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### 1. Obituary



Prof. Dr. Attilio (Lio) Boriani, age 83, passed away on March 12. The IUGS community knows Lio well because of his long-standing involvement with the Union in many capacities, most notably Secretary General 1996-2002 and President of the highly successful 32<sup>nd</sup> International Geological Congress in Florence (2004). He chaired the IUGS Strategic Planning Committee which released in 2012 the blueprint document for the development of the Union. A Professor of Petrology and Chair of the Department of Earth Sciences of the University of Milan, he was a member of the Accademia dei Lincei (Rome) and the

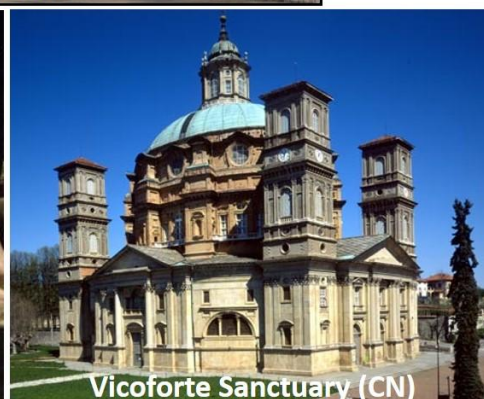
Accademia delle Scienze (Turin). Former President of the Italian Society of Mineralogy and Petrology (SIMP), he was best known scientifically for his studies on the geology and petrology of the crystalline basement of the Southern Alps. He worked for many years with the Italian National Research Council (CNR) at the highest level, contributing to the development of a national strategy for the Earth Sciences. Lio was a gentleman with a dry sense of humour, yet was surprisingly determined and able to stand his ground on matters of principle. The Union has greatly benefited from his service through the years.

## 1. II International Workshop on Heritage Stones (IUGS Heritage Stones Subcommittee).

Following the I Workshop on Heritage Stones in Salamanca in October 2018, Torino (Politecnico and University) will host the II International Workshop on Heritage Stones (21st-23rd September 2020). Three days of seminars, round tables and field trips will be organized to promote the heritage stones and their proper preservation.

Please, visit the web page to get more info:

[http://www.diati.polito.it/focus/workshop\\_on\\_heritage\\_stones](http://www.diati.polito.it/focus/workshop_on_heritage_stones).





## 2. News from the IUGS Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG)

### *Forensic Geology in Poland*

IUGS-IFG visited Warsaw, Poland, to initiate forensic geology, support a new course for undergraduates and MSc students at the University of Warsaw and provide operational advice. This included a series of presentations on; the history of forensic geology, geological trace evidence, crime scene examination, operational cases and ground searches for burials. Demonstrations were also provided on the use of geophysical instruments for ground searches. IUGS-IFG collaborated with the Centralne Laboratorium Kryminalistyczne Policji (Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police). Advice was provided on forensic geology search strategies to locate Nazi death camps associated with the holocaust during the Second World War.

### *British-Finnish Natural Resources Initiative, Helsinki, Finland*

IUGS-IFG submitted an abstract for inclusion at the British-Finnish Natural Resources Initiative, hosted by the Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) and the British Embassy, in Helsinki. IUGS-IFG's interest included the profiling and traceability of minerals and metal through the supply chain.

### *Search for Missing Persons, Colombia*

IUGS-IFG held a series of successful meetings in Bogota, Colombia, and have been invited to participate in future events and training to assist with locating missing persons and graves.

### *A Guide to Forensic Geology*





The IUGS-IFG publication of 'A Guide to Forensic Geology' will be published by the Geological Society of London (GSL). The following link to the GSL Newsletter provides up to date information on when the book is published: <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/newslettersignup>



Fig. 1 - IUGS-IFG Chair (Dr Laurance Donnelly) and IUGS-IFG Training Officer (Dr Alastair Ruffell) at the Centralne Laboratorium Kryminalistyczne Policji (Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police), Warsaw, Poland





Figs. 2 and 3 - IUGS-IFG initiation of forensic geology for undergraduates and MSc students, including a series of presentations and the demonstration of ground penetrating radar (GPR) for searches, University of Warsaw, Poland.

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ZAPRASZAJĄ NA WYKŁAD OTWARTY:


# FORENSIC GEOLOGY

THE APPLICATIONS OF GEOLOGY TO POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT



Co to jest Geokryminalistyka? W jaki sposób Geolog lub Geofizyk może pomóc organom ścigania? Jak działa georadar i czy jest to jedyna metoda geofizyczna wykorzystywana przez śledczych w sprawach kryminalnych?

Te i inne tematy przybliżą specjaliści z Initiative on Forensic Geology IUGS - **Dr Laurance Donelly** (Anglia) oraz **Dr Alastair Ruffell** (Irlandia Północna).

 **Centrum Nauk Biologiczno-Chemicznych Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego**  
Kampus Ochota, ul. Żwirki i Wigury 101  
**Aula C, Piątek, 21 Lutego 2020, godz. 15:00**

Ostrzeżenie: podczas wykładu prezentowane będą zdjęcia operacyjne, które przez niektórych mogą być uznane za drastyczne. Wykład w języku angielskim. Uprasza się o niewykonywanie zdjęć ani filmów podczas wykładu.

[www.cns.uw.edu.pl](http://www.cns.uw.edu.pl)  
[www.geo.uw.edu.pl](http://www.geo.uw.edu.pl)  
[www.forensicgeologyinternational.com](http://www.forensicgeologyinternational.com)




Fig. 4 - Leaflet of the course at the University of Warsaw

### 3. Change of leadership at the Geological Society of London Publishing House

The Geological Society Publishing House are starting the Spring with a change of



leadership. After 18 years Neal Marriott is stepping down as Director of Publishing and we are delighted to announce that Maggie Simmons (on the left) has been appointed the new Director of Publishing where she will lead both the publishing operation and the library and information services. Richard Hughes, Executive Secretary of the Geological Society said: “Maggie joined the Geological Society Publishing House as Head of Editorial Development and has been instrumental in driving forward the book and journal development plans. In her new role as Director of Publishing Maggie will bring energy



and enthusiasm to a dynamic publishing programme. She will immediately hit the ground running and continue to nurture the publishing business and the service it delivers to the Earth science community.”

Moreover, Bethan Phillips (on the right) has been promoted to Associate Commissioning Editor and now takes day-to-day responsibility for the GSL books programme.



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## EDITORS' NOTES:

### CONTRIBUTING TO THE IUGS E-BULLETIN, WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

IUGS wishes to improve the co-ordination of the publication of information on **news, events and achievements** arising from IUGS activities (**not science reports or papers**). All IUGS Commissions, Task Groups, Initiatives and IGCP projects are requested to provide a steady flow of material. Contributions from Adhering Bodies will also be welcomed.

To aid co-ordination and standardization, IUGS has introduced a preferred format and a monthly timetable.

#### Format of submitted material:

Contributors should provide:

**For the E-Bulletin:** 2 or 3 sentences with between 1 and 3 illustrations (photographs, diagrams etc.) with captions as separate .jpg, .gif or .png files with a resolution of 150 dpi; optimally accompanied, by:

**For the website:** a concise text of about 0.5 to 1 A4 page (up to about 600-700 words), if possible providing a web-link (e.g. to an IUGS activity website).

The short text in the E-Bulletin will be hyperlinked to any longer text which will be placed on the IUGS website. Items that are not in reasonably good English will be returned for improvement. Others will be edited for use of English if necessary. If proposed contributions are too long, they will be returned for shortening. All images must, if necessary, be copyright-cleared before submission.

**Each contribution to the IUGS E-Bulletin, website and/or social media should be marked as to which target medium or media it should be published in. Each contribution should be sent, at the same time, to the following addresses:**

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## Timetable:

The idealized timetable for the E-Bulletin is:

1. IUGS sends a reminder to leaders of activities in the last week of each month;
2. Contributions should be provided by the 16<sup>th</sup> day of that month (**items arriving after that date cannot be included in the next monthly issue**);
3. IUGS will evaluate all submitted items in terms of urgency and will allocate these to the next monthly issue or a later issue and will also check that these comply with IUGS policy for publications and ethics;
4. The IUGS Team will aim to compile that month's E-Bulletin by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month and send it to the IUGS Secretariat;
5. The IUGS Secretariat will dispatch the E-Bulletin to the IUGS Community on, or before, the last day of each month;
6. Long versions of material will be posted on the IUGS Website in coordination with the publication of the relevant E-Bulletin.

This timetable will be varied, as necessary, to allow for public holidays that affect the E-Bulletin Team and IUGS Secretariat such as Christmas and Chinese New Year.

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## NOTES

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