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1. EFG News and News from EFG Members

EFG:

Call for articles European Geologist 40: Groundwater

The Editor-in-Chief of the European Geologist journal (EGJ) invites you to submit articles for the 40th issue of the journal which will be entitled "Towards 2020: groundwater research in Europe". We expect contributions related to the topic. Please send your article proposal (name of the author(s), title of the article and a short abstract of about 10 lines) by **20 July 2015** to staff and layout editor Anita Stein (anita.stein@eurogeologists.eu) and cc to the Editor-in-Chief (eva.hartai@eurogeologists.eu).

The Editorial Board of EGJ will decide about the acceptance of the articles and selected articles shall be submitted in their full version by 15 September. The articles will be peer reviewed and also reviewed by a native English speaker. You may find the guidelines for authors at <http://eurogeologists.eu/journal/>.



*Training course endorsed by the
European Federation of Geologists*

Endorsed training courses. EFG's training course endorsement programme is a free service with benefits to both course providers and EurGeol title holders. Applications are welcomed from the providers of short training courses, seminars, workshops, etc. Course endorsement will raise your company's profile and fosters recognition within the European and international geoscience community. To apply for endorsement of your event(s) please download the application form and return it to info.efg@eurogeologists.eu. A decision will be taken within a few weeks following the receipt of your application. Endorsement is valid for 3 years, subject to receipt of satisfactory feedback from EurGeol title

holders.

More information: [Application form for companies](#)



New EFG member: Geological Society of Denmark.

During its June meeting, the EFG Council approved unanimously the application of the Geological Society of Denmark to become a full member. The Geological Society of Denmark was founded in 1893 to promote interest in geology and to establish a forum for geologists and others with interest for geology. The Society arranges meetings with lectures and discussions, arranges excursions, and publishes two publication series - one international: the Bulletin of the Geological Society of Denmark.

More information: http://2dgd.dk/dgf_uk/main.html

ICOG, Spain:



On-line European mining legislation training course, 14 September - 1 November 2015.

The information on mining legislation provided by this 200h training course led by Prof. Manuel Regueiro covers all the 28 EU members, as well as the accessing countries, and some other European countries that are considered of interest for mining companies.

The course is aimed at mining companies, geologists, mining engineers, mining managers, legislators and regulators and EU Commission officials as well as scholars interested in the mining legislation currently in force in Europe and the incredible variety of its defining factors.

More information: <http://www.icog.es>

2. General

European Institutions:

Public Consultation on the Circular Economy

The European Commission is aiming to present a new, more ambitious circular economy strategy late in 2015, to transform Europe into a more competitive resource-efficient economy, addressing a range of economic sectors, including waste. The strategy will be fully aligned with the priorities of the new Commission. It will comprise a revised legislative proposal on waste and a Communication setting out an action plan on the circular economy for the rest of this Commission's term of office. The action plan will cover the whole value chain, and focus on concrete measures with clear EU added value, aiming at 'closing the loop' of the circular economy.

Deadline for participation: 20 August 2015

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment>

Events:



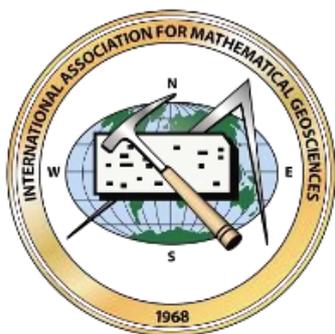
MEDGEO 2015 conference, Aveiro, Portugal, 26 July – 1 August 2015.

MEDGEO 2015 conference will bring together researchers and decision makers from the physical sciences and the medical sciences who are interested in solving health problems caused by natural processes and materials. The participants of the conference will convey expertise in a range of scientific fields, such as geochemistry, biology, engineering, geology, hydrology, epidemiology, chemistry, medicine, nutrition and toxicology. More information: <http://medgeo15.web.ua.pt/>

Goldschmidt 2015, Prague, Czech Republic, 16-21 August 2015.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Goldschmidt conferences, the 2015 meeting will feature 25 plenary talks highlighting the 25 greatest advances in Geochemistry over the past quarter century. Much of the rest of the scientific program will be proposed by the geochemical community, ensuring both the high quality and the wide scope of the conference.

More information: <http://goldschmidt.info>



IAMG 2015, Freiberg, Germany, 5-13 September 2015.

The International Association for Mathematical Geosciences (IAMG) supports the use of mathematical, computational and computer science methods in all kinds of geosciences and geoen지니어ing. The IAMG's annual conference invites high level and student contributions in this interdisciplinary field from method development to applications and provides specialised sessions around recurring methods and applications helping you to meet and see what others could contribute to your research.

More information: <http://www.iamg2015.de>

WMESS, Prague, Czech Republic, 7-11 September 2015.

The main mission of "The World Multidisciplinary Earth Sciences Symposium - WMESS" is to lead to contribute in multidisciplinary studies related with atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and pedosphere of the Earth and interaction of the human with them. As another mission it will provide a forum for this diverse range of studies which report very latest results and document emerging understanding of the Earth's system and our place in it.

More information: <http://www.mess-earth.org>

5th International Geologica Belgica Congress, Mons, Belgium, 26-29 January 2016.

The main theme is « Mother Earth ». The organisers therefore encourage topics related to environment, resources and past life. However, contributions from a wide range of Earth Science disciplines are welcome. Please submit your abstracts for this event by **25 September 2015**.

More information: <https://sites.google.com/site/5thgbmeeting/home>

Publications:

Earth science wrestles with conflict-of-interest policies.

This article published recently in the *Nature* journal explores ethical questions relating to industry ties of some authors of Earth-Sciences papers and how the field handles conflicts of interest.

More information: <http://www.nature.com>

Working Toward Gender Parity in the Geosciences.

How are women represented in the geosciences? The author of a new AGU book, *Women in the Geosciences: Practical, Positive Practices Toward Parity*, answers some questions.

More information: <https://eos.org>

3. Minerals

European Institutions:



Study on the review of the list of critical raw materials.

The European Commission has issued a new call for tender for a study to help identify and plan for critical raw materials, in 2017. Deadline for application is 4 September 2015.

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth>

Study - Cumulative Costs Assessment (CCA) of the EU Ceramics and Glass Industries.

The aim of this study is to analyse the cumulative regulatory costs of the most relevant EU legislation for the EU ceramics and glass industries. This study will identify and quantify costs, both direct and indirect, which *specifically* affect the industries. The EU legislation to be analysed includes ceramics and glass legislation, legislation on climate change, environmental protection, energy, competition, trade, consumer and health protection, as well as workers safety legislation. The analysis will include the implementation of EU directives.

Deadline for receipt of tenders: **14 August 2015**

More information: <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu>

Events:

12th International Congress for Applied Mineralogy (ICAM), Istanbul, Turkey, 10 August – 12 August 2015.

This congress intends to create an opportunity for professional development, to share and disseminate information, and to foster the continuous advancement of the field of applied mineralogy.

More information: <http://icam2015.org/>



13th SGA Biennial Meeting "Mineral Resources in a Sustainable World", Nancy, France, 24–27 August 2015.

The Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits (SGA) is an international scientific society that promotes the science of mineral deposits geology. Its worldwide membership of approximately 1,300 is composed of researchers, professionals and students from universities, industry and government agencies, who share an interest in economic geology, mineral resources, industrial minerals and environmental issues related to mineral deposits. Since the first edition in Nancy in 1991, the

biennial SGA meetings have provided excellent opportunities to present and exchange knowledge within the field of mineral deposit research. The theme for this 13th edition will be "Mineral Resources in a Sustainable World".

More information: <http://sga2015.blog.univ-lorraine.fr/>

A permanent body: a new solution for the sustainability of the MINERALS4EU project.

The final Minerals4EU Stakeholder Workshop was organised on the 17th June, as part of the 8th European Congress on Regional Geoscientific Cartography and Information Systems (EureGeo), held in Barcelona. It was announced that a Core Permanent Body would be established that will offer the sustainability of the service of providing data, information and knowledge on mineral resources beyond the project lifetime. A launch event has been scheduled provisionally for September 2015.

More information: <http://egsnews.eurogeosurveys.org>

Save the date: International Conference "Investing in Dimension Stones", Carrara, Italy, 16-17 June 2016.

The conference "Investing in Dimension Stones" - A correct and professional approach for the evaluation, sustainable financial and environmental implementation and administrative management of existing and new dimension stones projects in Europe will be held in Marina di Carrara in the heart of Carrara Marble district in June 2016. The main aim of the conference is to bring to the attention of the international financial and mining communities and of the EU institutions and authorities that govern and manage the DS Industry, the huge potential of this target sector, so far not considered in the development plans at EU and national level. EFG will support the promotion of this event. More information to follow soon.

4. Renewable Energy

European Institutions:



Public Consultation on the Evaluation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.

In the context of the review of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), the European Commission's DG Energy has launched a [public consultation](#). It evaluates whether the directive has met its aims, and also explores issues in relation to the Smart Finance for Smart Buildings initiative as well as the links of the directive with other energy policy areas.

Deadline for participation: 31 October 2015

More information: <https://ec.europa.eu/energy>

Renewable energy progress report.

In June the European Commission has published the progress report on 2020 renewable energy targets, showing that the EU is on track to meet its 20% renewable energy targets. With a projected share of 15.3% of renewable energy in 2014 in the gross final energy consumption, the EU and the vast majority of Member States are advancing well: 25 Member States are expected to meet their 2013/2014 national targets. The share of renewable energy in the heating and cooling sector was estimated to be 16.6% in 2014. The heating and cooling sector

accounted for 46% of overall energy consumption in 2014 making it the biggest user of energy in the EU, creating a huge opportunity for renewables.

More information: <http://europa.eu>

5. Hydrogeology

Events:



2015 World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden, 23-28 August 2015.

Experts, practitioners, decision-makers, business innovators and young professionals from a range of sectors and countries will come to Stockholm to network, exchange ideas, foster new thinking and develop solutions to the most pressing water-related challenges of today.

More information: <http://www.worldwaterweek.org/>



AQUA2015, 42nd IAH congress, Rome, Italy, 13-18 September 2015.

The Italian Chapter of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), in scientific partnership with FAO and the International Hydrological Program of UNESCO, is honoured to host the 42nd IAH Annual Congress AQUA2015, in Rome. The event will offer the opportunity to activate synergies between the worlds of research, international and local business and government agencies involved in the groundwater industry. The spirit of the Congress is summarized in the AQUA2015 theme of "Back to the Future", combining previous experience with future tools and needs, with a special focus on the global problem of groundwater use for food, to ensure sustainable development.

The KINDRA project in which EFG and several of its membership associations participate will be presented on 17 September 2015 as part of a side event dedicated to H2020 Water Projects.

More information: <http://www.iah2015.org/>

6. Soil

Events:

Wageningen Soil Conference 2015, Wageningen, The Netherlands, 23 – 27 August 2015.

In 2015, declared by the United Nations as the International Year of the Soil, Wageningen University invites you to the second edition of the Wageningen Soil Conference. Both the success of the first WSC, with its thematic programming, and the recognition of the importance of the soil by the UN shows that there is a growing acknowledgement for the important role of soils in solving the problems of our time.

More information: <http://www.wageningenur.nl>

7. Natural Hazards

Publications:

Release of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 publication.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 was adopted by UN Member States on 18 March 2015 at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. The Sendai Framework is the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda, with seven targets and four priorities for action.

More information: <http://www.preventionweb.net/go/sendai-framework>

8. Geoheritage

Events:



VIII International Symposium of ProGEO, Reykjavík, Iceland, 8-12 September 2015.

The European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage – ProGEO and the national organizing committee are pleased to invite you to participate in the VIII International ProGEO Symposium that will be held in Reykjavik below the theme “Geoconservation strategies in a changing world”.

More information: <https://events.artegis.com>

9. Geoethics

Events:



New IAPG website.

The International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG) is a multidisciplinary, scientific platform for widening the debate on problems of Ethics applied to the Geosciences.

The new website of IAPG is available at <http://www.geoethics.org>.

The old website at <http://www.iapg.geoethics.org> will no longer be updated, even if still accessible.

9. Jobs & Training

Job opportunities:

AIPG Executive Director Position Announcement

The American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. The position is to be filled as soon as a qualified candidate is vetted. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

More information: www.aipg.org/ExecDirPosition.pdf

We hope you enjoyed reading our monthly newsletter and would be pleased to receive your comments, feedback or information on events relevant to the geological profession in Europe. The deadline for submitting news items for the next issue of GeoNews is the **30th of July 2015**.

Best wishes,
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