

## **Geoscience Education, Training & Technology Transfer (COGE)**

**Website:** <http://www.geoad.com.au/IUGSeducation/indexcomm.html>

### **Background:**

The Commission was formally ratified by the IUGS Council in August, 2004. Its main purpose is to advance the level of education, training and technology transfer of the geosciences at all levels throughout the world, with special focus on the developing countries and the countries in transition.

### **Objectives:**

- Identify gaps in education, training and technology transfer both conceptually and geographically.
- Together with other relevant bodies in or outside the IUGS family, develop strategies for the coordination of existing and the development of new programmes in geoscience education, training and technology transfer based on the identified gaps.
- Produce a 5-year Action Plan together with an annual plan of action including budget.
- Organise meetings, conferences and workshops for geoscience educators and to disseminate information on new trends and topics in the field of geosciences.
- Develop specific programmes on the continuation and coordination of training courses, especially through generation of teaching materials and provision of training courses.
- Encourage publications of handbooks or textbooks at an international level to help bridge recognised gaps in the training of and education for geoscientists.
- Facilitate the harmonisation of geoscience presentation with different cultures in order to enhance the development of ethics in geoscience education.
- Assist in the distribution of geoscience teaching materials, including books, videos, equipment, etc.