



IUGS Commission on Geoscience Education, Training & Technology Transfer (COGE)

The UNESCO-IGEO experts survey on geoscience education

The international geoscience education survey was jointly carried out by the UNESCO Montevideo - Regional Office for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the International Geoscience Education Organisation (IGEO), supported by the International Union of Geological Sciences Commission on Geoscience Education (IUGS-COGE). This is the fourth such international survey. The first three surveys were also conducted by IGEO and the results of the third survey were reported in 2013 (King, 2013).

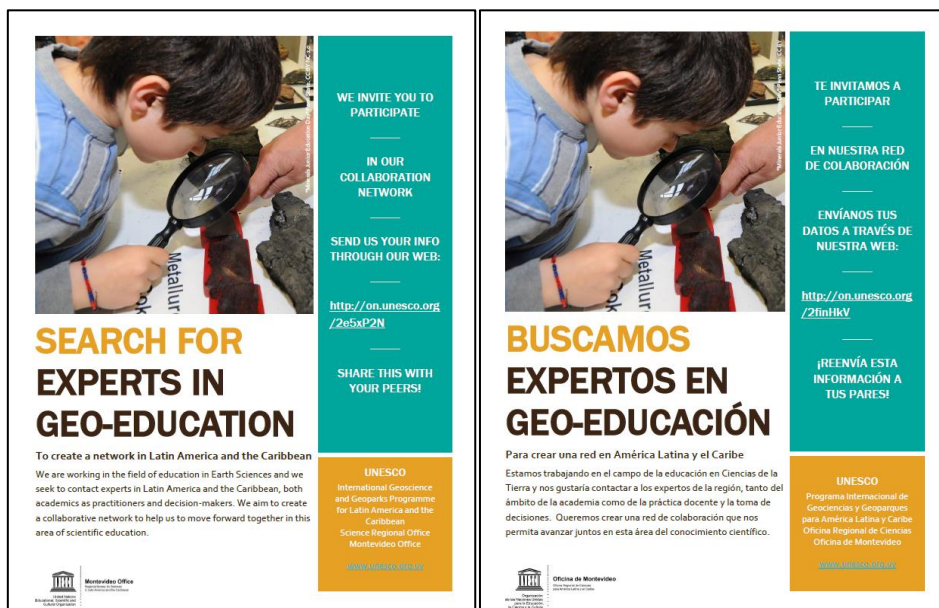
The fourth survey was led by Denise Gorfinkiel and Maria Frick from the UNESCO Montevideo Office in Uruguay. Together they sought geoscience education experts across Latin America, using the English and Spanish versions of the flyers shown. Meanwhile they, with IGEO's assistance, prepared the online questionnaire, which eventually comprised 139 questions relating to school-level geoscience education. In the meantime, IGEO and IUGS-COGE were seeking geoscience education experts across the globe to provide worldwide data.

When the survey ran in mid-2017, nearly all Latin American countries responded, together with 37 other countries around the world. The survey will be reported upon in two separate reports, one on the Latin American countries and the second on the 37 non-Latin American countries worldwide. Both reports are under preparation.

When the two reports have been published, there will be scope for comparisons and discussions – which will be reported upon in a future IUGS e-bulletin.

Reference

King, C. (2013) Geoscience education across the globe - results of the IUGS-COGE/IGEO survey. *Episodes*, 36.1, 19-30.



The UNESCO 'Search for Experts in Geoscience Education' across Latin America – English version (left) and Spanish version (right).