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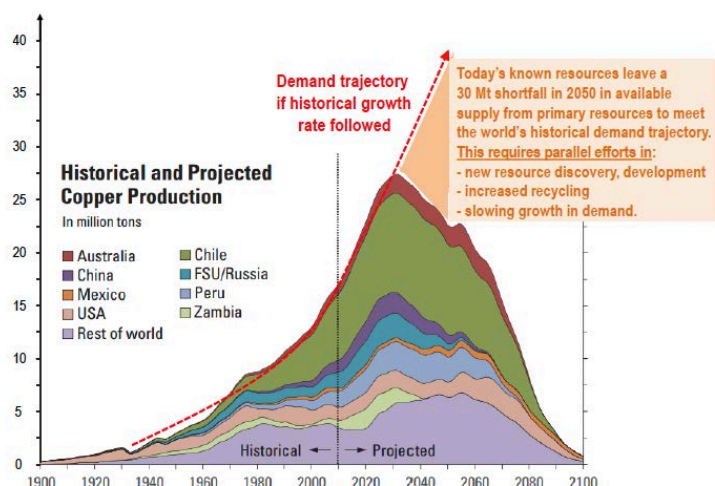
IUGS PRESIDENT INVITED TO SPEAK TO THE UNESCO COUNCIL, PARIS (NOV. 2015)

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 IUGS President Roland Oberhänsli will be given the opportunity to speak to the UNESCO Council, in Paris (France). This is an excellent opportunity to express IUGS’ support to the UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geohazards Risk Reduction Section, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences. During this meeting, the Statutes of the International Geosciences and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) and thus the future of Geosciences within UNESCO will be decided.

The Earth Science Division of UNESCO, with its new concept integrating risk and hazard, and working with a new two-pillar structure with Geosciences in IGCP and public outreach in Geoparks, is up to societal needs and takes up the reality of global resources. Therefore, on behalf of IUGS, IUGS President will strongly recommend endorsement of this new structure within UNESCO to ensure that literacy in Earth Science has a high priority.

RFG INITIATIVE: RELEASE OF AN EXPERT CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

In 2013, the International Union of Geosciences (IUGS) launched the “Resourcing Future generations” (RFG) initiative, which aims to bring world attention to the challenges of sustaining resource supplies (water, energy, raw material) and to outline a pathway to the future, including a route to nation-building and poverty alleviation through a sustainable resource development framework. The diverse group of geoscientists, environmental and social scientists, including economists, involved in the RFG



Historical and projected primary copper production (modified from Keer 2014 and Northey et al. 2014)



Initiative developed the expert consensus document “*Resourcing Future Generations—A Global Effort to Meet the World’s Future Needs Head-on*” (available [here](#)). It explains RFG’s aspiration to be a fundamental service to humankind with the overarching goal of improving the global supply chain for mineral resources, not to vested interest groups in resource development. This document discusses especially the enormous mineral requirements of a low carbon society, and how resource scarcity may impact on any international agreement to mitigate the effects of climate change. To address the needs of future generations for adequate resources, are outlined a series of steps and policy actions to secure sufficient and sustainable supply of raw materials. Action is needed now, by world leaders and the international community as well as individual consumers, to address future supply problems that are unpredictable in time and detail, but foreseeable and inevitable.

More on RFG [here](#).

“JAMES HARRISON” OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2016

The “James Harrison” Outstanding Achievement Award was established by IUGS in 2004 to express the gratitude of the IUGS to those persons who have devoted an extraordinary amount of personal time and effort addressing the mission and the activities of the Union. Nominees for this Award should have made an outstanding contribution to the Union over a sustained period of time and must still be alive and thus able to accept the award in person on the occasion of the next International Geological Congress. Active officers of the IUGS Executive Committee, IUGS Committees as well as IUGS Commissions, Task Groups and Initiatives are not eligible for nomination for this Award.

Nominations comprising a short covering letter, letters of support and a copy of the candidate's CV can be submitted by anyone in the IUGS family. Nomination packages should be submitted to the IUGS Secretary General (jpcalvo@ucm.es) with a copy to the IUGS Secretariat (secretariat@iugs.org) before December 15. The IUGS Executive Committee will evaluate the nominations and the successful candidate will be officially recognized on the occasion of the 35th IGC in Cape Town, South Africa in August 2016. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Dec 15, 2015.

35IGC: EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS

From now on, you can register ([here](#)) at preferential, ‘early-bird’ rates to the 35th International Geoscience Congress, Cape Town, August 27–September 4, 2016.

Remember that the [GeoHost Programme](#) provides financial support to selected scientists in their early career or from low-income countries. Try your chances!

The Third Circular is now out. Find it [here](#)!



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- Proterozoic stratigraphy

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