

To the  
IUGS representatives of  
Adhering Members  
and  
Affiliate Members



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## Second call for the nomination of the next IUGS EC 2024-2028

### Nominating Committee

Dear representatives of adhering or affiliate member of IUGS,

#### Chair

Prof. Dr. Qiuming Cheng (China)  
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In accordance with the Statutes and Bylaws, the President of IUGS is required to present the Council Members with a list of candidates for the IUGS EC position at least three months before the Council meeting at IGC. To comply with this requirement, and since the next IGC in Busan will be held on 25-31 August 2024, the IUGS President must present the slate of candidates not later than the end of April 2024.

#### NC Members

Mrs. Anna Nguno (Namibia)  
Dr. Jorge Gomez Tapias (Colombia)  
Prof. Dr. Jose Pedro Calvo Sorando (Spain)  
Mrs. Dr. Kristine Asch (Germany)  
Mrs. Prof. Dr. Suzanne Mahlburg Kay (USA)  
Mrs. Dr. Tatiana Tolmacheva (Russia)

At the virtual meeting of the Nominating Committee held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, NC members screened the nominations that have been received since the First Calling for Nominations of IUGS Executive Committee (2024-2028) was announced this January.

To better pursue gender, geographical and disciplinary balance, NC members decided to announce the Second Call for the Nominations for the Positions of President, Secretary General, Treasurer, two Vice Presidents and four Councillors with the new deadline of 31 December 2023. Specifically, we encourage more nominations of female candidates.

May we make you aware that, according to Statutes and Bylaws, "In proposing candidates for the offices of President, Treasurer and, especially, Secretary General, the Nominating Committee shall also consider the possible infrastructural support, forthcoming from International or national sources". Given the situation that many activities can be offered virtually after the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bureau members may only need to travel to international meetings 2-3 times per year. In addition, IUGS' ability to support the Bureau candidates can also be considered within the scope of Statutes and Bylaws.

**Nominations, including a letter of recommendation, the nominee's CV and publication list as well as an agreement and motivation statement by the nominee should be sent electronically to the chair of the nomination committee Qiuming Cheng <[qiuming.cheng@iugs.org](mailto:qiuming.cheng@iugs.org)> not later than 31 December 2023.**

On behalf of the IUGS Nomination Committee

Sincerely yours

Qiuming Cheng



*Attached below:*

*Descriptions of function and responsibilities according to IUGS statutes*

*Nomination file*

The responsibilities of the IUGS officers as defined in the Statutes and Bylaws are:

The **President** is responsible for the implementation of the general policy of the Union, as established by the Council. The President represents the Union in its relations with other institutions and with the geological community. In particular, the President or his/her designee shall represent the Union and its affiliated organisations at meetings of ISC, the GeoUnion, and IGGP. Prior to meetings with ISC and other organisations, the representative of the Union at such meetings shall invite comments and suggestions from the Executive Committee and, if time permits, from the Council and the affiliated organisations on important issues. The President may delegate certain tasks to other members of the Executive Committee or may form Task Groups for these purposes.

The **Secretary General** shall: (a) serve as secretary of the Council, Executive Committee, and Bureau; arrange for meetings of these bodies; prepare and distribute promptly the agenda and the minutes of all their meetings; (b) attend to correspondence, and preserve the records; (c) circulate information related to the Union to Adhering Organisations; (d) prepare the reports on the Union's activities, and in particular, at least three months before an ordinary session of the Council, forward to all Adhering Organisations a report on the administration of the Union since the previous ordinary session of the Council and present a summary of this to the Council; (e) write to Adhering Organisations to request written notification of the names and addresses of its representative on the Council and his/her deputy, and also of any change in its representation; (f) request in writing to the appropriate organisation of a country or region not being a member of IUGS, the names and addresses of an observer for the IGC, (g) perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Council, Executive Committee or Bureau.

The **Treasurer** shall manage the financial affairs of the Union and maintain an overview of all accounts, including those held by other officers, constituent bodies and projects. He/she shall: (a) receive and disburse funds, in accordance with budgets and procedures approved by the Executive Committee; (b) keep accounts for the handling of operational and reserve funds; (c) prepare an annual report and financial statement; (d) prepare and submit the fiscal documents as may be required; (e) maintain contact with ISC, UNESCO and other organisations concerning financial aspects of contracts; (f) advise the Executive Committee on financial implications of the Union activities; (g) serve as principal contact with representatives of external, independent auditing firms.

The **Vice-Presidents** shall be responsible for a particular activity of IUGS as decided by the President. It would be desirable that they attend, in addition to the Executive Committee meeting, at least one Bureau meeting each year.

The **Councillors** contribute as appropriate to the work of the Executive Committee. In addition, the President may entrust them with special tasks.