



INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE HISTORY OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES (INHIGEO)

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Dear Members and Friends,

I am pleased to send you in my first Circular of this year my best wishes for your health!

This is just a reminder:

1. Your submissions to our “INHIGEO Annual Record” should be with our editor, **Bill Brice** (wbrice@pitt.edu) and **John Diemer** (jadiemer@uncc.edu), at the email addresses by **15 April 2020**.
2. Also, **nominations for the 2020 membership ballot** should be sent to me by 15 April 2020. Nominations of new members are very much welcome!
3. Finally, INHIGEO members are also welcome to nominate additional Honorary Senior Members as well as Affiliated Associations for our 2020 ballot. We look forward to hearing from you.
4. Mini-contributions to the IUGS-website (www.iugs.org, IUGS-INHIGEO Anniversaries) are welcome as well, please send them to the Secretary General

All INHIGEO members will be aware that the 36th International Congress and our associated business meeting and elections for the new INHIGEO Board (2020-2024) originally scheduled for 2-8 March 2020 in New Delhi **have been postponed** until 9-14 November 2020 because of the coronavirus. The Board has decided that the existing INHIGEO office bearers for 2016-2020 remain in place and the smooth transition to the new administration will take on control on 31 August 2020.

Please find the preliminary program for our meeting in 2021 in Krakow, Poland in the long version of the Circular.

Best Wishes to you all
Marianne Klemun
(Secretary-General)

INHIGEO BOARD 2020-2024

The Board decided in the INHIGEO Meeting in Varese (2019) on composition of the incoming board and the positions of the President, and Secretary General, and a new Editor of the Annual Record for the period 2020-2024. Bill Brice has informed the Board already in March 2019 that he will step down in 2020. Barry retires the President's position according to the Rules and Marianne wishes to retire as Secretary-General.

INHIGEO BOARD 2020-2024

President: Professor Ezio Vaccari (Italy)
Secretary-General: Dr. Martina Kölbl-Ebert (Germany)
Past-President: Professor Barry Cooper (Australia)
Vice-President Europe: Professor Marianne Klemun (Austria)
Vice-President Asia: Dr. Toshihiro Yamada (Japan)
Vice-President Australasia/Oceania: Carol Bacon (Australia)
Vice-President Africa: Dr. Sharad Master (South Africa)
Vice-President Latin America: Dr. Maria Margaret Lopes (Brazil)
Vice-President North America: Professor Steve Rowland (USA)
Editor: Professor John Diemer (USA)
Web Master: Dr. Johannes Mattes (Austria)
Ex officio *Episodes* Coordinator): Dr. Karen S. Cook (USA)

The new INHIGEO Board 2020-2024 should have been appointed in New Delhi in early March 2020 and subsequently approved by the IUGS Council. It only can take up its duties after appointment by IUGS.

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PUBLICATIONS

A publication planned following the 2017 meeting in Armenia has been delayed. Our Armenian colleagues have extended the deadline for submissions; the editors are still waiting for promised papers. Hopefully publication can be accomplished by next year.

The proceedings of the Mexico meeting of 2018 is well on the way to publication, thanks to the efforts of Luz Azuela, Tina Asmussen and John Diemer.

The thematic conference volume of short papers arising from contributions at the 44th INHIGEO Symposium 2019 in Varese, Italy, will be published as a Special Issue of *PHYSIS*, the International Journal of History of Science, under the supervision of the Italian Society for the History of Science (SISS).

ACTIVITIES

Report of the IUGS Executive Meeting in Busan (Korea) in January 15-17 2020

The International Union of Geological Sciences, 74st Executive Committee meeting took place on January 2020 in Busan, South Korea.

A presentation on the activities of INHIGEO was given by Secretary-General Marianne Klemun.

At the meeting it was suggested to all commissions that they should accept the responsibility to publish a Special Issue for *Episodes*. This could be on future options for INHIGEO.

Busan is hosting the International Geological Congress in 2024. The planning committee of the Congress is already established, the venue large and everything seems to be well organised and committee is very effective.

Regarding the Tikhomirov Award there was no reaction from the key IUGS officers. They explained at the beginning that they had changed the policy on awards. This not only applies to INHIGEO but to all commissions as the number of awards generally have been reduced.

The *International Association for Promoting Geoethics* of the IUGS is very interested in cooperating with INHIGEO. INHIGEO should consider this opportunity to broaden horizons.

The anniversary contributions on the IUGS website continue to receive very positive feedback These contributions are in response to a request by IUGS that all commissions regularly provide appropriate material. It is board policy that INHIGEO should continue these “anniversary stories” and, as reported last year, Ken Taylor developed a model for our monthly mini contributions. If you are interested in writing a mini-contribution of this sort, please contact the Secretary-General for coordination.

The Vladimir V. Tikhomirov History of Geology Award for 2020

Tikhomirov Award has been bestowed to David Branagan (Australia) on recommendation from the INHIGEO Board. The award for 2020 is a medallion cut, polished and engraved from semiprecious obsidian from Armenia, the site of the first (1967) and 50th anniversary INHIGEO conferences (2017). It has been produced under consultation and care of Gourgen Malkhasyan of INHIGEO’s Armenian delegation, following a suggestion by INHIGEO President Barry Cooper. The medallion was first sent to Vienna and from there to Australia where Barry will present the award to David Branagan. Special thanks to Gourgen and Barry for this involvement

CONGRESS

The 26th International Congress on the History of Science and Technology (25ICHST) – 25-31 July 2021 will take place in Prague.

INHIGEO is expected to organise a symposium at the Congress and the Secretary-General will manage this in the next few weeks.

Future INHIGEO Conferences (2021-2024)

□ 2021 – 46th INHIGEO Symposium, Poland, Krakow: 18-24 July

Suggested Itinerary from Krystyna and Stanislaw Wolkowicz, which is summarised as follows:

Conference venue - Polish Academy of Arts and Science, Krakow (PAU, Conference Hall for 180 people);

<http://pau.krakow.pl/index.php/pl/akademia>

July 18, 2021 (Sunday) – Arrival of the conference participants;

July 19, 2021 (Monday) – Registration of participants. Opening Session and first lectures;

July 20, 2021 (Tuesday) – Lecture sessions, Afternoon is possible to visit PAU Library with old prints and maps; in the evening – a walk around Old Town in Krakow and official gala dinner;

July 21, 2021 (Wednesday) – full-day mid-conference field trip to Bóbrka Oil Mining Museum near Krosno – the cradle of the world oil mining. During the visit we will see the outdoor exhibition, including the exploitation of an oil field active since the 19th century. Lecture prepared by Director of the Museum about history of oil exploitation in SE Poland (Carpathians), a film about Ignacy Lukasiewicz (in English), dinner at the Museum

July 22, 2021 (Thursday) – Lecture session on history of mining. This session will take place underground in the Wieliczka Salt Mine (circa 15 km from Krakow). The mine is on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

This mine has been operating continuously since 13th Century. Lunch and a guided mine tour is planned;

July 23, 2021 (Friday) – Last lecture sessions, INHIGEO Technical Meeting, closing ceremony.

Main themes of the conference:

- Formation of geological surveys and their creators;
- Mining history

It is possible to publish conference articles in journals published by PGI (e.g. PGI Bulletin or Special Papers). The volume of articles may appear as a conference or post-conference publication.

A volume containing abstracts and a tour guide will be prepared separately for the conference. The pre or post conference trips have yet to be decided.

The Prague 25ICHST conference begins on July 25, so the organisers can arrange a trip before the INHIGEO conference in Krakow.

Sites that could be visited are

1 – Krzemionki Opatowskie in Holy Cross Mountain (place of extraction of striped flint from the Neolithic period);

2 – Tarnowskie góry Zn-PB-(Ag) underground mine – the mine dates from the e 16th century and is now a touristic attraction;

3 – Złoty Stok (Sudetes) – gold mining from 11th century. The mine is – now open to tourists with several possible options;

4 – Kowary (former uranium mine) and Gierczyn – Krobica (former tin mine)

5 – Walbrzych – ”Stara Kopalnia” (–and old coal mine that is now a Science and Art Center;

Optionally, it is possible to organize a tour (15 to 20 persons) of the active KGH copper mine (Zechstein Kupferschiefer). The mine is about 1000 m deep.

A scientific and organization committee for the Conference has yet to be established.

- 2022 – 47th INHIGEO Symposium, Russia (yet to be formally decided)
- 2023 – 48th INHIGEO Symposium, Location to be decided.
- 2024 – 49th INHIGEO Symposium, South Korea, (in association with the 37th IGC))