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NEWS FROM IUGS PRESIDENT

The President acknowledges the work of the Nominating Committee providing a list of candidates for the position of Secretary General. Voting procedure will be started in due time.

IUGS President was invited keynote speaker at the Geological Society of Taiwan Meeting in Hualien (May 14–16). During this trip, he gave a presentation at the National University of Taiwan and visited the Academia Sinica where he had the opportunity to meet Prof. Lee, ICSU President, and discuss on *Future Earth* and *Resourcing Future Generations (RFG)*.

IUGS President is invited to the 4th *Astana Mining and Metallurgy* Congress (Kazakhstan, June 12–13) to present a keynote on RFG. A meeting with Prof. Rau, first vice-minister of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Kazakhstan, to discuss New Strategic Implementation Committee (NASIC) and RFG matters.

More on the AMM Congress [here](#).

PUBLICATION: GLOBAL HERITAGE STONE TASK GROUP

Global Heritage Stone Task Group (GHSTG) Members, Prof. Dolores Pereira, Dr. Brian Marker, Dr. Sabina Kramar, Dr. Barry Cooper and Dr. Bjoern Schouenborg are the editors of the Special Publication no. 407 of the Geological Society of London that presents articles discussing a new international designation to recognize natural stone resources of importance to human culture and to safeguard their future supply, and includes examples of stones that might qualify for special status.

First articles of this first publication of the GHSTG are now available [here](#).



IUGS COMMISSION MEMBERS MEET IN NEW BRUNSWICK

The Annual 2014 Geoscience for Environmental Management (GEM) Business Meeting was held during the Joint Annual Meeting of the Geological Association of Canada, Minerals Association of Canada and Atlantic Geoscience Society (GAC–MAC) at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick on May 21–23, 2014. IUGS sponsored a special two-part session on *Geoscience for Environmental Management*, which was organized by Acting GEM Secretary Brian Marker, Jonas Satkunas and GEM Chairman Ben Mapani. The session was well attended and comprised 7 oral presentations from the various working groups of this IUGS Commission.

Session program: [Part I](#) and [Part II](#)
More about GEM and its activities [here](#).

DIALOGUE ON SPACE TECHNOLOGIES AND UNESCO-DESIGNATED PLACES (MAY 26-30, 2014)

The last week of May, IUGS Secretariat was present in Huangshan City (PRC) to hear Patrick McKeever, the Secretary of the IUGS–UNESCO International Geoscience Program (IGCP) give his keynote speech on Space Technologies as they related to Potential Geoparks. Dr. McKeever is also a Senior Specialist of the Global Geoparks Network. The meeting was excellently organized by HIST (International Center on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage), World Heritage Center, MAB Secretariat and the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences of UNESCO. There are currently 92 Geoparks in about 25 countries in the world. The Huangshan Dialogue was attended by more than 170 scientists, experts and site managers from 23 countries, many of whom gave presentations and contributed to discussions. On the final day, a draft resolution was discussed and adopted, and will soon be made available

More information [here](#).

EGU2014: GEOETHICS AND GEOEDUCATION

Dr. Vaclav Nemec, Vice President of the Association of Geoscientists for International Development (AGID) working group for Geoethics, with Prof. Ochir Gerel (Secretary General of the International Association for Geoethics, Mongolia), Dr. Pavel Kalenda (Czech Republic) and Dr. Peter Varga (Hungary) have prepared the symposium EOS 13 *Geoethics and Geoeducation* with 27 contributions. The conveners are really proud that this symposium has included standpoints to all main present neuralgic points of ethics and geoethics in the world.

More on the session programme [here](#).



WORLD LANDSLIDE FORUM, BEIJING (JUNE 2-6 2014)

Organizers in Beijing have been making final preparations this last week for the 3rd *World Landslide Forum* jointly organized by our Affiliated Organization, the International Consortium on Landslides (ICL), and the Geological Survey of China. The *World Landslide Forum* brings together individuals from government, business, research, and various non-governmental organizations to present their latest results on geo-hazard mitigation, particularly as they relate to landslide reduction and to exchange ideas on how to improve geo-environment safety around the world. Event organizers have recently announced that UNESCO Director General, Irina Bokova will take part in the opening ceremonies on June 3. On the closing day, Marko Komac, IUGS Vice President, will join the Round Table Discussion *Major Achievement in WLF3 and Development Toward WLF4* chaired by Matjaz Mikos, Giuseppe Arduino and Satoru Nishikawa.

More about this event and other activities of ICL [here](#).

SHORT COURSES ON AFRICAN METALLOGENY

The Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits and MANAGEM, a Moroccan mining and hydrometallurgy group, are organising *Mining in Africa*, the third series of Short Courses on African Metallogeny, with the support of the Society of Economic Geologists, UNESCO and IUGS. Short courses, taking place on September 29–October 3rd 2014, in Marrakech, Morocco, will include various lectures and field visits.

Circular, program, and registration form are available [here](#) (in English) and [there](#) (in French).

JACQUES TOURET: A YOUNG FRENCH MAN IN NORWAY, 1958

International Commission on the History of Geological Sciences (INHIGEO) member Jacques Touret was invited by *Geoscience Frontiers* to provide a story about “how it all began”. In this article he recounts some of the most important events and persons during his education and career. First, at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Géologie in Paris (France), under the influence of its first director Marcel Roubault, he was persuaded to enter the field of geology. Jacques Touret reminisces on his early years in Norway, and his encounters with some of the greatest personalities in Norwegian geology: Knut Heier (later director of the Geological Survey of Norway), Tom Barth and Jonathan Dons, the latter two who would become founding fathers of the International Union of Geological Sciences (1961). Could there have been any others who could better provide him a strong footing to his geological career?

Jacques Touret’s profile is available open access [here](#).



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