Max Planck Institute of the History of Science, Germany)  
*"World Inventory of Eternal Ice": Practices and Techniques of Glacier Observation, 1960–1990*
  - Maximilian GEORG (Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna, Austria)  
*Transnational histories of archaeology in the Balkans, mid-19th century to 1918*
- 

During the Congress, also an **INHIGEO walking tour on Geology and building stones** of the Otago University campus, New Zealand will take place on **Thursday 3 July, 14h00-16h00**.

It will be led by Nick Mortimer, geologist at the Dunedin Office of GNS Science (New Zealand's Geological Survey). The university campus features prominent Victorian Gothic architecture, and the tour will examine a range of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary building stones, mostly from New Zealand. Along the way the local geology will be discussed and GNS Science's Dunedin office will be visited.

Finally, an **INHIGEO geo-historical post-conference excursion in the North Island**, from Wellington to Auckland, will take place from 7 to 13 July and will be led by Hamish Campbell, (former geologist at GNS Science and NZ Geological Survey).

---

## INHIGEO Outreach

### INHIGEO sponsored conference 22-24 April 2025 – Oslo Norway

The conference '**Epistemic Frontiers' Geoscientific Knowledge, Authority, and Politics of Participation in Arctic and African Exploration** sponsored by IUGS INHIGEO, took place on 22–24 April 2025 in Oslo (Norway).

Organized by **Johannes Mattes** (Austria) and **Ulrike Spring** (Norway) bringing together researchers from the **sciences and humanities** the activities included two days of **scientific presentations** on a wide range of topics **to explore and compare** how in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the High Arctic and Africa's 'interior' emerged as major poles of Western geoscientific inquiry, offering untapped resources and routes to prestige and authority. Despite their diverse ecosystems and Indigenous populations, similarities can be found in how European scholars studied, documented, and discussed these regions, both in the field and at their working desks. Once labelled as 'white spots' on maps, these areas were framed as '**epistemic frontiers**'.

The conference also included a tour of the collections of **The Natural History Museum**, and excursions related to two great Norwegian explorers giving fascinating insights into their work, collections, and history: the **Fridtjof Nansen Institute**, and **Roald Amundsen's home Uranienborg**.



Photo: Participants at the congress venue *Toyen Manor House* in the Botanical Garden in Oslo (Norway).



## INHIGEO Sponsored session 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – Rome, Italy.

*An INHIGEO sponsored session* was organized in collaboration with the *IUGS - Initiative on Forensic Geology*, an organization dedicated to the geoscientific analysis of crime scenes, assisting law enforcement agencies worldwide, as part of the international conference to celebrate the 15th anniversary of IUGS-IFG held on May 21 to May 23, 2025 at the **Spazio Europe in Rome (Italy)**.



13.30-15.00 – HISTORY OF FORENSIC GEOLOGY – IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND MURRAY (IN COLLABORATION WITH INHIGEO)

(CHAIRS: EZIO VACCARI & MARTINA KOLBL-EBERT)

13.30-13.40 – L. DONNELLY: *A HISTORY OF FORENSIC GEOLOGY*

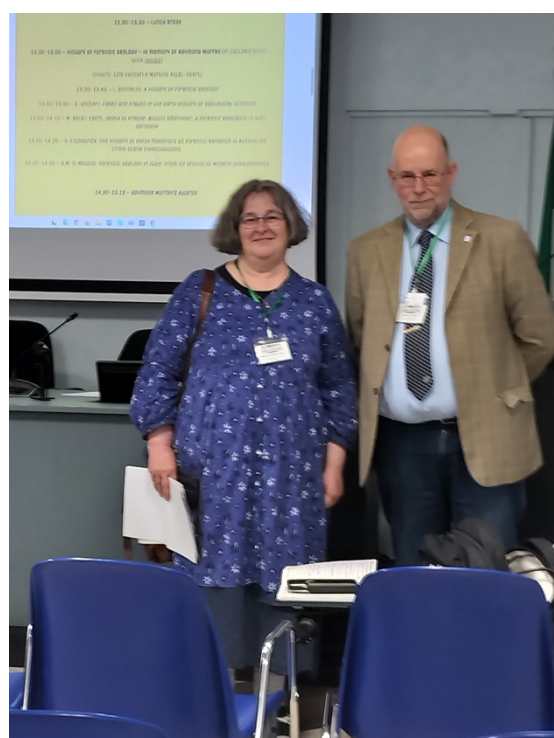
13.40-13.50 – E. VACCARI: *Fakes and Frauds in the early history of geological sciences*

13.50-14.10 – M. KOLBL-EBERT: *Death in Prague: August Göhringer, a forensic geologist in Nazi Germany*

14.10-14.20 – R. FITZPATRICK: *The history of earth materials as forensic evidence in Australian crime scene investigations*

14.20-14.30 – R.M. DI MAGGIO: *Forensic geology in Italy: from its origins to modern developments*

The session was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> and included five presentations under the theme *History of Forensic geology* – see program excerpt above and the chairs of the session *Martina Kölbl-Ebert and Ezio Vaccari*.



---

## INHIGEO Publications

### *Episodes*

A new article and a review of a book on the History of Geology that may be of interest to members have been published in the current issue of the journal *Episodes*: these may be downloaded from the links below:

Title: *The conception of Geomechanics: ‘The Fundamental Cause of Evolution of the Earth’s Surface Features’* by J. S. Lee, 1926

Author: Jingfei Zhang

*Episodes* 2025; 48(2): 229-236.

<https://www.episodes.org/journal/view.html?uid=2401&vmd=Full>

Book Review by Claudine Cohen

Title: *Inscriptions of Nature: Geology and the Naturalization of Antiquity*

Author: Pratik Chakrabarti

*Episodes* 2025; 48(2): 237-238.

<https://www.episodes.org/journal/view.html?uid=2400&vmd=Full>

If you are interested in contributing a paper or book review related to the History of the Geological Sciences to IUGS journal *Episodes* please contact the **INHIGEO Publications and outreach coordinator**.

### **Anniversaries Series for the IUGS Website and E Bulletin: new papers published!**

Cynthia Burek (United Kingdom)

***Born 170 years ago:***

***Catherine Alice Raisin (1855–1945): expert on metamorphic rocks and early pioneer of female geological education***

Living at a time when women were still excluded from official participation in many educational and geological fields, Catherine Raisin’s research played a decisive role in the debate on the divisions of the Lower Palaeozoic and Upper Precambrian rocks of Britain. Through her tireless determination, scientific expertise and excellence in teaching she furthered the cultural advance of her sex in the latter part of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

IUGS E-Bulletin 216, April 2025;

[https://inhigeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/burek\\_c.\\_catherine\\_alice\\_raisin\\_born\\_170\\_years\\_ago.pdf](https://inhigeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/burek_c._catherine_alice_raisin_born_170_years_ago.pdf)

Carol Bacon (Australia)

***Died 106 years ago:***

***William Harper Twelvetrees (1848–1919), director of the Geological Survey of Tasmania***

William Harper Twelvetrees (1848–1919) FGS was educated in Germany and worked at mines in Russia and Turkey before immigrating to Tasmania in 1891. He appointed to the position of Government Geologist in 1899 producing 177 reports over the following 20 years. His contribution to the study of the geology of Tasmania was quite outstanding.

IUGS E-Bulletin 217, May 2024;

[https://inhigeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/bacon\\_c.\\_tasmanian\\_surveyor\\_w\\_h.\\_twelvetrees\\_died\\_106\\_years\\_ago.pdf](https://inhigeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/bacon_c._tasmanian_surveyor_w_h._twelvetrees_died_106_years_ago.pdf)

Mott T. Greene (USA)

***Continental drift published 110 years ago:***

***Alfred Wegener (1880–1930): The Origin of Continents and Oceans (1915)***

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the publication of Alfred Wegener's *Die Entstehung der Kontinente und Ozeane* (The Origin of Continents and Oceans), the first book-length version of his hypothesis of continental displacements. Wegener (1880–1930), an atmospheric physicist and polar explorer with a PhD in astronomy, had first presented the idea in a series of public lectures and journal articles in 1912 that had been received, by his own account, with a storm of indignation from geologists.

IUGS E-Bulletin 218, June 2025;

[https://inhigeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/greene\\_m.\\_t.\\_alfred\\_wegeners\\_continental\\_drift\\_theory\\_published\\_110\\_years\\_ago.pdf](https://inhigeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/greene_m._t._alfred_wegeners_continental_drift_theory_published_110_years_ago.pdf)

**If you are interested in submitting contributions for this series, please contact the INHIGEO Publications and Outreach Coordinator.**

---

## Early Career Research Profiles

This profile series on young members of INHIGEO is to create a space where early career scholars can present their studies and research interests within the history of the geological sciences to the whole membership and anyone who receives the newsletter, in order to highlight their field of expertise. It is hoped this will lead to contacts and collaborations for the future through our extensive network. Our profile this month is on an early career researcher from Malaysia.

Name: **Muhammad Aqqid bin Saporin**

**Studies:**

2019–2024: PhD in Petroleum Geosciences, Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Perak, Malaysia.

2014-2018: M. Geol. Geology with Palaeobiology, Integrated Master Degree, University of Leicester, Leicester, United Kingdom.

**Awards**

IUGS Hutchison Fund Travel Award to attend the 37<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress



**Position:**

Currently a postdoctoral researcher at the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (NIGPAS), Nanjing, China. Project focusing on the graptolite biostratigraphy, paleobiogeography and faunal turnover during the Ordovician-Silurian interval of the Sibumasu terrane.

**Title of PhD:** *High-resolution graptolite biostratigraphy and palaeoenvironment reconstruction of the Ordovician-Silurian basin of Northwestern Domain Peninsular Malaysia.*

My PhD focused on utilizing graptolite fossils alongside various palaeoenvironmental analyses to gain deeper insights into the basin evolution of Lower Palaeozoic strata in northwest Malaysia. This work was inspired by the pioneering studies of Clive Roderick Jones, who discovered Malaysia's first graptolite in 1955 and played a key role in establishing the country's Early Palaeozoic stratigraphy. The graptolite specimens, previously collected during the 1950s and 1960s, had remained in storage for over half a century before being retrieved from their repository and re-examined as part of this study.

**Research interests:**

As a graptolite worker, I am deeply interested in the historical context and scientific advancements that have shaped our understanding of this remarkable fossil group. While the history of graptolite research in the Western scientific world is well-documented, the records in Asia remain comparatively obscure. For instance, the development of graptolite studies in Malaysia is not well known despite its pivotal role in delineating the country's Early Palaeozoic stratigraphy. I see this as an excellent opportunity to delve into the lesser-known history of graptolite research in Asia. Documenting the progression of these studies and emphasizing the geological significance of graptolites is, in my view, essential for raising awareness and inspiring broader interest in both the graptolites and the scientists behind their study.



*Fig. The discovery of the first graptolite fossil in Peninsular Malaysia. Photo provided by C.R. Jones.*

#### **Publications:**

Saparin, M.A. and Ismail, M.S., 2024. A History of 20th Century Graptolite Studies in Malaysia: the Role of Clive Roderick Jones. *Earth Sciences History*, 43(2), pp. 272-285.

Saparin, M.A. and Ismail, M.S., 2023. Latest Ordovician to earliest Silurian graptolites of northwest Peninsular Malaysia. *Journal of Paleontology*, 97 (2), pp. 395-420.

Saparin, M. A., Mustapha, K. A. and Ismail, M. S., 2023. Biostratigraphy, petrography, organic carbon and carbon isotope chemostratigraphy of the Ordovician-Silurian black shales from the Northwestern Domain of Peninsular Malaysia. *International Journal of Coal Geology*, 277, p.104355.

**Contact:** Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Chinese Academy of Sciences 39 East Beijing Road, Nanjing 210008, China.

**E-mail:** otakuclubrkidz@hotmail.com

## Archives in the History of the Geological Sciences

This new series will present short overviews of Archives from around the world that are relevant for research in the History of the Geological Sciences in order to highlight their existence and help foster scholarly interest in their content. We hope to thus encourage the use of these fundamental resources by INHIGEO members worldwide and underline the key importance of this historical-scientific heritage for studies of the global development of the geological sciences. In this issue of the INHIGEO circular we present the **Charles Lyell collections of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (UK)**.

**Archive:** Papers of Sir Charles Lyell, reference Coll-203 and other related collections

**Host Institution:** Heritage Collections, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland (UK)



## **Brief Overview:**

Between 2020 and 2024, the University of Edinburgh undertook a transformative programme to catalogue, preserve, and enhance access to the Papers of Sir Charles Lyell, which comprises an historic accession taken in by the University in 1927, enriched by the purchase of his treasured series of notebooks in 2019 and with further deposits and purchases in 2020-2023. This work has included expanding the details of the A-Z correspondence series, transcribing notebook indexes, tracing his reading and compiling a box list of his offprints, as well as mapping out series of manuscript lectures, editorial notes, and annotated books.

## **Availability/Accessibility:**

One of the key outputs of the project is a new website designed to make Lyell's legacy more accessible to the global audience it truly deserves. Providing links to online versions of his publications, the website is thereafter organised around Lyell's principal tools; his archival papers (an inclusive term reflecting the breadth of the material within), his notebooks, offprints, and specimens. The website allows us to make connections, drawing series together, as they would have been created originally by Lyell and his team. Of particular note are the images of the 297 notebooks, which document his observations from 1818 on a European tour with his family, through to November 1874, just three months before his death. You can access IIIF-compliant images of these notebooks via the "Search the Notebooks" button.

After Registering with us, in-person access is available through the Centre for Research Collections Reading Room, open Tuesday to Friday. We recommend booking your appointment well in advance by emailing [HeritageCollections@ed.ac.uk](mailto:HeritageCollections@ed.ac.uk).

We also offer remote access via our Virtual Reading Room - a one-hour session where staff use a high-quality visualiser to share collection items live. Please note that recording of these sessions is not permitted.

## **Travel Awards:**

The Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH) at the University of Edinburgh hosts visiting postdoctoral, mid-career and senior scholars, for more details visit: <https://www.iash.ed.ac.uk/fellowship-programmes>.

**Website:** Our new website dedicated to Charles Lyell is available at <https://lyell.ed.ac.uk/>. For information on Heritage Collections visit <https://library.ed.ac.uk/heritage-collections>.

**Online catalogue:** Access the online catalogue at <https://archives.collections.ed.ac.uk/>. Our advice is to search for "Sir Charles Lyell" to discover the main collection of papers reference Coll-203, and discover newly acquired and associated material.

**Bibliography:** The new website <https://lyell.ed.ac.uk/> hosts links to Lyell's publications published by John Murray, plus other useful sources including the late Stuart Baldwin's comprehensive bibliography.

**Contact:** Email: [HeritageCollections@ed.ac.uk](mailto:HeritageCollections@ed.ac.uk), Telephone: +44 (0)131 650 8379, Address: 6th Floor, Main Library. George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LJ, Scotland (UK).



**Image:** Envelope, addressed to Lyell, from James Croll, dated 22/23 April 1866, concerning the temperature of space and radiation of snow.

**If you are interested in submitting contributions for this series, please contact the INHIGEO Publications and outreach coordinator.**

---

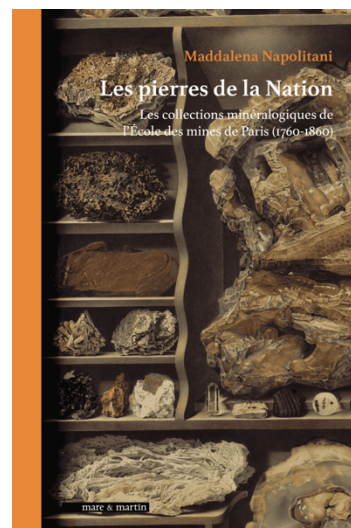
## New History of Geoscience Book

*Les pierres de la Nation – Les collections minéralogiques de l'Ecole des mines de Paris (1760-1860)*

by Maddalena Napolitani

see:

<https://www.mareetmartin.com/livre/les-pierres-de-la-nation>



## INHIGEO Webinars

The INHIGEO Webinar series will continue in September 2025. You will receive the Flyer with date and link via the INHIGEO members' mailing list.

---

## Change in Contact Details?

INHIGEO is a significant network which works efficiently only if the administration has your current contact details. If you change your email address, postal address or any other contact information please advise the INHIGEO Secretary-General as soon as possible.

---

## Contact Details of the Current INHIGEO Board

President: Prof. Ezio Vaccari (Italy) – [ezio.vaccari@uninsubria.it](mailto:ezio.vaccari@uninsubria.it)

Secretary-General: Dr Martina Kölbl-Ebert (Germany) – [m.koelbl@lmu.de](mailto:m.koelbl@lmu.de)

Vice-President Africa: Dr Sharad Master (South Africa) – [Sharad.Master@wits.ac.za](mailto:Sharad.Master@wits.ac.za)

Vice-President Asia: Dr SUN Chengsheng (China) – [suncs@tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:suncs@tsinghua.edu.cn)

Vice-President Australasia/Oceania: Carol Bacon (Australia) – [cba60786@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cba60786@bigpond.net.au)

Vice-President Europe: Prof. Marianne Klemun (Austria) – [marianne.klemun@univie.ac.at](mailto:marianne.klemun@univie.ac.at)

Vice-President Latin America: Dr Lucero Morelos-Rodriguez (Mexico) –

[lucromr@geologia.unam.mx](mailto:lucromr@geologia.unam.mx)

Vice-President North America: Prof. Ernst Hamm (Canada) – [ehamm@yorku.ca](mailto:ehamm@yorku.ca)

Editor: Dr Kerry Magruder (USA) – [kvmagruder@gmail.com](mailto:kvmagruder@gmail.com)

Web Mistress: Dr Maria Faccioli (Italy) – [m.faccioli@uninsubria.it](mailto:m.faccioli@uninsubria.it) /

[facciolimaria@gmail.com](mailto:facciolimaria@gmail.com)

Ex officio (Publications and Outreach Coordinator): Dr Kathleen Histon (Ireland) –  
[hiscatnautiloid@gmail.com](mailto:hiscatnautiloid@gmail.com)

---

## Next Circular

Dear INHIGEO members, you will receive the next circular with information updates around September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Until then: Take care and stay healthy!

Kind regards  
Martina Kölbl-Ebert