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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST THE 37TH IGC, 2024

The current International Geological Congress Committee (IGCC) and IUGS Executives are looking forward to receiving Expression of Interest to host the 37th International Congress (IGC) in 2024 from IUGS Member countries. Interested host candidates are encouraged to consult with the past and current IGCCs that have compiled the bid guideline documents available [here](#). The proceedings of previous IGC events are valuable resources for countries interested in submitting a bid.

Due to organizational reasons, the final bid documents should be sent to the presidents of IGCC and IUGS not later than April 30, 2016. Earlier submissions will be highly appreciated!

NATURE COMMENT CO-SIGNED BY THE ICSU–ISSC GROUP ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

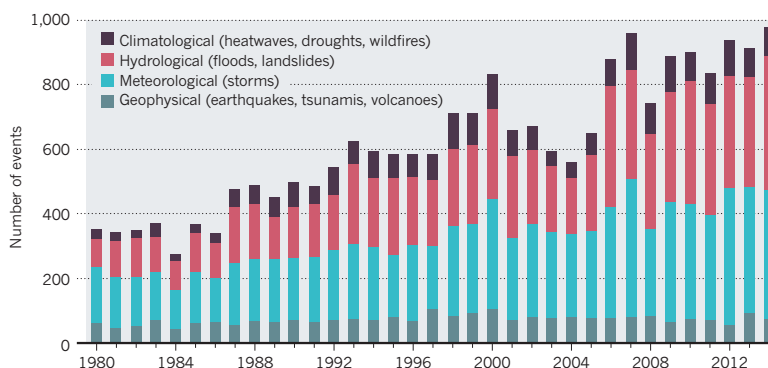
Nature has published on June 18, 2016 a Comment by experts representing several GeoUnions, including the IUGS and several of its affiliated organizations. This work is a result of collaboration within the ICSU–ISSC group on disaster risk reduction and comes in a challenging context of natural hazards mitigation.

‘Public awareness, rigorous risk research and aligned targets will help policy-makers to increase resilience against natural hazards’ say Susan L. Cutter and colleagues, among which Yujiro Okawa represents IUGS.

Read the full article [here](#).

CATASTROPHIC RISE

The number of disasters caused by natural events has more than doubled since 1980.



Source: MunichRE/NatCatSERVICE



EVALUATION OF THE GEOLOGICAL PART OF GGN 2015 APPLICATIONS CONCLUDED

IUGS, UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network would like extend their sincere gratitude to each of the evaluators—volunteer experts in the fields relevant to the aspiring Global Geopark applications, who were willing to evaluate the geological sections of each new Global Geopark application for their international significance—for the excellent job and the time they dedicated to evaluate the 2015 aspiring Global Geoparks. With their valuable contribution it is assured that the concept of the Global Geopark is built on expert geoscience knowledge of the geological heritage of global importance. Thank you all for helping to preserve the global geoheritage!

IUGS JOURNAL EPISODES

The recently announced Scopus Impact Factor for *Episodes* has now hit 2.0, a significant rise over recent years. The journal has been partly strengthened by thematic issues but also by high quality papers from all. Our initial aim is to secure two thematic issues (one on ophiolites is in progress for the Autumn of 2015) and two general issues each year but discussions on other steps towards modernization are underway and will be reported in due course. Please help the IUGS journal to grow through more excellent geoscience, new proposals for thematic issues (perhaps arising from conference sessions or on "hot topics"), as well as more reporting of forthcoming activities of the IUGS community as well as subsequent outcomes of these.

IUGS HERITAGE STONE TASK GROUP PUBLICATIONS

The first HSTG volume of the Geological Society Special Publication, dedicated to Global Stone Resources, has finally been launched this month, with papers on almost 20 different natural stones from all over the world. This volume is available [here](#).

Another special issue of the Task Group has been published in June's release of *Episodes*. This issue was edited by D. Pereira, S. Kramar and B. Cooper and contains eight papers on eight different natural stones related to built heritage. This issue can be retrieved [here](#).

A new issue on heritage stones is already been reviewed, with seven papers on natural stones that were first presented in our sessions at the EGU 2014 and EGU 2015. This publication will be the first 2016 issue of *Geoscience Canada* and is edited by D. Pereira and B. Pratt

Communicated by D. Pereira, HSTG Vice-President for Southern Europe



COMMISSION ON GEOSCIENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (IUGS–GEM)

IUGS–GEM's annual business meeting will take place between Oct. 23 and 29, 2015 at Da Nang in Viet Nam. In addition to the formal meeting, it will include a colloquium in association with the VIETADAPTII project, which is focusing on adaptations to climate change, together with field visits around Da Nang and Hue.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary General, Brian Marker, at brian@amarker.freeserve.co.uk

NOTES

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