



International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG)

Information for IUGS E-Bulletin

Submission for November 2018

The following provides some of the main headlines for IUGS-IFG in November 2018, for potential inclusion in the IUGS E Bulletin.

House of Lords, Select Committee on Science & Technology, Forensic Science Inquiry

The House of Lords Science and Technology Committee has held an inquiry into forensic science. IUGS-IFG provided written evidence. The evidence is now available, provided from a variety of organisations and individuals, and be found on the following link.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/forensic-science/forensic-science-publications/>

Forensic Geology in Japan

The Geological Society of Japan has agreed to produce a special issue publication on forensic geology. This will be freely available in electronic format in both Japanese and English. The publication is expected to progress in 2019, and further details will be provided on its progression. Those interested to submit a paper should contact the Initiative on Forensic Geology (geologist@hotmail.co.uk or sugita@nrps.go.jp)

Forensic Geology and Forensic Taphonomy

IFG was represented at an interdisciplinary symposium on taphonomic research in archaeology, forensic science and palaeontology. This took place at the University of Central Lancashire, in the UK, on 2-4 November 2018. This event focussed on post-mortem processes and provided a more detailed understanding of decomposition and preservation of remains associated with burials. This is important to evaluate during police and law enforcement ground searches for burials.

<https://taphonomyuclan.wordpress.com/>

Professor Lorna Dawson, CBE

IFG is delighted to announce that Prof Lorna Dawson, IFG Treasurer, has been awarded a CBE for services to Soil and Forensic Science. As part of the award ceremony in November 2018, Lorna has also been invited to speak at the Evensong ceremony in St Paul's Cathedral, in London.