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### 1. **The ICS chart moves onwards and outwards**

By Prof. David A.T. Harper, Chair, International Commission on Stratigraphy

The ratification, by the IUGS, of five new stages spanning the entire Phanerozoic has been recently reported in the bulletin and the ICS chart updated (version 2018/07, see <http://www.stratigraphy.org/index.php/ics-chart-timescale>). But the global reach of the chart is also expanding with over 15 translations now available, covering much of the globe. A Turkish version of the time scale has just been completed and will be added to the ICS homepage in the very near future, exemplifying the truly international nature of our scientific community. Undoubtedly this momentum will continue during the third STRATI (2019) congress in Milano, Italy, 2-5 July 2019 ([www.strati2019.it](http://www.strati2019.it)) and will provide a wonderful opportunity, in the home of stratigraphy, to develop and evolve our ideas on the stratigraphic column, the way we correlate and define strata, against a background of rapidly changing needs and advancing techniques.

### 2. **IUGS President Congratulates Dr. CHANG Meemann for Winning L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Awards**

IUGS President Prof. Cheng Qiuming congratulated Dr. Chang Meemann, a senior professor from the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (IVPP) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), for being honored by UNESCO with the L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Awards as one of five outstanding female scientists from

around the world for “her pioneering work on fossil records leading to insights on how aquatic vertebrates adapted to life on land.”

In his congratulatory letter, Prof. Cheng Qiuming expresses that IUGS, being one of the largest and most active non-governmental geoscientific organizations in the world, feels proud more and more female geoscientists are making outstanding achievements to the advancement of the Earth sciences with their dedication and devotion, and also stresses that IUGS has always been attaching great importance to encourage more female geoscientists’ involvement in global geoscience activities and create more favorable conditions for female geoscientists to pursue their science career.

The L’Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Awards celebrate the many eminent women in science all over the world, and in particular they expose the under-representation of women in prestigious awards.

Dr. Chang, a paleontologist and evolutionary biologist, graduated from Moscow University in 1960 and received her Ph. D. from Stockholm University in 1982. She has since been a research professor at the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences.



Dr. Chang Meemann

### 3. Geo at the Tour de France

By Prof. Roland Oberhänsli, IUGS past-President

During the Tour de France race French reporters made comments about the geology and geological heritage along the route that were compiled by Prof. Patrick De Wever, chair of the Subcommittee on Geoheritage Sites and Collections of ICG. The English versions of some of these pitches are to be found on the Tour de France homepage <https://www.letour.fr/en> using the keyword “heritage” as day by day comments.

See also: [http://iugs.org/uploads/Reports/IUGS\\_Tour\\_de\\_France.pdf](http://iugs.org/uploads/Reports/IUGS_Tour_de_France.pdf)

### 4. "Anniversaries": Facies, a geological concept (1838-2018) — 180 years ago

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The Swiss naturalist Amanz Gressly (1814-1865) introduced the term “facies” as a new geological concept 180 years ago. Gressly was born on 17 July 1814, in Bärschwil (canton Soleure [Solothurn], Switzerland), and passed away on 13 April 1865, in Waldau’s Psychiatric Hospital (on the outskirts of Bern).



See also: [http://iugs.org/uploads/Reports/Anniversaries\\_INHIGEO\\_August\\_2018.pdf](http://iugs.org/uploads/Reports/Anniversaries_INHIGEO_August_2018.pdf)

## 5. Meeting of the IUGS Publications Committee

By Dr. Brian Marker, IUGS previous Chair of the Publications Committee

The IUGS Publications Committee met on 14th and 15th July in London, UK to review progress in 2017/2018 and discuss issues and improvements for 2018-2019.

The new Chair, Professor Lola Pereira of the University of Salamanca, Spain, presided over the meeting during which 2 members of the Committee, the previous Chair Dr. Brian Marker and former Editor of Episodes Dr. Fareeduddin, stood down and expressed thanks to both.

The Committee discussed applications for a replacement for Dr. Fareeduddin with particular attention to securing a member who could give strong advice on outreach through social media. The appointment of Dr. Gurmeet Kaur of the Panjab University, Chandigarh, India, was recommended and has subsequently been approved by IUGS.

The Committee expressed satisfaction and thanks to Professor Daekyo Cheong, Editor of Episodes, and his team for securing an online submission and review system for the journal and introducing online-first publication of approved manuscripts.

The meeting paid particular attention to:

- Securing better design software for, and improvements to the IUGS website to be implemented during the coming months;
- Seeking topics for thematic issues of Episodes;
- The structure and content of a new IUGS brochure; and
- The development of a statement of policy for content and co-ordination of all IUGS news outlets (website, E-Bulletin and social media) to be presented to future meetings of the IUGS Bureau and Executive.





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## EDITORS' NOTES:

### CONTRIBUTING TO THE IUGS E-BULLETIN, WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

IUGS wishes to better co-ordinate public cation of information on **news, events and achievements** arising from IUGS activities (**not science reports or papers**). All IUGS Commissions, Task Groups, Initiatives and IGCP projects are requested to provide a steady flow of material. Contributions from Adhering Bodies will also be welcomed.

To aid co-ordination and standardization, IUGS has introduced a preferred format and a monthly timetable.

#### Format of submitted material:

Contributors should provide:

**For the E-Bulletin:** 2 or 3 sentences with between 1 and 3 illustrations (photographs, diagrams etc.) with captions as separate .jpg, .gif or .png files with a resolution of 150 dpi; optimally accompanied, by:

**For the web site:** a concise text of about 0.5 to 1 A4 page (up to about 600-700 words), if possible providing a web-link (e.g. to an IUGS activity website).

The short text in the E-Bulletin will be hyperlinked to any longer text which will be placed on the IUGS website. Items that are not in reasonably good English will be returned for improvement. Others will be edited for use of English if necessary. If proposed contributions are too long, they will be returned for shortening. All images must, if necessary, be copyright-cleared before submission.

**Each contribution to the IUGS E-Bulletin, website and/or social media should be marked as to which target medium or media it should be published in. Each contribution should be sent, at the same time, to the following addresses:**

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## Timetable:

The idealized timetable for the E-Bulletin is:

1. IUGS sends a reminder to leaders of activities in the last week of each month;
2. Contributions should be provided by the 16<sup>th</sup> day of that month (**items arriving after that date cannot be included in the next monthly issue**);
3. IUGS will evaluate all submitted items in terms of urgency and will allocate these to the next monthly issue or a later issue and will also check that these comply with IUGS policy for publications and ethics;
4. The IUGS Team will aim to compile that month's E-Bulletin by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month and send it to the IUGS Secretariat;
5. The IUGS Secretariat will dispatch the E-Bulletin to the IUGS Community on, or before, the last day of each month;
6. Long versions of material will be posted on the IUGS Website in coordination with the publication of the relevant E-Bulletin.

This timetable will be varied, as necessary, to allow for public holidays that affect the E-Bulletin Team and IUGS Secretariat such as Christmas and Chinese New Year.

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## NOTES

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