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Dear INHIGEO members and friends,

this INHIGEO Quarterly Circular brings to you a brief report on the recent INHIGEO meeting in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, and the minutes of our business meeting there, which includes also the list of our new members. Welcome to INHIGEO!

There is also a new Early Career Research Profile and a new issue of our series on History of Geoscience Archives. You are invited to contribute to both!

In the next INHIGEO Quarterly Circular to be issued in December 2025, we will send out our usual call for new INHIGEO membership nominations. Thus, you may already start thinking about this important issue. It will also include the first circular to our next Annual Symposium 2027 in Vienna, Austria.

With kind regards and best wishes to all of you

Martina Kölbl-Ebert
INHIGEO Secretary General

51st INHIGEO Annual Symposium – Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) 2–15th September 2026

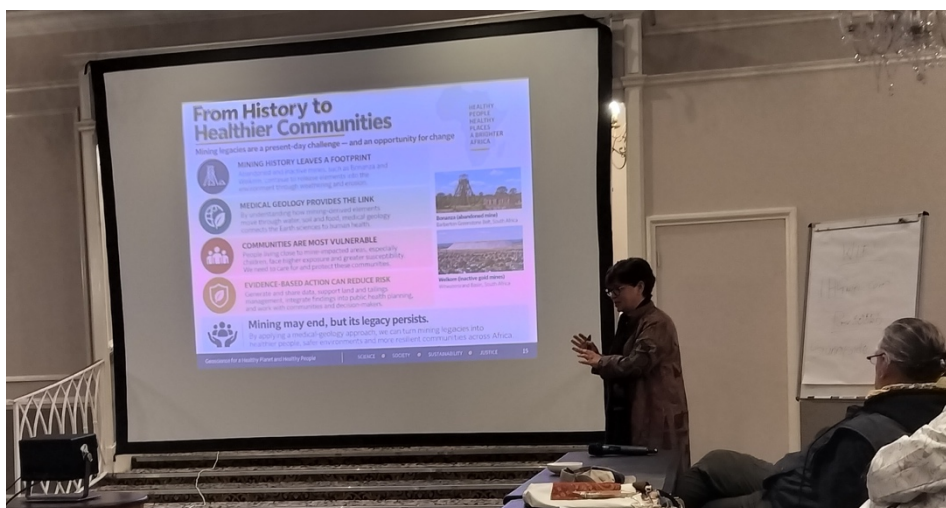
The 51st Annual INHIGEO Symposium was held in Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) from 6th–10th September with many presentations focusing on themes related to Southern and Central Africa by participants representing thirteen countries. The first in the newly established **INHIGEO Distinguished Lecture**, given by an expert in the history of geology of the area where the Annual Symposium is held, was presented by INHIGEO member Dr Tim Broderick from the Geological Survey of Zimbabwe *Tracing 160 years of geological mapping across Zimbabwe*.



Tim Broderick giving the INHIGEO Distinguished Lecture 2026 in Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (Photo credit: Kathleen Histon).

Participants on the pre-conference excursion (2-5th September) organized in the surroundings of Johannesburg (South Africa) were delighted to be welcomed in person to South Africa by **Professor Hassina Mouri, President of IUGS**, who gave a talk to the INHIGEO group on the evening of September 5th at the Sunnyside Park Holiday Inn – *From Mining History to Human Health* – and accompanied the group to dinner afterwards for further discussion of the topic.





Presentation by Prof. Hassina Mouri to INHIGEO excursion participants in Johannesburg (Photo credit: Kathleen Histon).

The excursion included visits to historic gold mine and iron smelting works, the Cradle of humankind Malapa and the Sterkfontein Caves sites, Origins Museum and the Evolutionary Studies Institute (University of Witwatersrand – one of the major paleoanthropological research centres in Africa) to see specimens such as the Taung Child and hear about their discovery.



INHIGEO pre-conference excursion to Gold Reef Mine near Johannesburg with historic stamp mill in background used for crushing gold bearing quartz. (Photo credit: Piotr Krzywicz).

The mid conference excursion (9th September) included overviews of the geology of both the Zambia and Zimbabwe sides of Victoria Falls by excursion leader Sharad Master and a visit to the Livingstone Museum in the town of Livingstone (Zambia).



Sharad Master explaining the geology to small individual groups of the INHIGEO participants at various lookout points along the Victoria Falls trail (Photo credit: Kathleen Histon).



Left to right: 2026 INHIGEO Symposium Organizer Michèle Dean, Ezio Vaccari (President INHIGEO), Sharad Master (Symposium organizer and INHIGEO Vice-president Africa) together with the Director of the Livingstone Museum Dr Victoria Chitungu, David Russo (co-organizer of the symposium pre-excursion in Johannesburg), and Martina Kölbl-Ebert (INHIGEO Secretary General) (Photo credit: Kathleen Histon).

The Post-conference excursion (11th–15th September) was in the area of Bulawayo (Zimbabwe) and included visits to Matobo National Park with spectacular painted caves and tor structures within the granite landscape and the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the Khami Ruins and Great Zimbabwe.



INHIGEO post-conference excursion to Matapos Park – participants visiting the painted caves (Photo credit: Kathleen Histon).



INHIGEO post-conference excursion to the Great Zimbabwe monument – participants exploring the spectacular granite Tor structures that distinguish the landscape (Photo credit: Kathleen Histon).

Minutes of the INHIGEO Business Meeting

Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), 10th of September 2026

1. Welcome and Opening

INHIGEO President Ezio Vaccari opened the Business Meeting and welcomed all members and guests present.

2. Regrets and apologies from those unable to attend

Apologies have been received from Leonid Kolbantsev.

3. Arrangement of the agenda

The agenda was included in the June INHIGEO Quarterly Circular sent to all members by e-mail on June 24th, 2026.

1. Welcome
2. Regrets/apologies
3. Arrangement of the agenda (requests for modification)
4. Minutes of the previous meeting, Dunedin/online (2025) – 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. Discussion and vote on implementation of DHST Respectful Behaviour Policy
10. INHIGEO Terms of Reference and IUGS matters
11. Future meetings of the Commission
12. Finalization of 2026 ballot
13. Any other business
14. Vote of thanks

For point 9 on the agenda members were requested to read: <https://dhstweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/DHST-EGA-Respectful-Behavior-Policy-final-1.pdf>

There were no requests for modification of the agenda.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the business meeting in Dunedin, 4 July 2025, have been published in the INHIGEO Quarterly Circular of September 2025.

5. President's Report

Dear INHIGEO Members, dear Guests,

in this report, I would like to present to you a summary of the major achievements and activities of our Commission since our last Business Meeting, which was held early in July 2025 in Dunedin, New Zealand. But first I would like to acknowledge the essential contribution provided by our Secretary-General Martina Kölbl-Ebert, the support received by the Board and the various activities produced by INHIGEO members and affiliated associations.

INHIGEO had an active and productive year. At the 27th International Congress of History of Science and Technology (ICHST) in Dunedin, New Zealand, from 29 June to 5 July 2025, we organized three thematic sessions as part of our 50th Annual Symposium: "Indigenous peoples'

knowledge and beliefs about the Earth: an open historiographical issue”, “The geological notebook: reflections in the field” and “Geological Sciences and Empires: Connections Forging the Production of Knowledge”, the latter co-organized in conjunction with the Commission on *Science and Empire of the Division for the History of Science and Technology (DHST / IUHPST)*. At these sessions 35 presentations were given by participants from 15 countries. The INHIGEO 7-days fieldtrip in the North Island of New Zealand, led by an expert and dynamic geologist such as Hamish Campbell, took place on 7–13 July 2025 and included some impressive and truly magnificent geo-historical and geological sites.

The “INHIGEO Early Career Award” for 2025, was presented to Sarah Qidwai (University of York, UK) for her presentation *Islam, Geology, and Colonialism in 19th-Century South Asia*, within the INHIGEO session “Indigenous peoples’ knowledge and beliefs about the Earth”. Later in the year, INHIGEO member Renee M. Clary (Mississippi State University, USA) was the recipient of the 2025 Mary C. Rabbitt History and Philosophy of Geology Award of the Geological Society of America, for her contribution to the history of geological science. The award was presented at the GSA Annual Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, USA, 19–22 October 2025. Early in 2026, another prestigious award, the prize François Ellenberger for authors of outstanding work in the field of history of geology and related disciplines, was assigned by the French Commission on the History of Geology (COFRHIGEO) to our Brazilian member and former INHIGEO President, Silvia Figueirôa.

An INHIGEO co-sponsored trans-disciplinary session at the European Geosciences Union (EGU) Assembly in Vienna, on 5 May 2026, was co-organized with others by INHIGEO members Claudia Principe (Italy) and Piotr Krzywiec (Poland): “Session NH9.14: Lessons Learnt and Perspectives on Risk Communication and Preparedness”; 10 talks and 14 posters were presented by participants from 5 countries.

INHIGEO was also present at the meeting “Shifting Perspectives: Plural Worlds, Contested Sciences” organized by the European Society for the History of Science (ESHS) and the History of Science Society (HSS), with support from the British Society for the History of Science (BSHS), at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, on 13–16 July 2026. A co-sponsored session, “The Plural Worlds of Earth Science: Visual, Material, and Institutional Transformations Across Disciplines, Scales, and Territories”, was organized by Valentina Roberti (Italy), with the participation of 8 speakers from 4 countries.

The INHIGEO Webinars, always well attended, continued regularly: the 8th INHIGEO Webinar on 26 September 2025, featured a talk by Valentina Roberti (Italy) on “Volcanology as an experimental science: the evolution of scientific instruments for studying Mount Etna”. On 14 November 2025, the 9th INHIGEO Webinar had a talk by Reese Fulgenzi (USA): “From Lügensteine to Archaeoraptor. What is a Fake Fossil?”. On 28 November 2025, INHIGEO member Ernie Hamm (Canada) gave an online talk entitled “From Goethe to Max Frisch by way of the Anthropocene”. On 24 April 2026, the 10th INHIGEO Webinar featured a talk by Adèle Chevalier (France) “Selections, exhibition, and uses: What significance for the fossil collections of the chair of geology at the Natural History Museum in Paris (1853–1900)?”. Finally, on 26 June 2026, the 11th webinar, on the topic “Dinosaurs, Suburbia, and the Oil Industry in Postwar America” was presented by Henrik J. Schneider (USA).

The INHIGEO contribution to the 3rd 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites (the project established by the IUGS International Commission on Geoheritage - ICG, where we collaborate since 2022), continued through 2025 and early this year: two sites proposed by INHIGEO, Komorní Hurka Hill in Czech Republic and Swabian Volcano in Germany, were approved for being included in the section History of Geosciences of the 3rd 100 sites book. INHIGEO has been invited to an event for presentation of this third stage of the project, organized by the ICG in the first week of November 2026. Our vice-president for Latin America Lucero Morelos Rodriguez together with Publications and outreach coordinator Kathleen Histon have been invited to write the introduction to the chapter on the History of Geosciences.

Concerning our publications, first I would like to mention our *Quarterly Circulars* compiled by our Secretary-General Martina Kölbl-Ebert, with the help of the Board, and the *Annual Record*, edited by editor Kerry Magruder. We have now available the proceedings of the 2023 INHIGEO Symposium in Poland published as a collection of papers in the *Polish Geological Institute Special Papers*, 2025, vol. 31, edited by INHIGEO Polish members Poland Stanisław Wołkiewicz & Piotr Krzywiec. The second part of the proceedings of the INHIGEO sponsored session "Hidden histories revealed in scientific revision of paleontological collections", held at the 6th International Palaeontological Congress in Khon Kaen (Thailand) between 7–11 November 2022, edited by INHIGEO members Kathleen Histon (Ireland), Toshihiro Yamada (Japan) and Sue Turner (Australia), was published as a special issue in "*Earth Sciences History*", 44 (2), 2025. Our collaboration with the journal *Earth Sciences History* has continued in 2026, thanks to the precious and competent work of the journal editor and INHIGEO member John Diemer (USA), with the publication of another Special Issue of *Earth Sciences History* vol 45 (1) 2026, with as guest editors INHIGEO members Maddalena Napolitani (Italy) and Victor Monnin (France). This special issue includes papers from the INHIGEO sponsored one-day conference "Histories of Earth Sciences: Visual and Interdisciplinary Approaches amid an Environmental Crisis", held in Varese (Italy) in 2023. The proceedings of the 42nd INHIGEO Symposium in Armenia have been finally published by Springer Nature with the title *History of Geology Without Borders: Armenia and Beyond*, edited by Marianne Klemun (Austria), Ezio Vaccari (Italy) and late INHIGEO Past President Barry Cooper.

On the impressive Anniversary series and our contributions to the IUGS journal *Episodes*, as well for all the publications in progress, more details will be given in the report by our Publication and Outreach coordinator Kathleen Histon.

The INHIGEO website continues to operate successfully with regular updating throughout the past year, under the management of webmistress Maria Faccioli. The homepage now has 14 webpage sidebar headings on the left-hand side (which lead to an additional 20 subpages) while a range of links to current activities are listed on the right-hand side for easy access and immediate communication (e.g. the latest and most recent Quarterly Circular, all the Annual Records, current and previous month Anniversaries, the circular for the next Annual INHIGEO Symposium, circulars for upcoming sponsored sessions and conferences and flyers for upcoming INHIGEO Webinars).

Finally, last but not least, the new series "Archives in the History of the Geological Sciences" featured in the *INHIGEO Quarterly Circular* starting in March 2025, presented the first 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. In 2025 we have presented the *History of Science Collections of the University of Oklahoma Libraries* (Norman, Oklahoma, USA); the *Charles Lyell Collections* at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland, UK); *The Geologist's Archive* at the Universitätsbibliothek of the University of Freiburg i.Br. (Germany) and the *Historical Archive of the Geology Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico* (UNAM) in Mexico City. In 2026 were presented the *Gotha Perthes Collection* (cartography/geography/geosciences) of the University of Erfurt (Germany) and the *Mitchell Library Collections of the State Library of New South Wales* (Australia). More presentations will be included in the next Circulars. We hope to thus encourage the use of these fundamental resources by geologists and historians worldwide and underline the key importance of this historical-scientific heritage for studies of the global development of the geological sciences.

As usual, at the end of this report, I would like to ask to all the members to contribute to the life and the future of the commission with proposals and ideas. We need your help also for inviting new members, in particular from non-represented or little-represented countries and from new generations of young scholars, and not only geoscientists or historians.

Ezzio Vaccari

6. Secretary General's report

A major effort of 2026 was the compiling of the documents, statistical data and financial reports for the evaluation of INHIGEO since 2020 by the IUGS. The INHIGEO 2026 SWOT Analysis – on which the INHIGEO Board has asked members' input – is included in this Quarterly Circular below the minutes. At the meeting of the INHIGEO Board, held here in Victoria Falls on September 8, the identified weaknesses were highlighted, as these are in INHIGEO's might to be fixed:

Weaknesses

- Isolation of researchers in history of geosciences in countries with small INHIGEO membership
- Expensive meetings as two-fold problem
 - for young researchers who despite limited grants cannot afford the symposia and additional fieldtrips
 - for senior (post-career) INHIGEO members from poorer countries due to lack of funding

The Secretary-General would like to encourage INHIGEO members from countries with small (or old) INHIGEO membership, to feel responsible for making suitable membership nominations in order to ascertain that their country does not drop out. Experience tells us that once defunct, it is very difficult to get such countries back on the INHIGEO membership map. If you feel all alone, please liaise with members in neighbouring countries or keep contact with your respective INHIGEO vice-president.

I am sure, you all have felt that this meeting was a particular expensive one. While there are many things that simply can't be helped, when you are organizing a conference, as one does not want to compromise on safety for instance; or there are the big congresses (the IGC and the ICHST), which are expensive by nature; any organizer of a conference is encouraged to think about our less-wealthy members and try to find ways to make them welcome as well.

INHIGEO has issued four travel grants to Early Career Scholars to attend the ESHS and HSS joint meeting, Edinburgh, 13-16 July 2026, and participate in the INHIGEO sponsored session "The Plural Worlds of Earth Science: Visual, Material, and Institutional Transformations Across Disciplines, Scales, and Territories". We have also issued four extensive grants to speakers here in Zimbabwe. Such money is provided both by the IUGS and the IUHPST's Division of History of Science and Technology.

INHIGEO Secretary-General and the INHIGEO President provide annual reports and requests for financial support to both IUGS and DHST.

The quarterly "INHIGEO Circular" continues with issues in late March, June, September and December of each year, prepared mostly by the Secretary-General and the Publications and Outreach Coordinator and sent out by e-mail. You are welcome to send in news items to be shared with the general INHIGEO membership.

The Annual Record 2026 to report on 2025 is in the process of being compiled by our editor Kerry Magruder; all published issues can be accessed via our homepage, and as you know they also contain the current membership directory.

We have received the sad news that two INHIGEO members and one dedicated accompanying person have died since the last business meeting. Please remember kindly: Ken Bork (USA), Phillipe Taquet (France) and Bob Newcomb, husband to Sally Newcomb (USA).

Coming to the end of my report, I would like to wish each and every one of you peace, safety and good health! Thank you for your lively cooperation and for being part of our international INHIGEO family!

Martina Kölbl-Ebert

7. Editor's Report

I send best wishes for a wonderful Symposium, with regrets that I am not able to be with you this year in Zimbabwe.

The Annual Record, no. 58, to cover activities for 2025, is on track to be published in October.

It is still not too late to submit member reports, either individually or for countries; send them directly to me at kvmagruder@gmail.com. **Please do so before September 30.**

A reorganization of my university department has resulted in a severe and unanticipated increase in administrative load. This, coupled with a year of ill health, means that I will not be able to complete my term as editor. After the current issue, I anticipate that I will be able to complete the next one, no. 59, to cover activities for 2026, but I will be looking to pass the torch to a new editor by this time next year.

Kerry Magruder

8. Publication and Outreach Coordinator's Report

Publications

Papers for IUGS journal Episodes: Four articles under the heading of *History of Geology* and three book reviews were published during 2025 – the authors of the four articles are all early career scholars. Collaboration for five papers and an editorial by INHIGEO members for a Special issue *Empowerment of women in geoscience towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality)* which was published in March 2026, vol 49(1). https://www.episodes.org/journal/list.html?pn=vol&TG=vol&sm=&s_v=49&s_n=1&year=2026

In addition, two further articles under *History of Geology* are currently being processed within the editorial system for 2026 and others are planned for submission in 2027. A book review was published in June 2026 and others are currently being solicited for submission.

Special Issues in progress:

49th INHIGEO Symposium 2024 / IGC Busan (Korea): Two Special Issues arising from sessions held during the IGC are currently in progress:

Session T38 S1 – *Anthropocene: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives* with Springer Nature – editors Claudine Cohen and Ernst Hamm;

Session T40 S1 – *Trailblazers, Leaders and those in the Shadows: History of women in the geological sciences – International Perspectives* as Geological Society of London Special Publications volume 564 – editors Martina Koelbl Ebert and Kathleen Histon. Publication planned for 2027 <https://www.lyellcollection.org/toc/sp/564/1>

50th INHIGEO Symposium 2025/ICHST Dunedin (New Zealand): a special issue proposal arising from session 34 – *The Geological notebook: reflections in the field* – editors Kathleen Histon and Carol Bacon - is currently in progress for submission to Springer Nature as part of a new series planned by INHIGEO on the History of the Geological sciences.

Sponsored conference Oslo 2025: publication of a collection of papers arising from the INHIGEO sponsored conference *Epistemic frontiers – geoscientific knowledge, authority, and politics of participation in arctic and african exploration* is planned as a volume with Manchester University Press – editors Johannes Mattes, Ulrike Spring, Norman Henniges.

Sponsored session EGU Vienna 2026: publication of a collection of papers arising from the INHIGEO sponsored session NH9.14: *Lessons Learned and Perspectives on Risk*

Communication and Preparedness is planned as a Special issue in the journal *Natural Hazards* – co-editors Claudia Principe and Piotr Krzywiec.

Sincere thanks to all those members who have acted as reviewers both for papers in *Episodes* and our various INHIGEO Special Issues – without the generous contribution of your time and expertise the timely editing and processing of these publications would be problematic.

Outreach

INHIGEO Anniversaries: Twelve Anniversaries in history of the geological sciences were solicited and edited in collaboration with the authors for 2025 and files prepared for the INHIGEO website: several anniversaries were posted monthly on the IUGS website under News and on the DHST social media during 2025; all were published in the related monthly IUGS E Bulletin and are archived permanently on the INHIGEO website <https://inhigeo.org/anniversaries/>

Anniversaries for months January-August 2026 have already been issued within the IUGS E Bulletin and posted on the INHIGEO website and those for September-December 2026 have been submitted by the authors and files are currently being edited. Several anniversary contributions have been agreed for years 2027/28 and these lists are currently being organized. It is an important aim that the anniversaries include each year a broad geographical range across all continents, a diverse range of topics/disciplines and historical periods, several contributions related to history of women in geology and that the series acts to help network INHIGEO members and foster the history of geology in their countries. **My sincere thanks to all contributors for your help in keeping the series continuous!**

INHIGEO Quarterly Circular inserts: Preparation of outreach items regarding the Anniversaries; publications from *Episodes*; INHIGEO Awards; photos-short summary on the Annual INHIGEO Symposium and fieldtrips; soliciting and editing of contributions for series Early Career Research Profiles, Archives in the Geological Sciences and preparation of related files for INHIGEO website.

INHIGEO Website content: Collaboration with Web Master Maria Faccioli regarding webpage content for recent publications of INHIGEO and other outreach activities (Sponsored conferences and sessions; Early Career profiles, Archives in Geo-History, INHIGEO Affiliated Associations).

IUGS E Bulletin: Preparation of the monthly INHIGEO News inserts. <https://www.iugs.org/publication/ebulletin/>

DHST social media: Provision of INHIGEO monthly Anniversaries for posting on their social media.

Kathleen Histon

9. Discussion and vote on implementation of DHST Respectful Behaviour Policy

Summing up:

The INHIGEO Secretary-General has attended two online meeting on this issue. The first one already last year to discuss a draft. The second on 25 June 2026 dealing with implementing procedures. As for details, the link to the Policy was provided with the invitation to the business meeting.

The DHST Respectful Behaviour Policy defines Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Standards, i.e. DHST prohibits any unwelcome conduct that is based on an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity, race, colour, religion, national origin, age, social and marital status, disability, body shape, physical appearance, pregnancy status, career stage or employment

status and that creates an environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive. Harassment, intimidation, and abuse may include such actions as:

1. inappropriate physical contact;
2. demeaning jokes, kidding, or teasing;
3. verbal abuse and epithets;
4. degrading or slanderous comments;
5. the display of offensive or sexually suggestive objects or pictures;
6. conduct or comments of a lewd or lascivious nature, including pressure for sexual activity;
7. repeated offensive sexual flirtation, advances or propositions;
8. wrongful appropriation of ideas, results, authorship or credit by means of overt or implied threats;
9. wrongful exclusion of individuals from spaces, discussions, or decisions they have a legitimate claim to participate in;
10. compelling individuals to engage in any kind of behavior against their will;
11. any other conduct that the individual (or group of individuals) might reasonably find to be intimidating, hostile, offensive, coercive, or threatening.

For the purposes of this policy, sexual harassment does not refer to occasional compliments of a socially acceptable nature or consensual personal and social relationships.

DHST is in the process of appointing an independent ombudsperson, someone where you can apply to when you experience harassment or discrimination within INHIGEO or at any of the DHST conferences.

INHIGEO is asked by DHST to adopt their Respectful Behaviour Policy as far as it does not conflict with any similar policy by the IUGS. The suggestion was that affiliated groups should adopt whichever policy is the stricter one. Or, alternatively fashion our own Policy, if matters turn out more complicated than that.

As far as we are informed, IUGS thus far has only a comparable policy for the IGCs, not for work in the various commissions; and it is the organizers of the congress that have to enforce it; although in recent years the IUGS Executive Committee has increased pressure on its constituent groups regarding gender equality and diversity in general, particularly involving younger people in responsible positions; which seems all in line with the DHST Respectful Behaviour Policy. Just by the way: The present INHIGEO Board has no recollection of any previous reported harassment within INHIGEO.

Thus, the suggestion was to adopt the DHST Respectful Behaviour Policy for the time being by referring to it in our terms of references and link to it on our website. And make any suitable amendments later on, if necessary.

In the ensuing discussion a general agreement with the DHST Respectful Behaviour Policy was voiced by several delegates. There was, however, concern that INHIGEO would be forced to invite the DHST ombudsperson to all its conferences thus creating unforeseeable costs. In the end we voted 21 in favour of, 1 against the adoption of the DHST Respectful Behaviour Policy, **provided** that the issue with attendance or non-attendance of the ombudsperson would be resolved without undue requirements for INHIGEO. The Secretary General received the mandate to correspond with DHST accordingly. Further information will follow in future INHIGEO Quarterly Circulars.

10. INHIGEO Terms of Reference and IUGS matters

IUGS EC Meeting: President Ezio Vaccari briefly reported on the IUGS Executive Committee (EC) Meeting which he attended in Bogotá, Colombia, on 24-25 January 2026, in order to present INHIGEO's most recent activities and major achievements, as well as for taking part in

the open session and discussions The INHIGEO annual report to the IUGS was favourably received by the EC and a letter of approval was received in February 2026 from the IUGS EC, outlining the annual budget allocated to INHIGEO for 2026 (6000 Euros) and indicating some recommendations. In this letter the IUGS - EC extended "its congratulations to INHIGEO for its activities and achievements in 2025", but it also advises INHIGEO to diversify its membership by enhancing representation from underrepresented countries and regions, increasing the number of early-career members. Moreover the IUGS-EC recommended that the use of IUGS funds allocated to INHIGEO should be used to cover the expenses of postgraduate students and post-doctoral researchers attending conferences.

Discussion followed on this latter topic, emphasizing the importance for INHIGEO to provide financial support, not only to young and early-career scholars, but also, in some specific and well motivated cases, to our members from developing countries without financial sources.

IGC 2028: In October 2025 President Ezio Vaccari was invited by Daniel Lebel, Chair of the International Advisory Committee for the 38th International Geological Congress in Calgary, Canada (12-20 August 2028), to join this Committee on behalf of INHIGEO. Following the request to involve more early-career scholars, in order to contribute to the organization of an enlarged Program Committee, INHIGEO members Johannes Mattes, Lucero Morelos Rodriguez and Maddalena Napolitani were proposed and included as members of the Team Leads Group related to the topic "History and Philosophy of Geological Sciences" led by Glenn Dolphin (Canada). The first circular of the IGC 2028 is available at the conference website (<https://www.igc2028canada.org/>) and the deadline for submitting proposals for Sessions, Workshops, and Short Courses is March 2027.

As the INHIGEO Annual Symposium in 2028 will take place, as usual, within the IGC, with the organization of some scientific sessions, INHIGEO members who intend to organize one of these sessions as convenors are invited to send their proposals to INHIGEO President and Secretary-General by 15 January 2027. The topics included in the theme "History and Philosophy of Geosciences" of the IGC 2028 are: History of Geoscience; Philosophy of Geoscience; Interdisciplinary Methodologies for the History of Geoscience; Archives and Data in the History of Geoscience; History and Philosophy of Geoscience in Education; History of Geomorphology and Exogenic Geology; History of Geology on the North American Continent.

INHIGEO was also asked by the Board Director of the IGC 2028 to become an "official supporting organization of IGC 2028", which involve no financial obligation from either party, the agreement by INHIGEO to actively promote IGC 2028 through email, website, newsletters, and the permission to IGC 2028 to display INHIGEO logo in its website, circulars and social media. The delegates unanimously approved INHIGEO becoming an official supporting organization of IGC 2028.

A discussion followed on the issue of organizing an INHIGEO geo-historical excursion after the IGC in Calgary. The Board has already started to discuss this matter and INHIGEO Vice-President North America Ernie Hamm will contact Canadian INHIGEO members who could be interested in organizing this fieldtrip.

INHIGEO Terms of Reference and IUGS Ad-Hoc Review: President Ezio Vaccari briefly reported on the IUGS Ad-hoc Review of INHIGEO, which took place in Varese (Italy), at the University of Insubria, on 21 July 2026. As announced during the IUGS EC meeting in January, IUGS decided to start to review its Commissions in 2026 and INHIGEO was asked to present detailed reports and financial documents concerning its activities in the last six years. At the meeting in Varese the Ad-hoc Review Committee (ARC) was composed by Dolores Lola Pereira (EC IUGS Member), Maria Rose Petrizzo (IUGS Vice-President) and Roland Oberhänsli (former IUGS President), while INHIGEO was represented by President Ezio Vaccari and Secretary-General Martina Kölbl-Ebert. During the meeting several topics were

treated, including INHIGEO governance and internal organization, the role of the Board, the role of Affiliated Associations, the management of the membership (with particular attention to the early career members), various issues on communication and outreach, the organization and promotion of the annual symposia, webinars, workshops and publications, the relationships with IUGS EC and with other IUGS Commissions / Initiatives, and finally some suggestions on possible new interdisciplinary topics for future research.

The official report of the meeting by the ARC has not yet been released, but when the results of the evaluation will be available, the INHIGEO Board will start to discuss the possible actions to undertake according to the IUGS recommendations. However, during this meeting it was also clearly pointed out the need to consider the revision and the update of the INHIGEO Terms of Reference and Bylaws, which were slightly revised for the last time in 2016. As the final approval of the revised Terms of Reference will be given by the IUGS Council at the IGC 2028 in Calgary, President Ezio Vaccari asked the delegates to approve the initiation, by the INHIGEO Board, of the process to revise the Terms of Reference / Bylaws, in order to prepare for all stages of the procedure in good time. The delegates unanimously approved this proposal.

11. Future Meetings of the Commission

For 2027 we have been invited by our Austrian colleagues to Vienna early in September. The organiser, Margret Hamilton gave a short presentation. The first circular is expected to be ready by November. It will be widely advertised, sent out to all INHIGEO members and linked to within the December INHIGEO Quarterly Circular.

The 2028 INHIGEO Annual Symposium will take place in conjunction with the International Geological Congress (IGC) in Calgary (Canada). Preparations are on their way, as the First Circular is available and the deadline for submitting session proposals is March 2027 (<https://www.igc2028canada.org/>). INHIGEO members are requested to suggest and organize sessions, which may be part of our Annual Symposium at the IGC. **Please, send your preliminary proposals to INHIGEO President and Secretary-General by 15 January 2027.** Further information will follow in the December INHIGEO Quarterly Circular 2026.

The 2029 INHIGEO Annual Symposium will take place in conjunction with the ICHST in Paris, France.

For 2030, INHIGEO has been invited by Khallaf El Ghalbi to Meknès in Morocco.

For 2031, there may be a possibility to organize the annual symposium in south America, as emerged by some preliminary discussions held by the INHIGEO President during the IUGS EC meeting in Bogotá.

12. Finalization of 2026 ballot

Over the past months, the INHIGEO Board has reviewed your suggestions for new INHIGEO members and I am pleased to announce that 15 new members from 9 countries have successfully applied:

- Seven new Associate members: Hamish Campbell (New Zealand), Adèle Chevalier (France), Mauricio Faraone Pimienta (Uruguay), Zoe Lauri (Italy), Oğuz Mülâyim (Turkey), Valentina Roberti (Italy), Jun Togashi (Japan)
- And eight new Ordinary Members: Monica Azzolini (Italy), Stefano Branca (Italy), Isaac Camps Gamundi (Spain), Christopher Duffin (UK), Corinna Guerra (Italy), Kentaro Hattori (Japan), Jorge Navarro Comet (Spain) and Michaela Nohejlová Zemková (Czech Republic).

A warm welcome to all of them!

As always, INHIGEO encourages proposals of new memberships, in particular from non-represented countries and from young researchers. So, if you know of any suitable candidates, please do not hesitate to submit nominations for the next ballot, which will take place in spring 2027.

As a result of this year's ballot, INHIGEO now has 287 members from 57 countries.

13. Any other business

- The INHIGEO Early Career Award for 2026 was conferred to David Russo (Ph.D. candidate at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa) for his presentation on *Early mining history of Johannesburg and Witwatersrand Goldfields*, presented during the Johannesburg Pre-Conference Fieldtrip on 3 September 2026.
- Sharad Master communicated that information regarding the proceedings of the 51st INHIGEO 2026 Symposium in Victoria Falls will be forthcoming in the near future.
- Some delegates suggested general topics within the history of Earth sciences, to be considered for possible inclusion in the main themes of future INHIGEO symposia or sponsored sessions, such as History of Geochemistry, History of Hydrology, History of Geophysics.
- Staszek Wołkiewicz (INHIGEO member, Poland) presented the planned publication of a monograph Geosciences in Africa within the PanAfgeo project (Pan-African Support to Geological Sciences and Technology Africa – EU Partnership), and called for contributions on the history of geological sciences in Africa.

12. Vote of thanks

INHIGEO President Ezio Vaccari thanked the organizers of the INHIGEO 2026 Annual Symposium, as follows: “On behalf of INHIGEO I would like to deeply thank all the organizers of the 2026 INHIGEO Annual Symposium in Victoria Falls, as well as the organizers and guides of the Excursions in Johannesburg and Zimbabwe, in particular the members of the Local Organizing Committee chaired by our Vice-President Africa Sharad Master: thank you so much Sharad, Michèle Dean, David Russo, Tim Broderick, Tony Martin, Racheal Goba, and the other colleagues from Zimbabwe, Forbes Mugumbate, Edgar Chiteka and Moira FitzPatrick: you organized the very first INHIGEO Annual Symposium in Africa and you really have done a wonderful job ! Please, give a round of applause to our hosts!”

Awards

The **INHIGEO Early Career Award** was conferred at the INHIGEO Business Meeting on 10th September 2026 by Ezio Vaccari (INHIGEO President) and Martina Kölbl-Ebert (INHIGEO Secretary General) to **David Russo** (PhD candidate, School of Geosciences, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa) for his presentation on *Early mining history of Johannesburg and Witwatersrand Goldfields* within the 51st INHIGEO Symposium.



Presentation of INHIGEO Early Career Award, Victoria Falls. (Photo credit: Piotr Krzywiec)

INHIGEO 2026 – SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- International group with longstanding relationships between many members, and yet getting younger and more diverse (age, gender, geographic coverage etc.) in recent years
- Establishment of a supportive and stimulating forum of discussion and exchange of ideas for those interested in history of the geological sciences by creating a forum of international expert scholarship focused on setting high standards
- Interdisciplinarity across various fields of the geosciences
- Transdisciplinary exchanges between science and the humanities (history of knowledge, history, philosophy and sociology of geosciences, and the geosciences)
- Possibility of using geohistorical narration to promote and explain geoscientific content in education (school and university teaching) and dissemination
- Frequent conferences (Annual Symposia + other events)
- Meetings open for non-members as well
- Fieldtrips at each INHIGEO Annual Symposium highlighting geological and cultural sites and routes of historical and ongoing relevance, thus facilitating the transdisciplinary exchange between historians and geoscientists, as well as the positive influence and perception of geoscience within society and local communities
- Webinars showcasing early career scholars in history of the geosciences and connecting people, especially younger colleagues who may not be able to afford the meetings
- Informative and regularly updated new website as an online presence of INHIGEO
- Outreach (presence at other conferences, regular publications in *Episodes* etc.)
- Numerous publications of individual and collective works on the history of the geological sciences; particularly publications arising from all annual symposia and collections of papers in high ranking journals for sponsored sessions

- From across five continents, diverse disciplines and in support of policy for outreach and gender parity
- Decentral, local activities of (affiliated) national groups and strengthened networks through national affiliated bodies within national geological societies
- Collaboration by members for INHIGEO anniversaries showcased on websites IUGS

Weaknesses

- Isolation of researchers in history of geosciences in countries with small INHIGEO membership
- Expensive meetings as two-fold problem
 - for young researchers who despite limited grants cannot afford the symposia and additional fieldtrips
 - for senior (post-career) INHIGEO members from poorer countries due to lack of funding

Opportunities

- Status as Commission of IUGS
- Affiliation with DHST / IUHPST
- Joint meetings with other players in the geoscience community
- Collaboration with other IUGS Commissions resulting in joint projects and meetings
- Publication options with wide outreach (*Episodes*, *Geological Society Special Publications*, Geological Heritage Sites books, etc.) for scholars and general readers

Threats

- History of geological sciences still not widely recognized and established as academic discipline for teaching and researching within universities and scientific centres
- Low prestige of historical research in geoscience community
 - resulting in lack of funding for historical research by geologists under national/international funded geological research projects
 - likewise lack of funding for presentation of such results in this field by geologists at geological congresses (IGC / EGU / Strati / IPC etc.)
- Young people can only be attracted to History of Geosciences if they get recognition and funding for their studies in this field
- General global political situation
- Political situation in various membership countries
- Travel restrictions

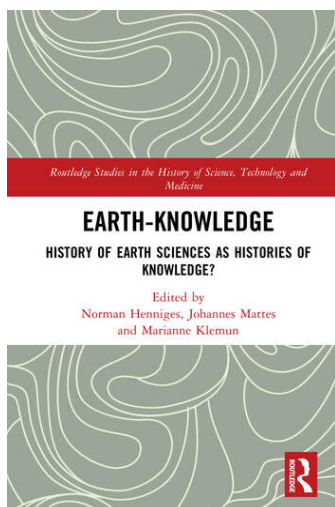
Next INHIGEO Webinar

The next INHIGEO webinar will take place on **Friday, October 23, 17:00-18:30 CET** and the guest speakers will be Professor Kenneth Taylor and Professor Renee Clary. This will be a special webinar session for the 50th anniversary of the publication of Martin Rudwick's book "The Emergence of a Visual Language for Geological Science 1760–1840" (1976).

A flyer with the link will be sent out to all INHIGEO members by e-mail.

INHIGEO Publications

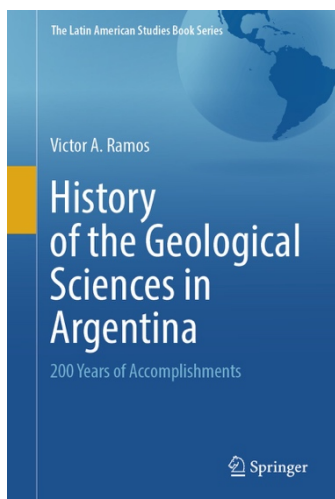
New Publications of interest by members of INHIGEO



Earth-Knowledge: History of Earth Sciences as Histories of Knowledge?

Edited by INHIGEO members Norman Henniges, Johannes Mattes and Marianne Klemun (Routledge 2026) this collection of papers using a transdisciplinary approach, examines how scientific understanding of the Earth has been created, transformed, and shared across time - combining perspectives from the history of science, sociology of knowledge, and cultural studies to explore the evolution of Earth sciences.

<https://www.routledge.com/Earth-Knowledge-History-of-Earth-Sciences-as-Histories-of-Knowledge/Henniges-Mattes-Klemun/p/book/9781041009320>



History of the Geological Sciences in Argentina - 200 Years of Accomplishments

By Victor Ramos (Springer 2025)

This book presents the first comprehensive history of geology in Argentina in 100 years, situates geological discoveries in historical context and includes more than 300 photographs from numerous archives throughout Argentina. The science of geology is intertwined with the growth of the field in Argentina. This book explores those dual historical developments and, as an expanded translation of *Historia de la Geología Argentina: Una Crónica de Más de Dos Siglos*, shares them with a global audience.

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-83139-3>

INHIGEO members who have recently published a volume of interest to those doing research in the history of the geological sciences are encouraged to send information for this section in the Quarterly circular to the INHIGEO Publications and outreach coordinator.

Episodes

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.

INHIGEO Outreach

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

Occasion July 2026: Woman in Andean mining died 90 years ago

Author: Ricardo N. Alonso (Argentina)

Title: *Lola Mora (1866–1936): Artist and pioneer in mining and oil in Argentina*

The year 2026 marks three anniversaries related to the great Argentine artist Lola Mora (born in Salta, 1866– died in Buenos Aires, 1936), who abandoned her artistic career to devote herself to prospecting for minerals in the Andes Mountains and extracting unconventional oil from oil shale.

IUGS E-Bulletin 230, July 2026;
<https://inhigeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/alonso-r.-woman-in-andean-mining-lola-mora-died-90-years-ago.pdf>

Occasion August 2026: Geological map published 170 years ago

Author: John S. Compton (South Africa)

Title: *Andrew Geddes Bain (1797–1864) – the First Geological Map of South Africa (1856)*

The first comprehensive geological map of South Africa was published by the Geological Society of London in 1856, 170 years ago. The map represented a major advance in the understanding of South African geology and was put together in 1852 by Andrew Geddes Bain (1797–1864), in consultation with William Guybon Atherstone (1814–1898). Bain was a road engineer and Atherstone a medical doctor.

IUGS E-Bulletin 231, August 2026;
https://inhigeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/compton_j._geological_map_of_south_africa_170_years-ago.pdf

Occasion September 2026: Pivotal talks in paleontology 90 years ago

Author: Warren D. Allmon (USA)

Title: *George Gaylord Simpson’s 1936 “door opener” talks and the entrance of paleontology into the modern evolutionary synthesis*

In late 1936, George Gaylord Simpson (1902–1984), then a curator of vertebrate paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) (Figure 1), gave two talks (on September 10 and December 30, respectively) that were to form much of the basis for his enormously influential 1944 book *Tempo and Mode in Evolution*, which effectively brought paleontology into the Modern Synthesis with other areas of evolutionary biology.

IUGS E-Bulletin 232, September 2026;
coming soon at <https://inhigeo.org/anniversaries/>

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 China.

Name: YANG Lijuan

Studies:

2014–2017: PhD, History of Science, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.

2011–2014: Master's degree, History of Science and Technology, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.

2007–2011: Bachelor's degree in Biological Engineering, Jilin University, Changchun, Jilin, China.

Position: “ZJU100 Young Professor” at the School of History, Zhejiang University.



Title of Ph.D: *The Spread of Modern Geology and Mineralogy in China: A Case Study of the Textbooks of Geology and Mineralogy (1853–1937)*

The modern geological and mineralogical textbooks appeared in China after the Sino-Japanese War in 1895. They played important roles in the spread of geological knowledge and scientific communications, and largely reflected the development of geology in China. This study focuses on translated books and textbooks on modern geology and mineralogy which were published in 1853-1937. It analyses the publications and the change of the content of those books. Combining with the perspective of the history of education and the social history, this study explores the spread of geology and mineralogy in modern China, and discusses the relationship between the textbooks and the standardization of the geological terms. This study follows a chronological order and analyses the characters of the development of geology and mineralogy at different stages. Five parts are included in this dissertation.

Research interests: the history of geology, the history of modern science, and the history of scientific exchange between China and the West.



Photo caption: Graduation photo of the faculty and students of the Geological School, Peking, China, July 14, 1916. Source: Wong, W.H., and Chang, H.T. (Eds.), 1916, *Geological Reports of the Students in the Geological School*. Jinghua Printing House, Peking. (In Chinese)

Publications:

Yang Lijuan, “Between fieldwork and classroom training: the Geological School and the early geological surveys of China (1913–1916)”, *Episodes*, 2025, 48(4): 579–586.

Yang Lijuan, “A Study on the Geological and Mineralogical Education and the Textbooks of Mineralogy in the Late Qing Dynasty”, *Geological Review*, 2026, 72(2):340–345.

Yang Lijuan, “An Account of Sino-Japanese Scientific Exchange and Interaction in Late Qing and Early Republican Periods: Based on the Study of the Translation and Naming of Two Geological Terms”, *Earth Sciences History*, Accepted, to be published in 2026, Vol. 45(2).

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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 **National Geological Library of China**.

Archive: National Geological Library of China

Host Institution: China Geological Survey, Beijing, China

Brief Overview:

The National Geological Library of China currently holds a collection of 890,000 volumes and over 10,000 sets of various geological maps, as well as 22 self-developed and purchased Chinese-and foreign-language databases, ranking it as the largest professional geoscience library in Asia. It also holds a range of archival material of interest to the history of the geological sciences.

The Geological Society of China (GSC) is the leading national academic society for geosciences in China. Founded in Beijing on 3 February 1922 by 26 pioneering geologists including Zhang Hongzhao, Ding Wenjiang, Weng Wenhao and Li Siguang, it ranks among China’s earliest-established scientific societies. “List of Members of the Geological Society of China” was issued intermittently by the Geological Society of China during the Republican period. Archival documents and full sets of the publications of the society constitute a fundamental biographical source for studying the community of Chinese geologists in early-modern China.

Complete sets of the “Collected Essays on the History of Geology”, a series of collected volumes published by the Commission on History of Geology, Geological Society of China, from 1986 to 2011 by Geological Publishing House, Beijing includes research papers and historical documents concerning the history of Chinese geology. Its contents cover disciplinary history, institutional history of geological undertakings, biographies of geoscientists,

geological-education history, and traditional Chinese geoscientific heritage. It serves as a core Chinese-language reference source for scholars studying the history of geology in China.

Availability/Accessibility: The catalogue of the National Geological Library of China is available online. Relevant materials can be borrowed on-site and the loan period is one month (although researchers should present valid personal identification and other required documents). If more time is needed, renewals are permitted. Digital versions of some materials are obtainable and purchased from the library. Some reproductions are also offered at a charge of RMB 0.5 per sheet. Please note that rare books and precious publications in the collection are generally ineligible for reproduction.

Travel Awards: None available.

Website: <https://www.cgl.org.cn> (Chinese-language);
<https://www.cgl.org.cn/en/Background.html> (English-language)

Online catalogue: Search the holdings using the online catalogue or advanced search, limited to special collections: [<https://www.cgl.org.cn/en/Background.html>]



Contact: National Geological Library of China (Geoscience Documentation Center, China Geological Survey)
No.29 Xueyuan Road, Haidian District, Beijing, 100083, P. R. China
(within the campus of China University of Geosciences, Beijing)
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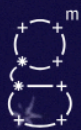
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Conference to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the journal *Nuncius*

The journal "Nuncius" will celebrate its 50th anniversary with the conference "Nuncius at Fifty: Visual and Material Turns in the History of Science", to be held in Museo Galileo, Florence, November 26-27 2026.

Founded in 1976 as *Annali dell'Istituto e Museo di Storia della Scienza* at the initiative of the then-director Maria Luisa Righini Bonelli, the journal was renamed *Nuncius* in 1986 under the editorship of Paolo Galluzzi, while retaining the subtitle "Annali di Storia della Scienza." In 2011, the subtitle was changed to "Journal of the Material and Visual History of Science."

The conference will bring together international scholars to explore current and future historiographical perspectives on the visual and material history of science.



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Event coordinators

Zoe Lauri, Museo Galileo, Florence, Italy

Elena M.R. Rizzi, University of Padua and University of Bologna, Italy

For further information: info@museogalileo.it

PROGRAMME

DAY 1

14:30–15:00 | Opening Remarks and Institutional Welcome

Roberto Ferrari, Museo Galileo, Florence, Italy

Filippo Camerota, Museo Galileo, Florence, Italy

Elena Canadelli, University of Padua, Italy

Helena Schöb, De Gruyter Brill

15:00–16:30 | Visual and Material Sources in the History of Science I

Chair: **Luca Tonetti**, University of Padua, Italy

Discussant: **Monica Azzolini**, University of Bologna, Italy

Florike Egmond, Roma Tre University, Italy | *Plants and Animals in the Picture: The Visual Revolution in 16th-Century Natural History*

Sietske Fransen, Bibliotheca Hertziana - Max Planck Institute for Art History, Rome, Italy & Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands | *Investigating Drawing as an Act of Knowledge Production*

Chiara Ambrosio, University College London, UK | *Images as Experiments*

16:30–17:00 | *Coffee Break*

17:00–18:30 | Visual and Material Sources in the History of Science II

Chair: **Valentina Vignieri**, Museo Galileo, Florence, Italy

Discussant: **Maria Conforti**, Sapienza, University of Rome, Italy

Rebekah Higgitt, National Museums Scotland, Edinburgh, UK | *The Earl of Ilay's "Capital, Curious, and Universal" Dial*

Dagmar Schäfer, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany | *Tao Zongyi and the Long Material Turn in the History of Knowledge*

Giorgio Strano, Museo Galileo, Florence, Italy | *Fifty Years of History of Astronomy in the Annali and Nuncius*

18:30–20:00 | *Visit to Museo Galileo Library and Galleries (reserved to speakers)*

DAY 2

9:00–10:30 | Visual and Material Sources in the History of Science III

Chair: **Elena M.R. Rizzi**, University of Padua and University of Bologna, Italy

Discussant: **Elena Canadelli**, University of Padua, Italy

Charlotte Bigg, Centre Alexandre Koyré, CNRS, Paris, France | *The Digital Imaging Revolution Will Not Be Televised*

Soraya de Chadarevian, University of California, Los Angeles, USA | *Rendering the Molecular World*

Jennifer Tucker, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, USA | *Visualizing Art and Science: Teaching with Lantern Slides in Secondary School Education, c. 1920-1940*

10:30–11:00 | *Coffee Break*

11:00–12:00 | 50 Years of *Nuncius*: 50 Years of Publishing in the History of Science

Chair: **Elena Canadelli**, University of Padua, Italy

Ferdinando Abbri, University of Siena, Italy | *“Madame et chère amie”: Maria Luisa Righini Bonelli and the Soviet Historians of Science*

Marco Beretta, University of Bologna, Italy | *At the Origins of the Material and Visual History of Science: Maria Luisa Bonelli and the Annali dell’Istituto e Museo di Storia della scienza*

12.00–13:15 | 50 Years of *Nuncius*: Scholar Publishing with Visual and Material Sources

Discussants

Zoe Lauri, Museo Galileo, Florence, Italy

Elena M.R. Rizzi, University of Padua and University of Bologna, Italy

Members of the Editorial Team of *Nuncius*

Members of the Visual and Material History Working Group and the History of Science and Medicine Working Group, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy

13.15–13:30 | Final Remarks

Summer academy on “Science Imagines its Future” in Berlin

Organizers: Lorraine Daston (MPIWG/University of Chicago), David Kaiser (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), and Erika Milam (Princeton University)

The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG) seeks ten Early Career Fellows (graduate students, postdocs, assistant professors or the equivalent) to participate in two summer academies to be held in Berlin on June 14–18, 2027 and June 26–30, 2028, with the support of the Balzan Foundation.

The topic of the summer academies will be how disciplines in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities have deliberated about how to invest their always scarce resources of time, talent, and money in projects that will shape research in an always uncertain future, especially the middle- and long-term future, from the next five years to the next century.

(See full description here: <https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/research/projects/science-imagines-its-future>)

The topic has been broadly construed, and research projects may focus on any discipline, epoch, or locale. Candidates may come from any country or discipline but should be able to present their work and discuss that of others in English.

Early Career Fellows will be given the opportunity to present their own work at the Summer Academies as well as to interview senior scholars and scientists on the topic. They will also play a central role in planning the second Summer Academy in 2028. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered.

Please read the full CALL and the application requirements here: <https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/news/call-applications-summer-academy-science-imagines-its-futures>

Applications should be submitted by November 1, 2026.

Scholar in Residence Programme at Deutsches Museum in Munich (Germany)

Das Deutsche Museum bietet auch für das Jahr 2027 wieder mehrere attraktive Stipendien im Scholar in Residence Programm an.

Die Bewerber:innen werden gebeten, ihre Projekte auf die Sammlungsbestände des Deutschen Museums auszurichten und bei der Formulierung ihrer Forschungsprojekte eng mit den Mitarbeitenden vor Ort zusammen zu arbeiten. Anträge, die darauf abzielen, neue Ansätze objektorientierter Forschung zu erproben, sind besonders willkommen.

Die Stipendiat:innen stehen im täglichen Kontakt mit Konservator:innen, Archivar:innen und Bibliothekar:innen und werden in ihren Arbeiten von den Wissenschaftler:innen des Museums sowie des Münchner Zentrums für Wissenschafts- und Technikgeschichte unterstützt.

Sie erhalten einen eigenen Arbeitsplatz und können ihre Projekte einem Kreis von Kolleg:innen vorstellen. Sie sollten sich regelmäßig an den Kolloquien und Workshops des Museums und des Münchner Zentrums beteiligen.

Die Stipendien umfassen 3.000€ monatlich für promovierte und 2.200€ monatlich für nicht promovierte Scholars. Die Stipendien werden je nach Einschätzung des Aufwands von der Auswahlkommission für bis zu 6 Monaten vergeben. Diese müssen jedoch zwingend innerhalb des jeweiligen Kalenderjahres wahrgenommen werden. Wissenschaftler:innen jeder Qualifikationsstufe sind herzlich eingeladen sich zu bewerben, sofern sie ein Universitätsstudium mindestens mit einem Master abgeschlossen haben (BA ist nicht ausreichend). Bei nicht-promovierten Wissenschaftler:innen sollte das Forschungsvorhaben

möglichst im Zusammenhang mit einer Dissertation stehen. Alle Nationalitäten sind willkommen, passive Deutschkenntnisse sind jedoch die Voraussetzung, um die Bestände in Bibliothek und Archiv in Anspruch nehmen zu können. Die Scholars müssen die Kosten ihrer Krankenversicherung selbst tragen.

Weitere Informationen finden Sie unter: <https://www.deutsches-museum.de/forschung/forschungsinstitut/scholar-in-residence/bewerbung>

Bitte senden Sie folgende Unterlagen per Email an Andrea Walther: a.walther@deutsches-museum.de

Bewerbungsschluss für das Jahr 2027 ist der 15. Oktober 2026

- ausgefüllter Bewerbungsbogen (Vorlagen auf der Homepage)
- Aktueller Lebenslauf
- Projektexposee (3–5 Seiten)
- zwei vertrauliche Empfehlungsschreiben

Change in Contact Details?

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