

Candidate for IUGS Executive Committee

Position: Vice President

Name: Hassina Mouri (Full Professor)

Affiliation: University of Johannesburg

Nominating Organization:
National Research Foundation of South Africa



Biography:

Hassina Mouri is an Algerian/South African citizen. She graduated (*Cum Laude*) in Algeria in 1990. As an outstanding student, she was awarded a Fellowship to continue her postgraduate studies in France (Paris 7 & MNHN). After the completion of her PhD (*Cum Laude*) in 1995, she was recruited by the University of Helsinki, then by the Geological Survey of Finland (1995-1999). Subsequently, she was granted a 2-year NSF-USA Research Grant at the University of Minnesota. However, in 2000, she came back to Africa to take a senior lecturer position in Geology, University of Pretoria, then University of Johannesburg (UJ) in 2008, where she was promoted to Full Professor in August 2018.

Hassina is a metamorphic geologist. However, since 2013, she started developing Medical Geology and focuses mainly on Africa. She has been involved in the supervision/co-supervision of 38 PG students so far coming from South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and Namibia. Most of these projects are in Medical Geology, sponsored by the NRF and UJ.

She contributed to over 60 international/national conferences and was frequently invited as a keynote/plenary speaker.

During the last years, she has been very active at national/international levels:

- 2008: she was elected SG of GSAf and Chair of the Organising Committee of CAG23, which took place successfully in 2011 at UJ. She is the 1st and the only African female to be appointed to these positions so far.
- 2012 and 2013: she was elected councillor for IUGS and for the International Medical Geology Association respectively.
- 2014: she founded the 1st International Symposium on Medical Geology in Africa, in 2018 she organised the 2 event at UJ.
- Currently she is the Chair of the South African NC for IUGS & IGCP and member of the advisory board of the South African Journal of Science.

In 2010 she received the prestigious African-European Union Joint Women in Science Award; in 2014, she received the Dux Award - Executive Leadership Development Program by UJ Vice-Chancellor. In 2019, she received a B rating by the NRF and was nominated for the Academy of Science of Africa. Hassina speaks Berber, Arabic, French, and English.

Statement:

It appears that since 1988, there has not been a representation of African geoscientists at the level of the VP within IUGS. All the African geoscientists who were appointed since 2008 were councillors. Geosciences in Africa have seen very important growth in the last years. This is demonstrated by important scientific contributions through highly successful projects, publications in high impact factor journals, education and training of postgraduate students as well as organisation of important international meetings such as the successful IGC 36- South Africa 2016. I believe that we have demonstrated the important role we can play within the global geoscience community. Hence, it is important to continue to be represented within the union and at a much higher level such as Vice -President.