

2020 INTERNATIONAL GEOSCIENCE AND GEOPARKS PROGRAMME COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

As a flagship of UNESCO, The International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP), which has been implemented through two activities, namely the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP), a co-operative venture between UNESCO and IUGS, and the UNESCO Global Geoparks, has recently pointed three new members to the IGCP Council and six new members to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council.

Appointment of three new members to the IGCP Council

According to the Statutes of the International Geoscience and Geopark Programme (IGGP) and the Operational Guidelines for the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) approved by the 38th General Conference, the IGCP Council shall be composed of six ordinary members, appointed by mutual agreement by the Director-General of UNESCO and the President of IUGS. Initial six members of the Council were appointed in December 2016 indicating those whose initial term shall expire after two years. To renew the membership of the three Council members in 2020, the IGCP Secretariat launched an open call using the channels of IUGS, the IGCP National Committees and the UNESCO National Commissions to reach potential new members. Among 65 eligible applicants, below listed scientists are appointed for the new IGCP Council and they will start their activities in November 2020.

Mr Jonathan Craig (United Kingdom and Northern Ireland): Earth resources

Ms Hassina Mouri (South Africa): Geodynamics

Mr Mohammed Jalludin (Djibouti): Hydrogeology

Appointment of six new members to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council

According to the Statutes of the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) and Operational Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks approved by the 38th General Conference, the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council are composed of 12 ordinary members appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO on recommendation of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) and of Member States. Every two years, half of the membership of the Council shall be renewed. After reviewing all 13 eligible candidates, keeping in mind the priority gender in UNESCO and ensuring a good geographical distribution of the Council members, below listed experts were nominated for the new UNESCO Global Geoparks Council and they will start their activities in September 2020.

Mr Guy Martini (France)

Ms Marie-Luise Frey (Germany)

Mr Van Tran Tan (Viet Nam)

Ms Helga Chulepin (Uruguay)

Mr Alexandru Andrasanu (Romania)

Ms Gabriela Schneider (Namibia)

For more details, please consult to the news on the official website of UNESCO:

<https://en.unesco.org/news/2020-international-geoscience-and-geoparks-programme-council-appointments>.