To: IUGS Secretariat  
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Subject: 2014 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2015 GRANT REQUEST  
Transmitted from INHIGEO to IUGS

PREAMBLE

INHIGEO is an ongoing Commission established by the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) in 1967. It is also a Commission affiliated with the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST).

The specific objective of INHIGEO is to promote ongoing studies in the history of geological sciences from an international context and to stimulate and co-ordinate the activities of national and regional organizations that have the same purpose. It achieves its objective by holding and promoting national, regional, and international symposia and the publication of individual and collective works.

The following Annual Report and IUGS Grant request responds to an email received from the IUGS Secretariat dated 21 October 2014.

INTRODUCTION

INHIGEO has had another productive year during 2014.

Our annual conference was held 6-10 July 2014, at the Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California, USA. This was the 39th INHIGEO conference and it attracted 87 registrants.

Our large annual report, formerly called the “INHIGEO Newsletter”, has been rebadged as the “INHIGEO Annual Record”. The 2014 issue contains a record 190 pages. The “INHIGEO Circular” also continues to be issued on a quarterly basis. All correspondence is sent to members electronically.

An “Affiliated Association” category was approved by the annual business meeting, held during the Annual Conference.

Plans are rapidly developing to produce a 50th anniversary publication in 2017.
MEMBERSHIP, BUSINESS MEETING AND BOARD

As of 1 November 2014, there are 290 INHIGEO members from 57 countries. This represents an increase, over the past year, of 24 members with representation from 3 new countries.

A formal Business Meeting of the Commission took place in Merrill Hall, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California, USA on Wednesday 9 July 2014. The minutes of this meeting have since been confirmed by the INHIGEO Board and have been published in the September 2014 INHIGEO Circular.

Current members of the INHIGEO Board for the period 2012-2016 are:-

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Regular communications within the INHIGEO Board are facilitated by regular email reports by the Secretary-General, Editor and President.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

A proposal to establish an “Affiliated Association” category was discussed and approved at the 2014 INHIGEO Business Meeting. This proposal arose because By-Law 5a states that “INHIGEO specifically encourages the formation of national and regional groups”. Following discussion during the 2013 conference, there was an opinion that more could be done to promote this objective. Consequently the “Affiliated Association” proposal was prepared, approved by the INHIGEO Board, circulated to the full membership and approved at the 2014 INHIGEO Business Meeting.

The newly approved rules governing “INHIGEO Affiliated Associations” (also called “Affiliates”) may be summarised as follows:

- An INHIGEO Affiliated Association is an organisation, with similar objectives to INHIGEO, which has been approved by the Board as an “INHIGEO Affiliated Association”.
- The Secretary of Affiliated Associations shall receive routine communications from INHIGEO with the expectation that similar information will be provided to INHIGEO.
- A summary annual report of an Affiliate shall, where possible, be published in the INHIGEO Annual Record.
- Affiliates are encouraged to report on INHIGEO as well as to advertise and to promote INHIGEO activities.
- Affiliates may state in their correspondence that they are “Affiliated with the International Commission on the History of Geological Sciences (INHIGEO)”.

It is anticipated that the first INHIGEO Affiliated Associations will be approved by the INHIGEO Board in conjunction with the 2015 Membership ballot.

PUBLICATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEMBERS

The INHIGEO website at www.inhigeo.org continues to provide immediate information for members on activities and publications as well as general information about the Commission for the public.

In addition, Members have been briefed on current INHIGEO activities via the quarterly “INHIGEO Circular” which was issued via email in March, June, September and December.
The INHIGEO Annual Record is a substantial publication now compiled by Editor, Wolf Mayer.

INHIGEO Annual Record 46, issued in May 2014, contained 190 pages, including reports on historical research in 30 countries, 11 book reviews, 3 memorials and obituaries, citations for recent awards, historical articles, as well as conference reports and Commission news.

Several presentations made at the 2014 INHIGEO Annual Conference at Asilomar will be published in a coming issue of the journal “Earth Sciences History”. The most recent issue of this journal included several articles deriving from papers presented at the 2013 INHIGEO conference in Manchester.

**2014 MEETING AT THE ASILOMAR CONFERENCE GROUNDS, PACIFIC GROVE, USA**

INHIGEO Symposium 39 was successfully held at the Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California, USA, 6-10 July 2014.

The conference’s dual themes were:
2. “California’s Place in the History of the Earth Sciences.”

The program included over 60 presentations (including a dozen posters). Keynote speakers were Claudine Cohen, William R. Dickinson, Ernst Hamm, Eldridge M. Moores and Charles Paull. Speaking at the closing banquet was Henry Frankel.

A mid-meeting excursion to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve (July 9) and the post-meeting field trip to the Sierra Nevada 11-16 July were also very successful and well attended.

**INHIGEO SYMPOSIUM 40 - BEIJING, CHINA, 2015.**

The 40th INHIGEO Symposium will be held in Geosciences International Conference Centre of China University of Geosciences (Beijing), 24-27 June in 2015. It will be organized jointly by China University of Geosciences and the Committee of the History of Geology of Geological Society of China.

The overall conference theme will be “Geology and the Development of Economy and Society”. The symposia topics will include:

1. Research into the geological sciences and technological development
2. History of mining development
3. Conservation of geological relics
4. Biographies of geologists

A mid-meeting excursion (one day) will visit the Peking Man Site Museum in southern Beijing. A 3-4 day post-meeting field trip will visit Mount Tai, Temple of Confucius, mining areas and areas in Shandong Province.

**FUTURE INHIGEO CONFERENCES**

- **INHIGEO Symposium 41** will be held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2016 in association with the 35th International Geological Congress, 27 August – 4 September 2016.
- **INHIGEO Symposium 42** will be held in Yerevan, Armenia in 2017.
- **INHIGEO Symposium 43** will be held in Mexico City in 2018.
- **INHIGEO Symposium 44** will be held in Como/Varese, Italy in 2019.
- **INHIGEO Symposium 45** will be held in New Delhi, India in 2020 in association with the 36th International Geological Congress.
**INHIGEO’s 50th ANNUIVERSARY 2017**

In 2017, INHIGEO is planning to commemorate its 50th anniversary with a conference in Yerevan, Armenia, the site of the inaugural INHIGEO meeting in 1967.

During 2013-14, it has been decided to produce a 50th anniversary publication that will consider the history of INHIGEO including its founding and development. A second part of this publication will place the study of the history of geology into a wider context.

The INHIGEO Editor, Wolf Mayer, will compile and edit the volume and several INHIGEO members have offered contributions and assistance. At the time of this report, discussions are well advanced with the Geological Society of London to publish the volume as part of their Special Publications series, in line with the publication agreement between IUGS and the Geological Society of London. Currently additional contributors are being sought, and conclusion of a Publication Agreement with the Geological Society of London is anticipated by April 2015. Contributions will be required by April 2016 in time for publication in early 2017.

**BUDGET ISSUES, FINANCIAL SITUATION, IUGS GRANT REQUEST**

INHIGEO has operated during 2013-2014 in a positive financial position. We do however depend on the grant from IUGS as our principal source of income, without which the Commission could not operate.

Fortunately members of the INHIGEO Board contribute much time and effort voluntarily in support of the Commission. Institutional employers also provide significant assistance.

For 2014, IUGS awarded INHIGEO $US4,000. Significantly the Australian Dollar dropped to 0.88 US Dollar in the latter half of the year.

Our accounts in Australian Dollars for the period November 2013 – November 2014 have been:–

Operating expenses

- Asilomar conference support
- Young scholars support
- Newsletter production
- Website maintenance
- Mail, office supplies
- International bank transfer fees $A10,839

Secretary-General Travel Allowance $A2,000

Expenses for the coming year remain unpredictable, given the fluctuating state of world currencies and likely expenses associated with INHIGEO Symposium 40 in China. Extra support for students, post-doctoral researchers at an early stage in their careers, and representatives from third world countries, to attend our annual conference occurred in 2014 and may be anticipated again in 2015.

As a consequence INHIGEO respectfully requests that an annual grant of $US4500 from IUGS be reinstated and provided in order to maintain the same level of activity during 2015.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

I am greatly indebted to members of the INHIGEO Board as an ongoing source of advice and assistance. INHIGEO also could not operate successfully without its members volunteering to organise and host the annual conferences that are held at various locations around the world.

Sincerely Yours

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